

# Annual Report **2020**



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# Message from the CEO

1st March, 2021

The global COVID-19 pandemic has presented us all with challenges of unprecedented proportions. In 2020, we were humbled by the commitment of key workers around the world, who put their own health on the line daily, taking care of the sick, ensuring basic supplies, and keeping society functioning. Their dedication during the pandemic inspired us at MDPI to maintain our high level of care and service to our customers during 2020, even during lockdowns and with, at times, fewer opportunities for face-to-face meetings between team members.

**Delia Mihaila**  
Chief Executive Officer



We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to all the authors, reviewers and academic editors who continue to invest their time and energy in the cause of scientific and academic progress, despite the restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

## Offering the Best Service to the Scientific Communities of the World

MDPI's focus on offering the best service to the scientific communities of the world remains unchanged. The past year once again proved that making research results freely and immediately available to as wide an audience as possible is of the utmost importance. This strengthened our efforts and reaffirmed our commitment to serve researchers by delivering important scientific insights faster than was ever previously possible.

### MDPI was able to proceed on an extended growth path and gain more market share

To continuously ensure a smooth editorial process, and to avoid delays in view of the high number of articles submitted, we welcomed aboard more than 1700 new colleagues in 2020. We are pleased at this achievement, given the very difficult conditions posed by the lockdowns in all countries. The median time from submission to first decision remains short, at around three weeks. We take this as a sign that the editorial process is as efficient as it can be, while upholding the high quality of peer review.

## Growth of Submissions and Published Papers

In 2020, the number of papers submitted to MDPI journals increased by 42% versus the previous year. The number of peer-reviewed papers we published grew by 52%, to over 160,000 articles. In total, 57% of submitted articles did not meet our editors' high standards in terms of quality and were consequently rejected for publication.

The portfolio of journals published by MDPI continues to expand, both through the acquisition of journals from other publishers and institutions and through the initiation of new journals ourselves. The transition

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to the open access model remains as important as ever in academic publishing. By partnering with us, learned societies and research institutions can achieve this transition in the most cost-effective and financially sustainable way.

Last year, thirteen titles from other publishers and societies joined our portfolio of journals, and more than fifty new MDPI-initiated journals released their first issue.

In 2020, 9 journals were indexed in Science Citation Index Expanded (Clarivate), 27 in Scopus, and 8 in PubMed. At present, MDPI publishes more than 300 journals. In total, 160 of our jour-

nals are covered in the Web of Science (Clarivate), 82 of which are fully covered in Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), the most selective of the Web of Science indices. Overall, 96% of articles published in MDPI journals are made available in the Web of Science. Of our journals, 160 are indexed in Scopus and 72 in PubMed.

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## Conferences and Webinars

Our Scientific Events division also had a prolific year in spite of the travel impediments, holding two in-person conferences early in the year. Of these, I would like to highlight "Viruses 2020 – Novel Concepts in Virology",

one of the first pre-pandemic debates on the newly emerged COVID-19 virus. Our team worked tirelessly to organize two virtual conferences, 30 e-conferences and 86 webinars to continue to facilitate scientific exchange in the absence of in-person conferences and seminars. Please read our full report for more details of our achievements in 2020.

### **25th Anniversary of MDPI**

This year marks the 25th anniversary of MDPI. We are extremely proud of what we have achieved in our first quarter-century.

As we reflect on 25 years of open access publishing, we can pride ourselves on having attained an established position as an academic publisher. We have grown in confidence and developed expertise in important areas that will help us continue to deliver a high level of service to academic communities. This comes together with an increased responsibility to provide reliable scientific content to all our readers and an excellent experience to our customers: authors, reviewers and academic editors.

Our 25th anniversary is an important milestone for us all at MDPI and a great opportunity to celebrate our past achievements, highlight our capabilities, and forge our path ahead. Looking into the future, our mission remains unaltered: to foster open scientific exchange in all forms, across all disciplines, and to pioneer positive change in publishing.

2021 is a crucial year for the transition to the open access model, especially in the current economic conditions. MDPI is ready to contribute further to this transition, by helping institutions and learned societies around the world, as well as publishers, to adopt the open access model in a sustainable and successful way.

**We wish you all a healthy and successful 2021!**

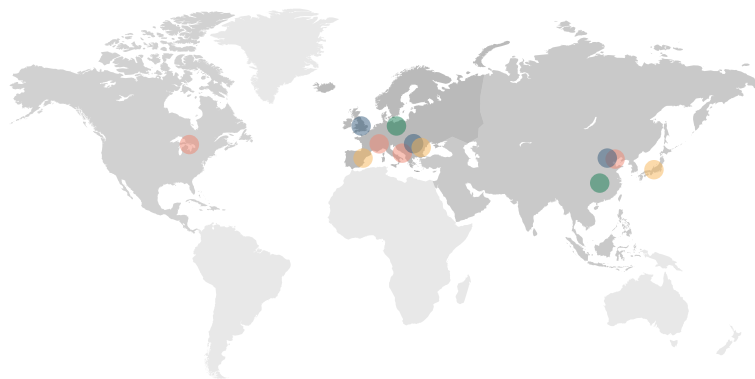
# About MDPI

► [www.mdpi.com/about](http://www.mdpi.com/about)

Being a pioneer in academic open access publishing, MDPI has been focused on serving and strengthening the scientific community since 1996. In 2020, MDPI journals continued to have considerable impact in the open access publications market. Our purpose is to provide a valuable service to the academic community.

Authors publishing with MDPI journals in 2020 were affiliated with institutions based in the following regions of the world:

- Europe – 42.7%
- East Asia (incl. China) – 24.1%
- North America – 14.2%
- Other regions – 19.0%



MDPI Offices are now located in nine different countries:

- Basel, Switzerland
- Beijing, China
- Wuhan, China
- Barcelona, Spain
- Belgrade, Serbia
- Manchester, UK
- Tianjin, China
- Tokyo, Japan
- Cluj, Romania
- Toronto, Canada
- Krakow, Poland
- Bucharest, Romania

**Our mission is to foster scientific exchange in its various forms, across all scientific disciplines. The driving principles behind everything that we do are the following:**

## Accessibility



We offer access to science and the latest research that is free to readers. All of our content is published in open access format and distributed under a Creative Commons License, which means free distribution and the right to share and re-use published articles.

## Speed



We publish quickly to ensure the latest research is rapidly disseminated, using thorough and precise editorial work. A first decision is provided to authors in approximately 20 days; once accepted, papers are published in 5–10 days.

## Service



We aim to provide a service that supports scholars and their work. By offering a range of different options, including journal publication at [mdpi.com](https://www.mdpi.com), early publication at [Preprints.org](https://preprints.org), and conferences on *Sciforum*, we support scientific communities worldwide to make a positive impact on research.

## Flexibility



In a changing and evolving publishing environment, we are constantly adapting and developing new tools and services. By listening to feedback from authors, editors, and readers, we can make changes to better meet the needs of research communities and keep MDPI relevant.

## Simplicity



All of our tools and services can be found in one place and prioritize user-friendliness. Simple processes keep our editorial process highly efficient and cost effective.

## Sustainability



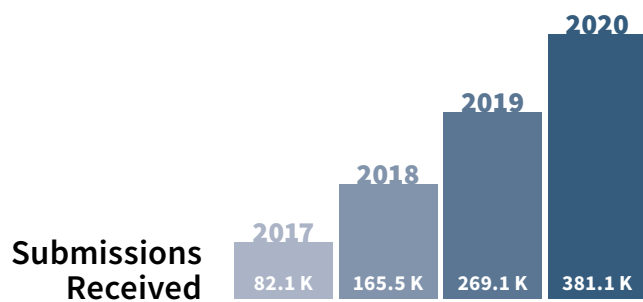
In addition to being a key theme in our journals, we support sustainability by ensuring the long-term preservation of published papers and the future of science through partnerships, sponsorships, and awards.

## Diversity and Inclusion

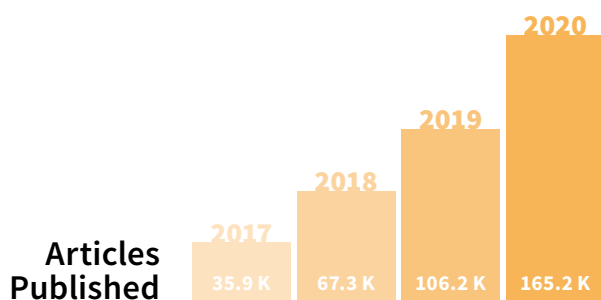
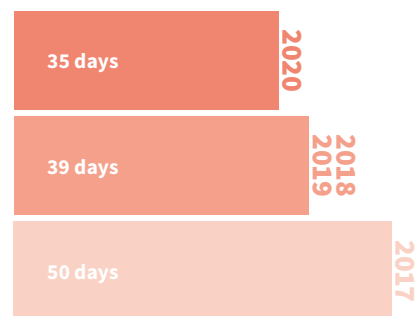


We are committed to creating and maintaining an environment that respects diversity. Our focus is on eliminating barriers to participation, extending equal opportunities across all stakeholders, and ensuring that our practices and policies promote equitable treatment and do not allow, condone, or result in discrimination.

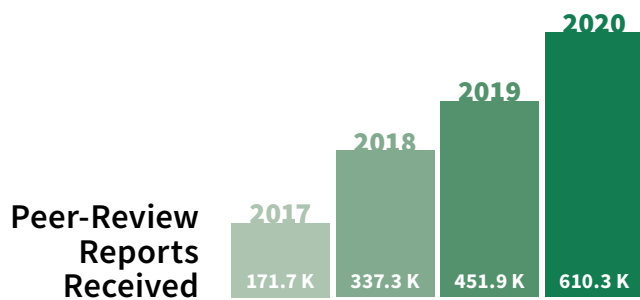
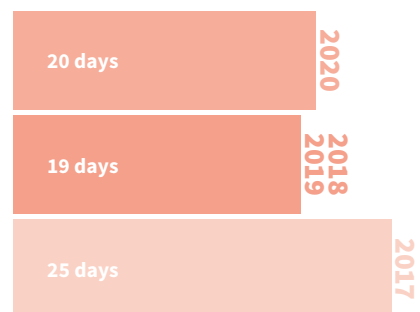
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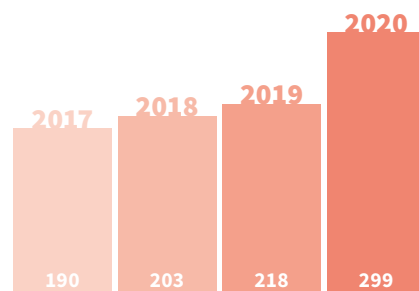
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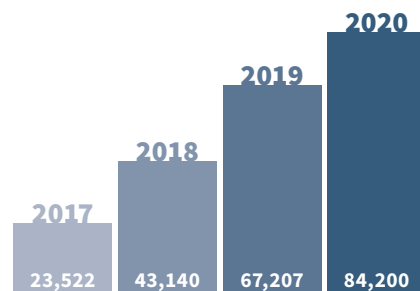
### Median Time— Submission to First Decision



### Journals Published



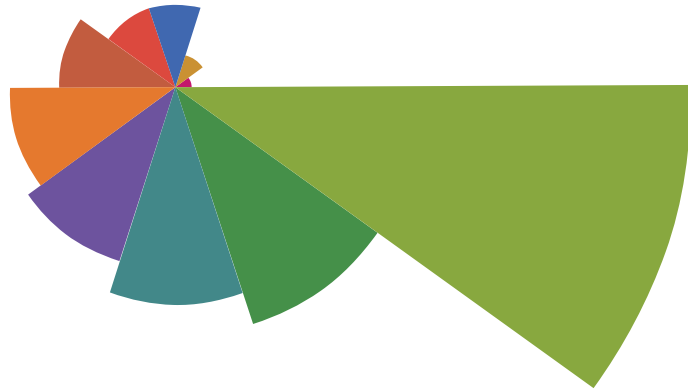
### Academic Editors



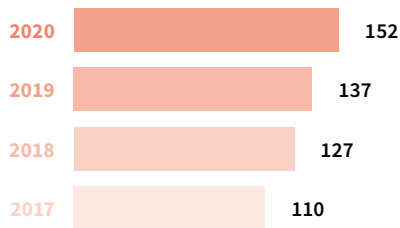


### Publication by Subject Area

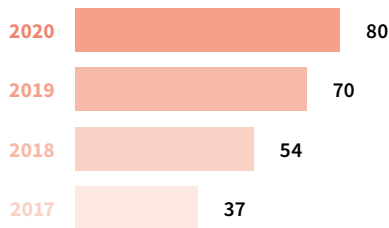
- Biology & Life Sciences **31.4%**
- Environmental & Earth Sciences **15.4%**
- Chemistry & Materials Science **13.0%**
- Physical Sciences **11.3%**
- Engineering **10.0%**
- Public Health & Healthcare **7.0%**
- Medicine & Pharmacology **5.3%**
- Computer Science & Mathematics **4.7%**
- Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities **1.6%**
- Business & Economics **0.3%**



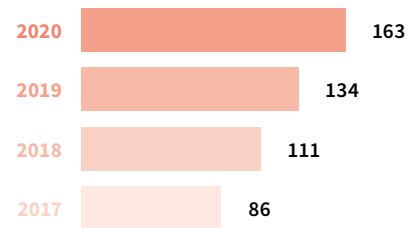
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### Journals Covered by SCIE

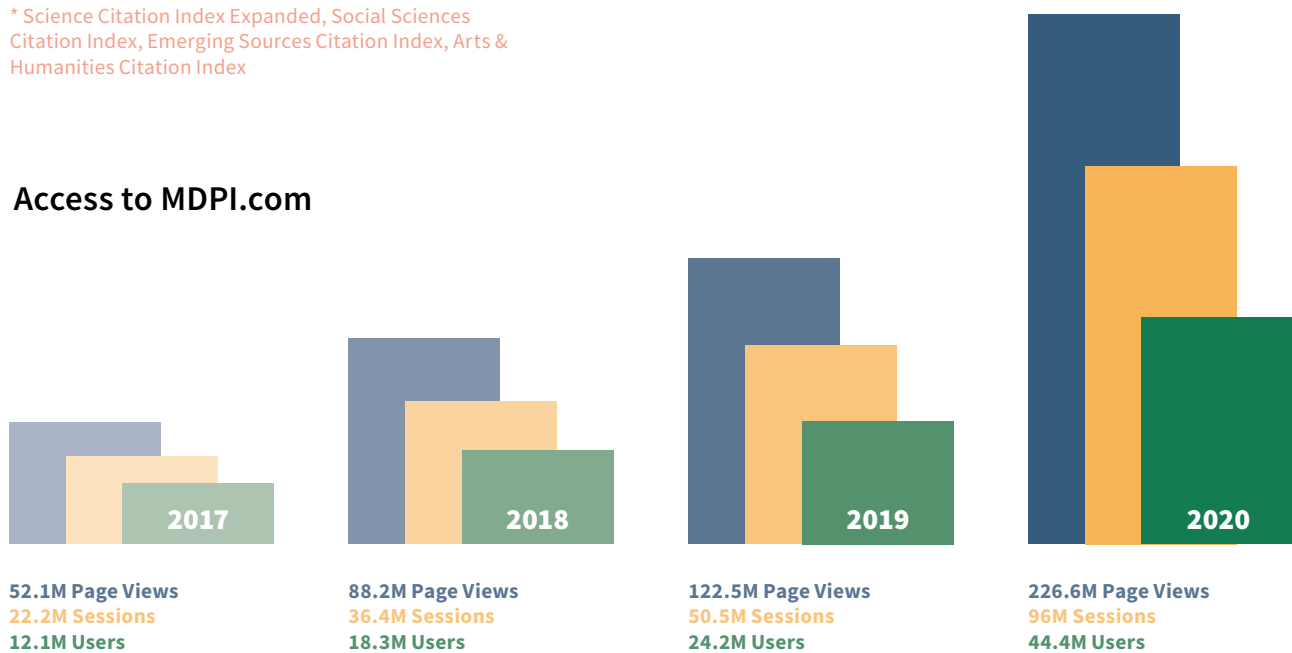


### Journals Covered by Scopus



\* Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, Emerging Sources Citation Index, Arts & Humanities Citation Index

### Access to MDPI.com



# Financial Data 2020

- For 299 journals, Article Processing Charges (APCs) in 2020 ranged from CHF 300 to 2300 (CHF, Swiss francs).
- The average APC based on list price was approximately CHF 1710. An invoice is issued for peer reviewed articles and only after acceptance for publication.
- The average (net) cost to authors across all journals and including papers published at no cost was CHF 1180 per paper.
- The average waiver rate across all MDPI journals was 31%, in relation to an average APC of CHF 1710.
- We provided discounts to authors affiliated with our institutional members of 10% or more <sup>1)</sup>, and granted discounts for e-conferences held at *Sciforum* <sup>2)</sup>.
- In 2020, MDPI sponsored more than 624 academic events <sup>3)</sup> and 130 awards for junior researchers.

<sup>1)</sup> [www.mdpi.com/about/memberships](http://www.mdpi.com/about/memberships)

<sup>3)</sup> MDPI was present with physical or virtual booths at 26 academic conferences

<sup>2)</sup> [www.sciforum-net](http://www.sciforum-net)

To show further transparency, MDPI published a detailed breakdown of how APCs are used. In calculating these values, we have followed recommendations from the Fair Open Access Alliance, an organization that promotes sustainable and transparent scholarly open access publishing. This also makes MDPI fully compliant with the requirements of Plan S, a key funder initiative to promote open access.

Service functions	% of total		Amount (Swiss Francs, CHF)	
	CHF 2000	CHF 1000	CHF 2000	CHF 1000
1. Publishing Operations and Projects	17%	34%	336	336
2. Journal Publication	40%	79%	790	790
3. Editorial Fees	1%	2%	22	22
4. Marketing and Communication	4%	4%	80	40
5. General	6%	12%	118	118
6. Discounts and Waivers	19%	19%	370	185
7. Surplus	13%	-50%	284	-491
<b>Total publication fee per article (CHF)</b>			<b>2000</b>	<b>1000</b>

## Publishing Operations and Projects

MDPI develops and maintains its own electronic submission and peer-review website. We also run several platforms to offer different types of services for scholars.

- Preprints.org: a multidisciplinary preprint platform where authors can publish their articles free of charge
- *Scilit.net*: a comprehensive and free database for scientists using a new method to collate data and index scientific material
- *Sciforum.net*: an event-planning platform that supports open science by offering the opportunity to host and participate in academic conferences
- Sciprofiles.com: a scholarly networking platform to support scientific communication and exchanges



## Journal Publication

- **Triaging:** filtering of papers upon submission by internal staff and Editorial Board members
- **Organization of Peer-review:** MDPI provides a high degree of assistance to Academic Editors so that they can only focus on editorial decisions. We employ in-house editors to invite reviewers, collect review reports, communicate with authors and reviewers, correspond with authors about revisions, etc.)
- **Production:** Including copy-editing, typesetting, copy-editing XML PDF conversion, and language editing. MDPI provides English editing by native English speakers for all accepted papers, included in the APC.
- **Proofreading:** corresponding with authors to approve the final text and requesting any missing information
- **Other Editorial Assistance:** handling any questions and requests for support before submission, during the editorial and peer-review processes, or postpublication

- **Journal Management and Development:** The in-house Managing Editors track the key performance indicators of each journal, monitor competing journals and the trends in the field. They also provide reports and hold discussions with the Editor-in-Chief and the Editorial Board.
- **Indexing and Archiving:** MDPI has a team dedicated to indexing relations who advise on the eligibility of a journal for application to be indexed in over 80 databases. Our team communicates closely with the contact persons at the different databases and receives regular updates on the status of applications. We dedicate time to keep ourselves up to date on any changes in the evaluation criteria or application procedure.
- **Long Term Preservation:** MDPI supports the long-term preservation of all its articles in CLOCKSS.<sup>5)</sup>

<sup>5)</sup> [clockss.org/join-clockss/](https://clockss.org/join-clockss/)

**Editorial Fees** MDPI pays travel grants or stipends to Academic Editors and a share of revenue to the societies whose journals it publishes.

**Marketing and Communication** MDPI allocates part of its income to the promotion of journals and articles through the sponsorships of conferences, scholarly society events, and other promotional activities, as well as a series of awards to support researchers.

- General**
- Management and administration includes cost related to salaries of non-editorial staff and other business costs. They include all the fees paid by MDPI for membership in publishing organizations: STM Association, OASPA, SSP, as well as services such as Publons. Most membership fees are based on the level of income or size of the publisher.
  - Taxes.

- MDPI supports the activities of the MDPI Sustainability Foundation, including coordinating the World Sustainability Forum and World Sustainability Awards.
- MDPI is a debt-free company and is not repaying loans or investments.

## Discounts and Waivers

MDPI waives the fees for approximately 30% of its content every year. We are committed to supporting the transition of all research to full open access, so offer APC waivers or discounts to some authors. In addition, we waive and offer discounts from 15% (of the total APC in a journal), in our most established journals, up to 100% in our new journals or humanities journals. Although we display an APC on the website, in many social sciences and humanities journals, we waive between 70% and 100% of papers; we display an APC in order to demonstrate to authors that there is a cost for publication. Even some of our well-established indexed journals waive 30% of publishing costs per year.

<sup>6)</sup> [www.mdpi.com/societies](http://www.mdpi.com/societies)

Members of societies <sup>6)</sup> affiliated to an MDPI journal benefit from a discount as well as authors affiliated to institutions participating in our Institutional Open Access Program <sup>7)</sup>.

<sup>7)</sup> [www.mdpi.com/ioap](http://www.mdpi.com/ioap)

For journals in fields with low levels of funding, where authors typically do not have funds available, APCs are typically waived and cross-subsidized from fields for which more APC funding is available. For authors from low- and middle-income countries, waivers or discounts may be granted on a case-by-case basis. Applications submitted before article submission are assessed by the Managing Editor based on the quality of the research article and the authors' ability to pay.

## Journal Development in 2020

### Journals covered in SCIE or SSCI (Web of Science) as of 31 Dec 2020

This table shows all of the titles that were included in the most recent edition of the Journal Citation Reports, published by Clarivate in June 2020. Eighteen of our journals received a first Journal Impact Factor, in recognition of the high impact the published research has within the respective fields. Overall, 25 journals were ranked among the top 25% of journals in at least one of the categories in which they are covered. The growth of research output within our flagship journals is accompanied by a growing impact on the science of our day. Almost one in four articles published in a fully open access journal and covered in the Web of Science was published in an MDPI title.

	Papers Published in 2020	Papers Published in 2019	2019 Impact Factor *	Rank *	Subject Area	Total Cites (until 2019)
<i>Actuators</i>	145	78	1.957	31/64 (Q2)	Instruments & Instrumentation	455
<i>Aerospace</i>	183	128	**			**
<i>Agriculture</i>	658	269	2.072	25/91 (Q2)	Agronomy	1415
<i>Agronomy</i>	2017	937	2.603	18/91 (Q1) 65/234 (Q2)	Agronomy Plant Sciences	2209
<i>Animals</i>	2428	1228	2.323	10/63 (Q1) 14/142 (Q1)	Agriculture, Dairy & Animal Science Veterinary Sciences	2181
<i>Antibiotics</i>	928	281	3.893	23/93 (Q1) 64/270 (Q1)	Infectious Diseases Pharmacology & Pharmacy	1357
<i>Antioxidants</i>	1296	680	5.014	10/139 (Q1) 56/297 (Q1) 7/61 (Q1)	Food Science & Technology Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Chemistry, Medicinal	2568
<i>Applied Sciences</i>	9058	5767	2.474	161/314 (Q3) 32/91 (Q2) 88/177 (Q2) 62/154 (Q2)	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary Engineering, Multidisciplinary Chemistry, Multidisciplinary Physics, Applied	14,639
<i>Atmosphere</i>	1367	861	2.397	48/93 (Q3)	Meteorology & Atmospheric Sciences	3218

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<i>Biology</i>	492	101	3.796	19/93 (Q1)	Biology	1424
<i>Biomedicines</i>	655	100	4.717	30/138 (Q1)	Medicine, Research & Experimental	1156
<i>Biomolecules</i>	1661	949	4.082	98/297 (Q2) 36/270 (Q1)	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Pharmacology & Pharmacy	3498
<i>Biosensors</i>	220	142	3.240	24/86 (Q2)	Chemistry, Analytical	1419
<i>Brain Sciences</i>	987	404	3.332	113/271 (Q2)	Neurosciences	1994
<i>Buildings</i>	256	239	**			**
<i>Cancers</i>	3757	2118	6.126	37/244 (Q1)	Oncology	10,442
<i>Catalysts</i>	1447	1094	3.520	65/159 (Q2)	Chemistry, Physical	6562
<i>Cells</i>	2615	1749	4.366	70/195 (Q2)	Cell Biology	4034
<i>Chemosensors</i>	133	71	3.108	16/64 (Q1) 27/86 (Q2) 13/27 (Q2)	Instruments & Instrumentation Chemistry, Analytical Electrochemistry	524
<i>Children</i>	323	136	2.078	50/128 (Q2)	Pediatrics	811
<i>Coatings</i>	1255	873	2.436	10/21 (Q2)	Materials Science, Coatings & Films	3019
<i>Crystals</i>	1136	672	2.404	10/26 (Q2) 165/314 (Q3)	Crystallography Materials Science, Multidisciplinary	3142
<i>Diagnostics</i>	1125	240	3.110	39/165 (Q1)	Medicine, General & Internal	850
<i>Diversity</i>	454	262	1.402	119/168 (Q3)	Ecology	1104
<i>Electronics</i>	2188	1589	2.412	125/266 (Q2)	Engineering, Electrical & Electronics	3021
<i>Energies</i>	6728	4862	2.702	63/112 (Q3)	Energy & Fuels	29,605

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\*\* Tracked for Impact Factor in the Journal Citation Reports 2020 Edition

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<i>Entropy</i>	1406	1274	2.494	33/85 (Q2)	Physics, Multidisciplinary	9810
<i>Fermentation</i>	122	97	**			**
<i>Foods</i>	1895	716	4.092	27/139 (Q1)	Food Science & Technology	2368
<i>Forests</i>	1355	1190	2.221	17/68 (Q1)	Forestry	6013
<i>Fractal and Fractional</i>	58	55	**			**
<i>Gels</i>	48	45	**			**
<i>Genes</i>	1509	1080	3.759	53/177 (Q2)	Genetics & Heredity	5889
<i>Healthcare</i>	592	172	1.916	62/102 (Q3) 45/87 (Q3)	Health Care Sciences & Services (SCIE) Health Policy & Services (SSCI)	1049
<i>Horticulturae</i>	111	74	**			**
<i>Insects</i>	870	488	2.220	18/101 (Q1)	Entomology	1925
<i>IJERPH</i>	9440	5359	2.849	58/193 (Q2) 32/170 (Q1) 105/265 (Q2)	Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (SCIE) Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (SSCI) Environmental Sciences (SCIE)	31,935
<i>IJMS</i>	9705	6536	4.556	74/297 (Q1) 48/177 (Q2)	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Chemistry, Multidisciplinary	77,286
<i>ISPRS IJGI</i>	745	589	2.239	31/50 (Q3) 18/30 (Q3)	Geography, Physical Remote Sensing	3730
<i>JCDD</i>	57	39	**			**
<i>JCM</i>	4027	2315	3.303	36/165 (Q1)	Medicine, General & Internal	5214
<i>Journal of Fungi</i>	391	124	4.621	5/29 (Q1) 31/135 (Q1)	Mycology Microbiology	1191



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<i>JMSE</i>	1040	484	2.033	31/66 (Q2)	Oceanography	1018
<i>JPM</i>	309	52	4.433	24/165 (Q1) 10/102 (Q1)	Medicine, General & Internal Health Care Sciences & Services	617
<i>Land</i>	551	197	2.429	58/123 (Q2)	Environmental Studies (SSCI)	807
<i>Life</i>	384	84	2.991	26/93 (Q2) 109/267 (Q2)	Biology Microbiology	1260
<i>Machines</i>	88	76	**			**
<i>Magnetochemistry</i>	75	68	1.947	22/45 (Q2) 109/159 (Q3) 201/314 (Q3)	Chemistry, Inorganic & Nuclear Chemistry, Physical Materials Science, Multidisciplinary	441
<i>Marine Drugs</i>	626	726	4.073	16/61 (Q2)	Chemistry, Medicinal	14,344
<i>Materials</i>	5781	4285	3.057	132/314 (Q2)	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary	29,300
<i>Mathematics</i>	2297	1248	1.747	28/324 (Q1)	Mathematics	1647
<i>Medicina</i>	729	799	1.205	107/165 (Q3)	Medicine, General & Internal	1446
<i>Membranes</i>	459	176	3.094	53/143 (Q2) 129/314 (Q2) 23/89 (Q2)	Engineering, Chemical Materials Science, Multidisciplinary Polymer Science	882
<i>Metabolites</i>	516	332	4.097	95/297 (Q2)	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	1886
<i>Metals</i>	1669	1394	2.117	18/79 (Q1) 185/314 (Q3)	Metallurgy & Metallurgical Engineering Materials Science, Multidisciplinary	5708
<i>Micromachines</i>	1080	915	2.523	56/92 (Q3) 23/64 (Q2)	Nanoscience & Nanotechnology Instruments & Instrumentation	4681

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<i>Microorganisms</i>	2040	774	4.152	37/135 (Q2)	Microbiology	1639
<i>Minerals</i>	1121	812	2.380	6/21 (Q2) 11/30 (Q2)	Mining & Mineral Processing Mineralogy	3404
<i>Molecules</i>	5982	4667	3.267	70/177 (Q2) 141/297 (Q2)	Chemistry, Multidisciplinary Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	53,982
<i>Nanomaterials</i>	2531	1828	4.324	89/314 (Q2) 42/103 (Q2)	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary Nanoscience & Nanotechnology	10,911
<i>Nutrients</i>	3816	3123	4.546	17/89 (Q1)	Nutrition & Dietetics	32,094
<i>Pathogens</i>	1048	336	3.018	65/135 (Q2)	Microbiology	1506
<i>Pharmaceuticals</i>	508	189	4.286	49/270 (Q1)	Pharmacology & Pharmacy	3357
<i>Pharmaceutics</i>	1237	707	4.421	44/270 (Q1)	Pharmacology & Pharmacy	3227
<i>Photonics</i>	133	131	2.140	48/97 (Q2)	Optics	396
<i>Plants</i>	1817	659	2.762	58/234 (Q1)	Plant Sciences	1351
<i>Polymers</i>	3120	2130	3.426	16/89 (Q1)	Polymer Science	14,006
<i>Processes</i>	1702	992	2.753	59/143 (Q2)	Engineering, Chemical	1918
<i>Remote Sensing</i>	4129	3105	4.509	9/30 (Q2)	Remote Sensing	36,083
<i>Sensors</i>	7255	5710	3.275	22/86 (Q2) 77/266 (Q2) 15/64 (Q1)	Chemistry, Analytical Engineering, Electrical & Electronic Instruments & Instrumentation	63,306
<i>Separations</i>	71	58	1.900	53/86 (Q3)	Chemistry, Analytical	240
<i>Sustainability</i>	10,591	7414	2.576	120/265 (Q2) 26/41 (Q3) 53/123 (Q2) 6/8 (Q3)	Environmental Sciences (SCIE) Green & Sustainable Science & Technology (SCIE) Environmental Studies (SSCI) Green & Sustainable Science & Technology (SSCI)	35,095

	<b>Papers Published in 2020</b>	<b>Papers Published in 2019</b>	<b>2019 Impact Factor *</b>	<b>Rank *</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Total Cites (until 2019)</b>
<i>Symmetry</i>	2097	1565	2.645	29/71 (Q2)	Multidisciplinary Sciences	4888
<i>Toxics</i>	123	65	3.271	32/92 (Q2) 92/265 (Q2)	Toxicology Environmental Sciences	697
<i>Toxins</i>	780	748	3.531	21/92 (Q1) 34/139 (Q1)	Toxicology Food Science & Technology	9582
<i>Universe</i>	231	227	1.752	18/29 (Q3) 42/68 (Q3)	Physics, Particles & Fields Astronomy & Astrophysics	665
<i>Vaccines</i>	760	226	4.086	57/158 (Q2) 50/138 (Q2)	Immunology Medicine, Research & Experimental	1493
<i>Veterinary Sciences</i>	205	101	**			**
<i>Viruses</i>	1441	1193	3.816	12/37 (Q2)	Virology	11,303
<i>Water</i>	3438	2739	2.544	31/94 (Q2)	Water Resources	13,460

\* Data according to Journal Citation Reports 2019 Edition (Clarivate), released in June 2020

\*\* Tracked for Impact Factor in the Journal Citation Reports 2020 Edition

# Journals Launched in 2020

More information at  
[mdpi.com/about/journals](https://mdpi.com/about/journals)

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*birds*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Dr. Jukka Jokimäki



*corrosion and  
materials degradation*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Raman Singh



*GeoHazards*

**Editors-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Zhong Lu  
Dr. Tiago Miguel Ferreira



*telecom*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Sotirios K. Goudos



*CivilEng*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Angelo Luongo



*applied mechanics*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Magd Abdel Wahab



*signals*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Toshihisa Tanaka



*optics*

**Editors-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Thomas Seeger



Journal of  
*Nuclear Engineering*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Dan Gabriel Cacuci



*psychiatry  
international*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Paolo Girardi



*european  
burn journal*

**Editors-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Naiem Moiemem  
Prof. Dr. Peter M. Vogt



Journal of  
*Nanotheranostics*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Moein Moghimi



*reproductive  
medicine*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Berthold Huppertz



*hearts*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Matthias Thielmann



*encyclopedia*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Raffaele Barretta



*transplantology*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Paolo Muiesan



*hemato*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Antonino Carbone



*epidemiologia*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Antoine Flahault



*diabetology*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Peter Clifton



*endocrines*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Antonio Brunetti



*solids*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Guido Kickelbick



*applied nano*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Angelo Maria Taglietti



*modelling*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Alfredo Cuzzocrea



*journalism & media*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Andreu Casero-Ripollés



*eng*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Antonio Gil Bravo



*earth*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Charles Jones



*oceans*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Antonio Bode



*dairy*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Burim Ametaj



*IoT*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Yann-Gaël Guéhéneuc



*electronic materials*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Wojciech Pisula



*surgeries*

**Editors-in-Chief:**

Dr. Cornelis F.M. Sier  
Prof. Dr. Alfio Ferlito



*AI*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Kenji Suzuki



*NeuroSci*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Dr. Lucilla Parnetti



*tourism and  
hospitality*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Brian Garrod



*analytica*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Marcello Locatelli



Journal of  
*Molecular Pathology*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Giancarlo Troncone



*electricity*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Andreas Sumper



*hydrogen*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Thomas Klassen



*automation*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Eyad H. Abed



*sexes*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. David L. Rowland



*organics*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Wim Dehaen



*polysaccharides*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Karin Stana Kleinschek



*reactions*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Dmitry Yu. Murzin



*electrochem*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Masato Sone



*ecologies*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Valery E. Forbes



Journal of  
*Zoological and  
Botanical Gardens*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Anna Loy



*Nitrogen*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Stephen Macko



*world*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Manfred Max Bergman



*sustainable chemistry*

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*fuels*

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# Journals Transferred to MDPI in 2020



*infectious disease reports*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Dr. Nicola Petrosillo



*gastroenterology insights*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Dr. Joseph D. Feuerstein



*microbiology research*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Beniamino T. Cenci-Goga



*Current Oncology*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Sharlene Gill



*nursing reports*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Richard Gray



*dermatopathology*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Gürkan Kaya



*pediatric reports*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Dr. Maurizio Aricò



*cardiogenetics*

**Editors-in-Chief:**

Dr. Giuseppe Limongelli  
Prof. Dr. Lia Crotti



Journal of  
*Xenobiotics*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Dr. François Gagné



Journal of  
*Theoretical and Applied  
Electronic Commerce Research*

**Editors-in-Chief:**

Dr. Eduardo Álvarez-Miranda  
Dr. Narciso Cerpa



*neurology international*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Dr. Michael A. Meyer



*audiology research*

**Editor-in-Chief:**

Dr. Giacinto Asprella Libonati



*pathophysiology*

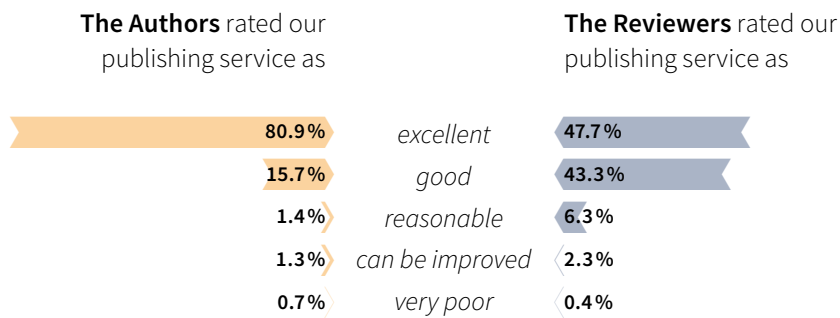
**Editor-in-Chief:**

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# Quality of Service

## Publishing Service Rating

Source:  
MDPI author and reviewer surveys 2020



## Publishing Experience

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By Dr. Angela Marino (Author of Natural Antioxidants Beneficial Effects on Anion Exchange through Band 3 Protein in Human Erythrocytes)

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# Societies and Partnerships

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In 2020, MDPI continued its efforts to intensify collaborations with learned societies and associations of specialists, which led to two promising new partnerships and numerous affiliations, as well as a few invitations to tenders.

We established a partnership with the University of Talca to publish the *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research*, which they used to self-publish, as from Volume 16 Issue 3 (2021). Additionally, the European Society of Dermatopathology (ESDP) chose to partner with MDPI to publish the society journal *Dermatopathology* from June 2020.

MDPI is proud to see the difference it can make on a transferred title after only two years of publication. One exemplary journal is *Medicina*, which is owned by the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences and was previously published by Elsevier. *Medicina* (Volume 57 (2021), Impact Factor 1.205) significantly increased its number of published papers in the first years with MDPI, starting from about 50 articles in the year before it was run from our platform. Over 100 papers were published in 2018, the first year with MDPI, and more than 700 articles were published in both 2019 and 2020. This is only possible because of the large number of submissions received, since the rejection rate has been above 65% for the last three years. The processing time decreased significantly, to an average of 38 days from submission to online publication. Moreover, full text and abstract views have almost doubled in the past six months, reaching over 100,000 total page views each.

A full list can be found at:

► [www.mdpi.com/societies\\_partnership](http://www.mdpi.com/societies_partnership)

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## Affiliations and Partnerships

- Total Affiliations/Partnerships: 129
  - Thereof Affiliations: 115
  - Thereof Partnerships: 14
- New Affiliation Agreements in 2020: 33
- New Partnerships Agreements in 2020: 2

As a pioneer in open access publishing with 25 years' experience, MDPI is interested in helping societies who are willing to venture into the open access publication model. We currently support more than 120 learned societies and organizations with levels of cooperation ranging from affiliations between societies and journals to publishing journals on behalf of the society.

### What We Offer

 <b>Conversion to Open Access</b>	 <b>Journal Development</b>	 <b>Editorial Handling</b>	 <b>Professional Production</b>
 <b>Fast Editorial Procedure</b>	 <b>Fast and Easy Platform</b>	 <b>High Visibility</b>	 <b>Automated Metadata</b>
 <b>Indexing and Abstracting</b>	 <b>Marketing Promotion</b>	 <b>Conferences Organization</b>	 <b>Long-Term Preservation</b>
 <b>Hosting the Journal</b>	 <b>Retaining Ownership</b>	 <b>Income</b>	 <b>High-Quality Reprints</b>
 <b>Reviewer Acknowledgements</b>	 <b>Membership Discounts</b>		

# MDPI Conferences in 2020

[www.sciforum.net](http://www.sciforum.net)

*Sciforum* is a platform for scientists that offers the possibility to participate in, as well as to organize, conferences. Two in-person conferences were organized at the start of the year. However, the escalation of the pandemic brought a halt to the conference team's plans of hosting and organizing any further in-person conferences. We had to quickly adapt to this ever-changing situation and we concentrated on developing the virtual aspects of our events. Thus, in April we started with our first webinars, and are happy to say that they are still going strong whilst covering a broader range of topics. In 2020, 51 webinars were organised, which attracted a total of 6639 registrations.

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Although hosting online conferences was not new to *Sciforum*, in 2020 live sessions were introduced, elevating the quality of our e-conferences by making them more dynamic and engaging. We organized 30 e-conferences (+ 2 external), 10 of which held a total of 35 live sessions reaching 1975 registrations. Two virtual conferences were also organized, reaching nearly 650 attendees in total. As opposed to e-conferences that can last up to a month, virtual conferences last only a few days, and are packed with talks from morning to evening.

2021 is expected to be a challenging year. We are focusing on organizing e-conferences (12 already planned), virtual conferences (4 already planned) and webinars (40 already planned), with a hope of perhaps being able to hold a couple of in-person conferences later in the year if the situation allows.

## In-person Conferences



F3-2: 2nd Edition of Fighting Fake Facts



Viruses 2020 – Novel Concepts in Virology

## Online Conferences

	The 8th World Sustainability Forum		2 <sup>nd</sup> Coatings and Interfaces Web Conference
	2nd Basel Sustainable Publishing Forum		5 <sup>th</sup> International Electronic Conference on Water Sciences
	The First World Energies Forum		1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Applied Sciences
	The 3rd International Electronic Conference on Atmospheric Sciences		1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Forests: Forests for a Better Future: Sustainability, Innovation, Interdisciplinarity
	6 <sup>th</sup> International Electronic Conference on Medicinal Chemistry		1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Nutrients
	3 <sup>rd</sup> International Electronic Conference on Geosciences		2 <sup>nd</sup> International Online-Conference on Nanomaterials
	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> International Online Conference on Crystals		Cells 2020
	1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Microbiology		The 1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Biosensors
	1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Plant Science		7 <sup>th</sup> International Electronic Conference on Sensors and Applications
	1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Pharmaceuticals		1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Actuator Technology: Materials, Devices and Applications
	The First International Conference on “Green” Polymer Materials 2020		1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Biomolecules
	1 <sup>st</sup> International e-Conference on Antioxidants in Health and Disease		1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Genes
	1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Brain Sciences		24 <sup>th</sup> ECSOC
	1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Catalysis Sciences		The 1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Animals—Global Sustainability and Animals: Science, Ethics and Policy
	1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference - Futuristic Applications on Electronics		Nanomaterials Asia-Pacific Academic Forum
	1 <sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Food Science and Functional Foods		Nitric Oxide: Physiology, Pharmacology, and Therapeutic Applications

# MDPI Webinars in 2020

51 stand-alone  
webinars  
(per journal)  
6639 registrations



Recent Advances in the Development and Application of Green Extraction Techniques



1. Molecular Aspects of Cellular Dysfunction in Alzheimer's Disease
2. Understanding the Potential of Host Defense Peptides in Treating Cancer
3. Role of Nrf2 in Neurodegeneration: Novel Molecular Mechanisms and Therapeutic Approaches
4. Recent Advances on Lysosomal Storage Disorders Pathogenesis: An Emerging Gaucher Disease Paradigm Shift



1. Plan S and Price Transparency: Towards a Breakdown of Publication Services and Prices
2. New Approaches to Evaluate Researchers' Impact



1. Current Status and Future Perspectives of ctDNA-Based Liquid Biopsy in Cancers
2. Epigenetic and Metabolic Alterations in the Tumor Microenvironment I
3. Epigenetic and Metabolic Alterations in the Tumor Microenvironment II



1. Recent Advances in Biocatalysis for Biomanufacturing
2. Bioelectrochemistry



1. Disease and the Hippo Pathway: Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms
2. Melatonin in Human Health and Diseases



Advanced Coatings for Buildings



Novel Crystalline Materials: Design and Discovery



1. Artificial Intelligence Circuits and Systems (AICAS)
2. Beyond 5G Evolution



Emerging Principles of Tree Biology



1. How to Avoid a New Lockdown?
2. Coronaviruses: History, Replication, Innate Immune Antagonism
3. Could the COVID-19 Crisis be the Opportunity to Make Cities Carbon Neutral, Liveable and Healthy
4. COVID-19 - Global Supply Chains and the SDGs
5. The New Role of Family Physicians in Times of COVID-19
6. Survey on Symptoms/Signs, Protective Measures, Level of Awareness & Perception Regarding COVID-19 Outbreak Among Dentists
7. Living with COVID-19: An Early Intervention Therapeutic Strategy to Control the Pandemic
8. Impact of COVID-19 on Routine Immunization, Reproduction and Pregnancy Outcome



State of the Art and Future Interdisciplinary Challenges



1. The Future of Translational Medicine
2. Advances in Preterm Delivery
3. Dry Eye 360- Looking at Dry Eye Disease from all Directions
4. Prediction of Preterm Birth in High Risk Pregnancies



1. First Webinar on Marine Drugs – An Approach on Viruses by The International Summer School on Natural Products (ISSNP) 2020
2. Second Webinar on Marine Drugs – An Approach on Viruses by The International Summer School on Natural Products (ISSNP) 2020
3. Third Webinar on Marine Drugs – An Approach on Viruses by The International Summer School on Natural Products (ISSNP) 2020




1<sup>st</sup> Corrosion and Materials Degradation Web Conference



Sample Preparation, Quo Vadis: Current Status of Sample Preparation Approaches



1. Advanced Mechanical Modeling of Nanomaterials and Nanostructures
2. Advanced Mechanical Modeling of Nanomaterials and Nanostructures II

	Diet and CKD: Old and New Concepts
	Preprints and Other MDPI Initiatives
	Smart Cities of the Future: A Cyber Physical System Perspective
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Life-Cycle Assessment of Energy Storage in Building Applications</li><li>2. COVID-19 and the Sustainability of Clean Environment for Human &amp; Nature: Visions, Challenges, and Solutions</li></ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Assessing Neurotoxicity in Aquatic Organisms: From Environmental to Human Health Implications</li><li>2. Chemical Exposures to DNA Damaging Agents, Biological Responses, and Impact on Health</li></ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Microbial and Plant Phytotoxins</li><li>2. Evaluating Mycotoxins in Food Safety: Toxic Effects, Presence in Food and Biomonitoring – Strategies of SDG-Agenda 2030</li></ol>
	Infection and (Presymptomatic) Transmission of SARS-CoV-2
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Sewage Screening as an Early Outbreak Alert Tool and SARS-Covid-2 Fate in the Aquatic Environment</li><li>2. Climate Change Impact on the World's Oceans and Coastal Systems: Proofing, Adapting, Mitigating?</li></ol>



# E-Conference Webinars

**35 E-conference  
webinars**

*1975 registrations*



The First World Energies Forum Current and Future Energy Issues



The 1<sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Animals Global Sustainability and Animals: Science, Ethics and Policy



The 1<sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Biosensors



1<sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Genes: Theoretical and Applied Genomics



1<sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Brain Sciences



7<sup>th</sup> International Electronic Conference on Sensors and Applications



Cell-to-Cell Metabolic Cross-Talk in Physiology and Pathology



1<sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Actuator Technology: Materials, Devices and Applications



1<sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Biomolecules: Natural and Bio-Inspired Therapeutics for Human Diseases



Nitric Oxide: Physiology, Pharmacology, and Therapeutic Applications

# MDPI Conferences Planned for 2021

## JANUARY

[ecerph-3.sciforum.net](https://ecerph-3.sciforum.net)

**ECERPH  
2021**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Electronic Conference on Environmental Research and Public Health —Public Health Issues in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic

[iect2021.sciforum.net](https://iect2021.sciforum.net)

**Toxins  
2021**

1<sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Toxins

## FEBRUARY

**IECC  
2021**

The 1<sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Cancers: Exploiting Cancer Vulnerability by Targeting the DNA Damage Response

[iecc2021.sciforum.net](https://iecc2021.sciforum.net)

**ECU  
2021**

1<sup>st</sup> Electronic Conference on Universe

[ecu2021.sciforum.net](https://ecu2021.sciforum.net)

**IEC2M  
2021**

The 1<sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Metallurgy and Metals

[iec2m.sciforum.net](https://iec2m.sciforum.net)

## MARCH

[iecms2021.sciforum.net](https://iecms2021.sciforum.net)

**IECMS  
2021**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Electronic Conference on Mineral Science

[bdee2021.sciforum.net](https://bdee2021.sciforum.net)

**BDEE  
2021**

1<sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Biological Diversity, Ecology and Evolution

## APRIL

**ICMA  
2021**

1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Micromachines and Applications

[micromachines2021.sciforum.net](https://micromachines2021.sciforum.net)

## MAY

[iecgag2021.sciforum.net](https://iecgag2021.sciforum.net)1<sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Agronomy[eca2021.sciforum.net](https://eca2021.sciforum.net)The 1<sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Antibiotics —The Equal Power of Antibiotics And Antimicrobial Resistance[i3s2021dresden.sciforum.net](https://i3s2021dresden.sciforum.net)8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Sensor Science[cmdwc2021.sciforum.net](https://cmdwc2021.sciforum.net)1<sup>st</sup> Corrosion and Materials Degradation Web Conference

## JUNE

1<sup>st</sup> International Electronic Conference on Biomedicine[ecb2021.sciforum.net](https://ecb2021.sciforum.net)

## JULY

[ncrna2021.sciforum.net](https://ncrna2021.sciforum.net)

Noncoding RNA World: From Mechanism to Therapy

## SEPTEMBER

The 9<sup>th</sup> World Sustainability Forum[wsf-9.sciforum.net](https://wsf-9.sciforum.net)

## OCTOBER

*to be announced*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Basel Sustainable Publishing Forum

# MDPI Initiatives / Other Services

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## Preprints



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## Author Services



► [mdpi.com/authors/english](https://mdpi.com/authors/english) MDPI Author Services is the English editing option for academic authors, and continues to prove itself to be extremely popular.

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## Encyclopedia



► [www.encyclopedia.pub](http://www.encyclopedia.pub)

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## Scilit



► [www.scilit.net](http://www.scilit.net)

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The year 2020 was one of involvement and growing participation. The increasing number of website interactions—over 700 newsletter subscribers to date—and the 155 book chapter authors who engaged with us, show the significant progress of *MDPI Books* over the last year. We produced over 1000 reprints, a reflection of the increasing demand for our open access reprints as well as our traditional print options. One of our key priorities has always been to make the processes for all parties involved—readers, authors, and other stakeholders—as simple and efficient as possible. Many improvements have been made to the manuscript submission system and we have adapted our online ordering processes to ensure customer satisfaction and service efficiency. In addition, *MDPI Books* is introducing a new online tool, The Book Builder, which streamlines the entire Special Issue reprint process from start to finish and makes publishing reprints simpler and faster than before.

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The Book Builder tool was created for users to easily arrange, design, and produce Selections—customized reprint books from individual MDPI articles. With just a few clicks, our users can assemble reprints to their requirements, such as author collections, teaching resources, yearbooks, or handouts.

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In 2021, we will continue to solicit customer feedback to help us improve the services for our book program. We are in the process of establishing an advisory board comprising diverse stakeholders. Their recommendations will serve as a valuable development tool for us moving forward.

We made excellent progress on the continued expansion of our "Originals" portfolio of monographs and edited volumes, although not without the noticeable effects of the pandemic. Many of our authors had to re-evaluate their research plans and the new challenges impaired their writing capacity. Aside from this, publication fees are still the biggest barrier for open access book authors. In the coming year, we will continue to support and advise our authors as best we can in their search for funding opportunities and further focus on our acquisition activities.

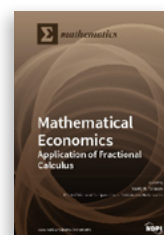
We would like to take the opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all the editors, authors, reviewers and cooperation partners who have contributed to *MDPI Books* despite the uncertain times. Going forward, your needs will continue to be at the heart of our decision making. We will keep you updated and hope you will stay involved and further support our mission. The *MDPI Books* team looks forward to a productive and exciting year.

### The Most Popular Reprints in 2020



#### Witchcraft, Demonology and Magic

9415 downloads



#### Mathematical Economics

8156 downloads

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**Higher Education and Innovation Design of an innovative teaching module for an intensive programme in Aeolian Islands**

*edited by* Vincenzo Sapienza, Marius Voica and Luca Finocchiaro



**Towards Socially Integrative Cities Perspectives on Urban Sustainability in Europe and China**

*edited by* Bernhard Müller, Liu Jian, Jianming Cai, Paulina Schiappacasse, Hans-Martin Neumann and Baojun Yang (Eds.)

**Special Issue Reprints**

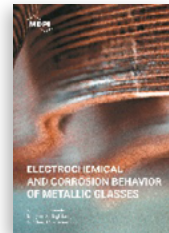
In 2020, more than double the number of reprints were produced compared to 2019



**Featured Book 2020**

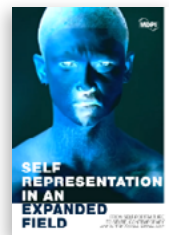
**Under Construction: Performing Critical Identity**

*edited by* Marie-Anne Kohl



**Electrochemical and Corrosion Behavior of Metallic Glasses**

*by* Vahid Hasannaemi, Maryam Sadeghilaridjani and Sundeep Mukherjee



**Self-Representation in an Expanded Field From Self-Portraiture to Selfie, Contemporary Art in the Social Media Age**

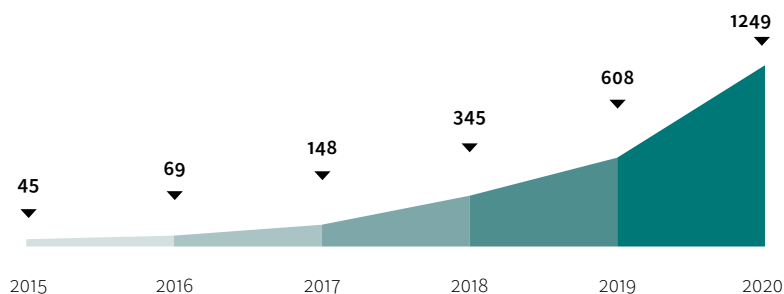
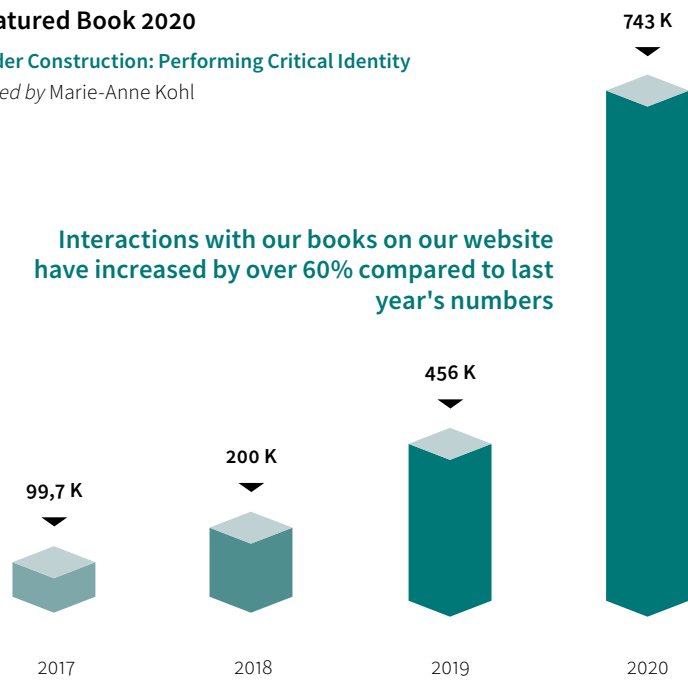
*edited by* Ace Lehner (Ed.)



**The Chamber Musician in the Twenty-First Century**

*edited by* Mine Doğanant-Dack (Ed.)

Interactions with our books on our website have increased by over 60% compared to last year's numbers




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