

Research Intelligence

Scopus & the Indexing Selection

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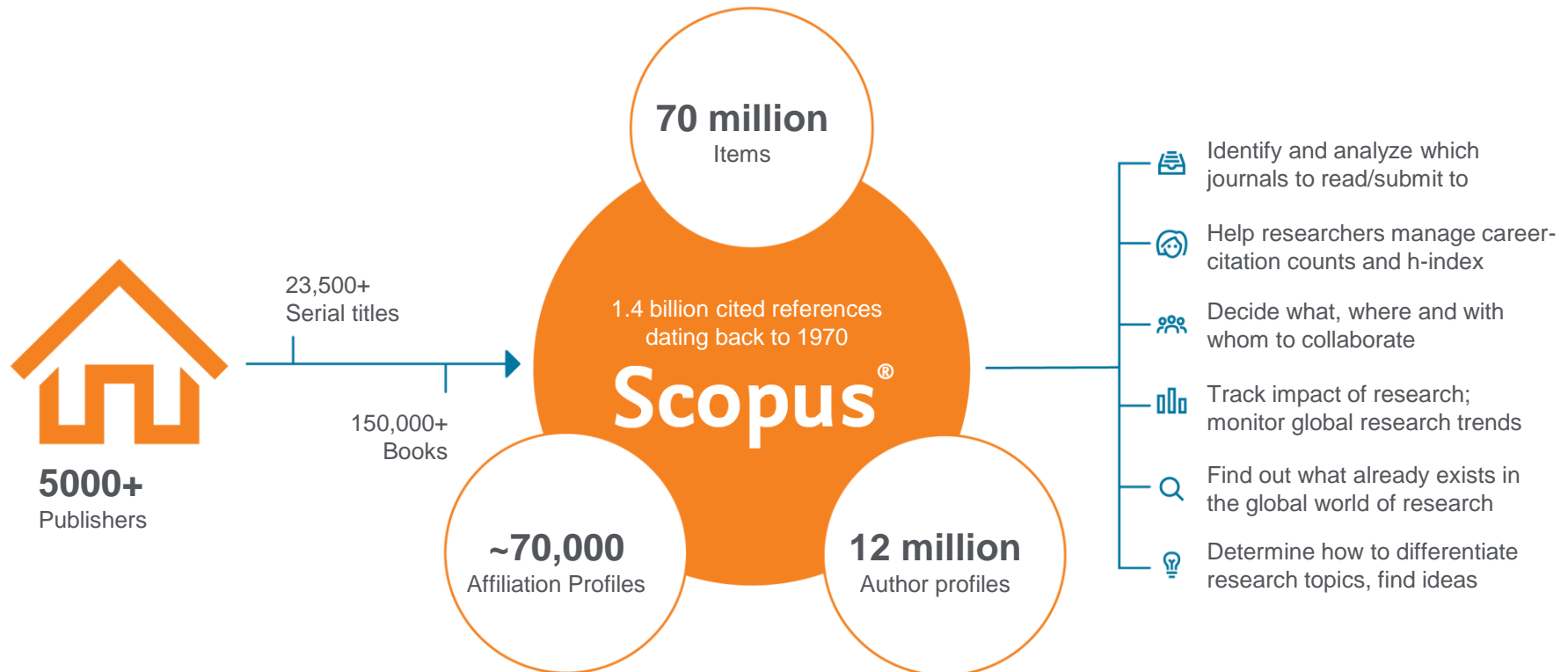


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What is Scopus

Scopus is an abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature, and features smart tools that allow you to track, analyze and visualize scholarly research.



Scopus delivers a comprehensive view on the world of research. No packages, no add-ons. One all-inclusive subscription.

Scopus Data

Scopus Data: Leading in Quality and Quantity

A world of Data to Mine

3.7 TB

Data stored in
content repository



1.4 billion

Cited references



70,000

institutional profiles



12million

author profiles

Scopus delivers all metadata as provided by publishers, including: author(s), affiliation(s), document title, year, electronic identification (EID), source title, volume/issue/pages, citation count(s), source, document type and digital object identifier (DOI).

Scopus Data: The Gold Standard

The Gold Standard

Scopus is selected for its excellence by

4,500

Universities

150

Leading research Organizations

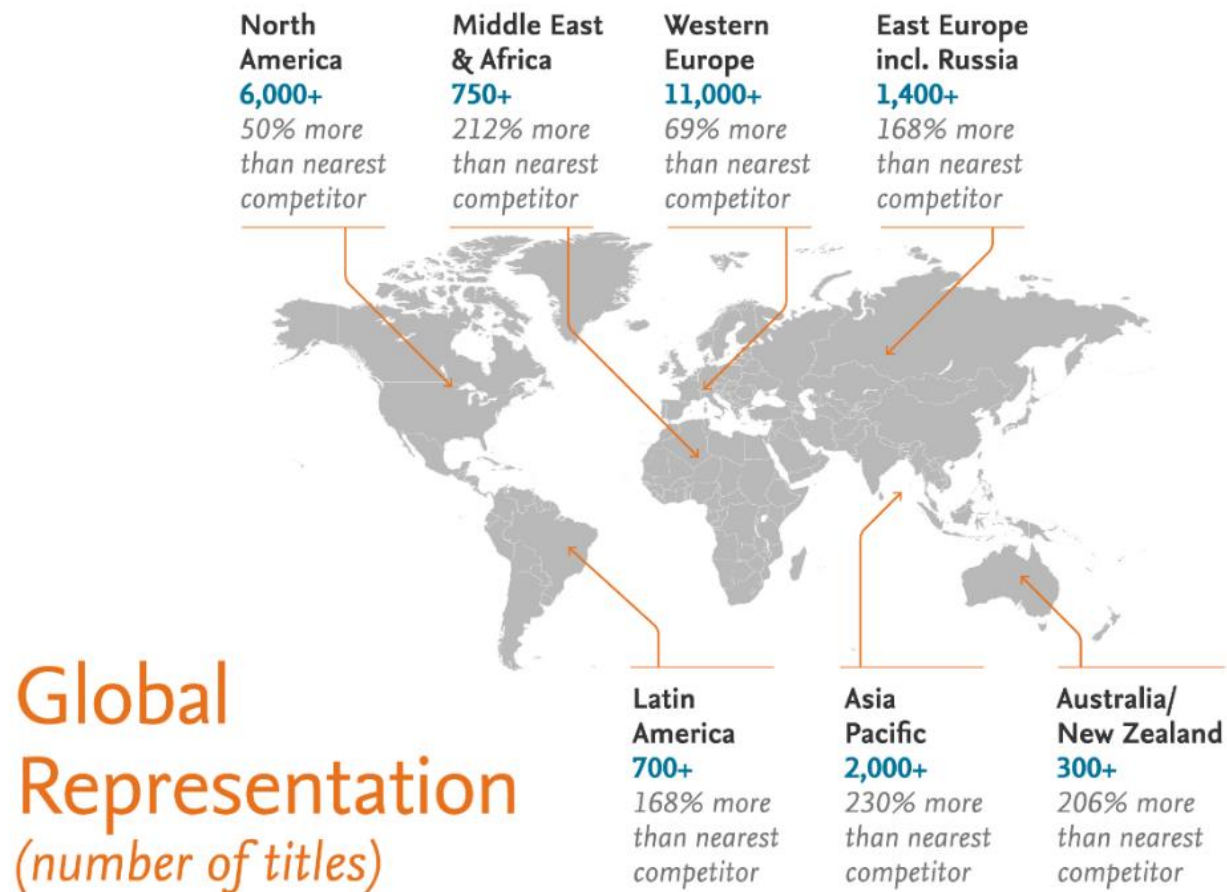
Who continue to choose Scopus for research assessment and evaluation purposes over any other competitor



Scopus Content

Global Representation means global discovery

Across all subjects and content types



Scopus Coverage Summary

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Across all subjects and content types

Scopus includes content from more than 5,000 publishers and 105 countries

- 40 different languages covered
- Updated daily
- Multiple regional content types covered (journals, conferences, books, book series)

Number of Journals by subject area*	Journals	Conferences	Books
Physical Sciences 12,806	23,578 Peer-reviewed journals	106K Conference events	742 Book series
Health Sciences 14,264	308 Trade journals	9M Conference papers Mainly Engineering and Computer Sciences	38K Volumes
Social Sciences 11,573	4,157 Active Gold OA Journals (Listed DOAJ and/or ROAD)		1.62M Book Items
Life Sciences 7,128	229,640 Articles in Press Full metadata, abstracts and cited references		193,077 Stand-alone books Focus on Social Sciences and A&H

Source: Scopus.com, February 2019

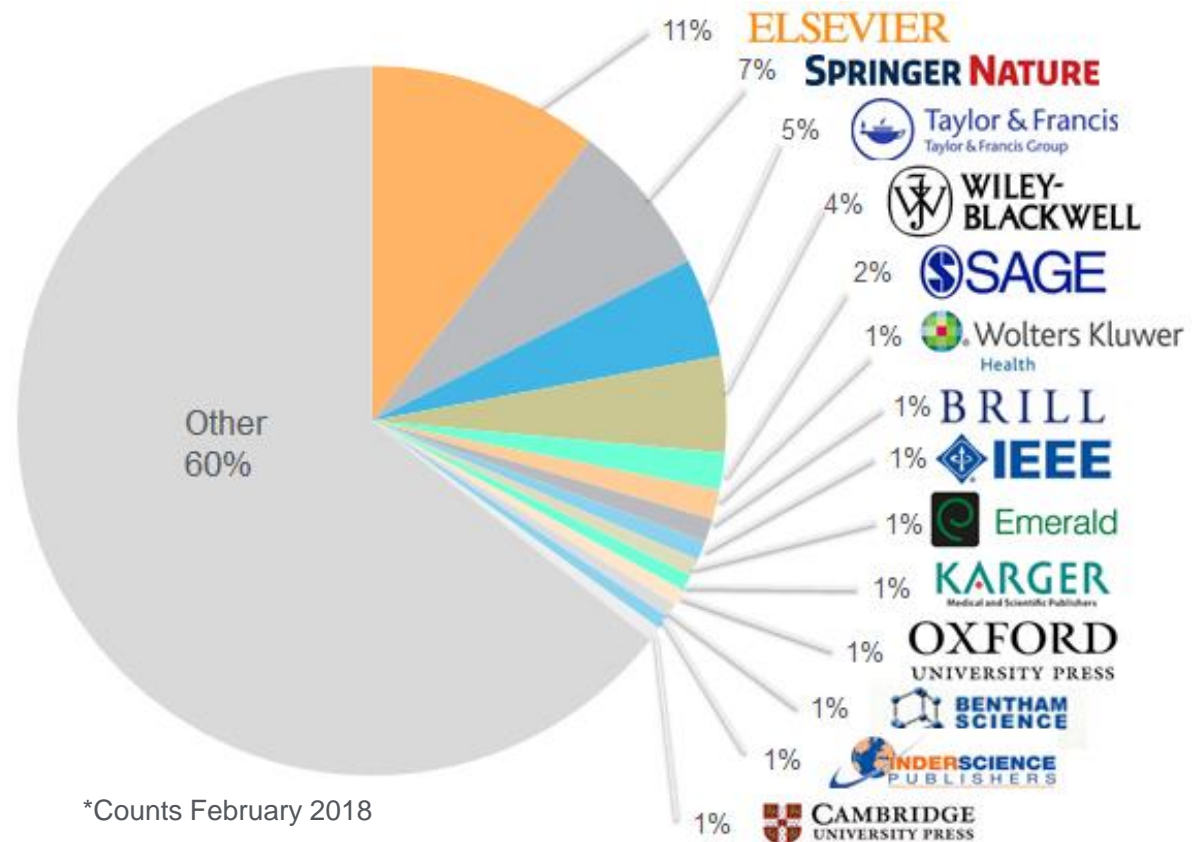
*Journals may be classified in multiple subject areas

Scopus

The Bibliographic Index Leader

>**70M records** and over **23,500** active titles from more than **5K** international publishers. More than **3,759** Gold Open Access journals indexed, **165K** books and **8,3M** conference proceedings*

Unbiased, comprehensive journal coverage with titles from **many reputable scholarly publishers:**



*Counts February 2018

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Expert Curated content selection by the independent Content Selection & Advisory Board (CSAB)

Expert Curation



- > Titles on Scopus are rigorously reviewed and selected by an independent board of subject matter experts to include 52% of the world's peer-reviewed scholarly literature.

* Source: Ulrich's Web Global Serials Directory, August 1, 2017

- The **CSAB** is an independent board of subject experts from all over the world.
- Comprised of 17 Subject Chairs.
- Board members are chosen for their expertise in specific subject areas; many have (journal) Editor experience.



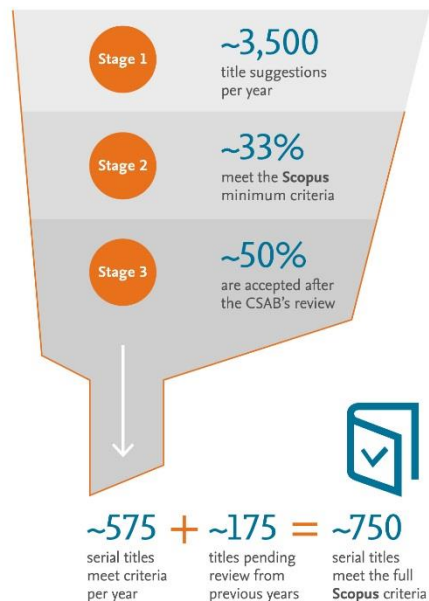
Maintaining high-quality: Scopus rigorous re-evaluation process and criteria

- Less than half of the reviewed titles are selected for Scopus coverage
- The Content Selection Advisory Board is selective and strict on quality: in total **5,411 titles were reviewed** (2011 –2015) of which **2,587 (48%) accepted** for Scopus

Strict Quality & Ethics Selection Criteria*

The **Scopus** title selection criteria – our set of clear and transparent guidelines, in combination with reviews by our independent Content Selection & Advisory Board – ensure the quality of titles indexed meets consistently high standards.

* 2016 as sample year



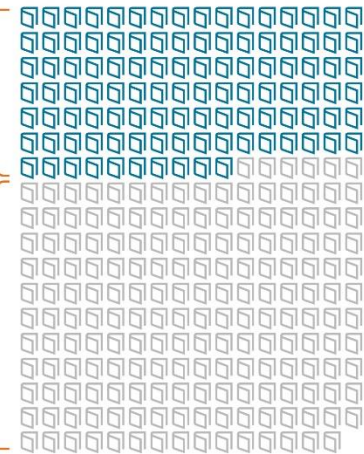
Rigorous Re-evaluation Process

In the latest reevaluation exercise, **303** under-performing titles were re-evaluated by the Content Selection & Advisory Board



106 (35%) continue to meet **Scopus** criteria and coverage will continue

197 (65%) no longer meet **Scopus** selection criteria and coverage going forward will be discontinued



Structural approach: Ongoing content curation to ensure continuous high quality content

Curation of the full journal base is essential and expected by our customers and users.



Direct feedback from users and stakeholders on poor performing journals

Identification of poor performing journals using metrics and benchmarks

“Radar” to predict journals with outlier performance

Review:

Re-evaluation by the Content Selection & Advisory Board (CSAB)

Curate:

Content Curation

Scopus

Transparent Scopus selection criteria for serial content

All titles should meet all minimum criteria in order to be considered for Scopus review:

Peer-review

English
abstracts

Regular
publication

Roman script
references

Pub. ethics
statement

Eligible titles are reviewed by the Content Selection & Advisory Board according to a combination of 14 quantitative and qualitative selection criteria:

Journal Policy	Quality of Content	Journal Standing	Regularity	Online Availability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convincing editorial concept/policy • Type of peer-review • Diversity geographic distribution of editors • Diversity geographic distribution of authors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic contribution to the field • Clarity of abstracts • Quality and conformity with stated aims & scope • Readability of articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citedness of journal articles in Scopus • Editor standing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No delay in publication schedule 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content available online • English-language journal home page • Quality of home page

<https://www.elsevier.com/solutions/scopus/content/content-policy-and-selection> or titlesuggestion@scopus.com

Previous webinar with more information on Scopus content selection criteria : <https://blog.scopus.com/webinars>

Research Metrics

Elsevier Research Metrics in Scopus

A comprehensive suite of metrics embedded throughout Scopus is designed to provide a better view of users research interests.



Two Golden Rules for using research metrics

When used correctly, research metrics together with qualitative input give a balanced, multi-dimensional view for decision-making

Always use both qualitative and quantitative input into your decisions

Always use more than one research metric as the quantitative input

Journal metrics in Scopus

Powered by Scopus®

CiteScore™ metrics are the new standard that help to measure journal citation impact.

- **Comprehensive, Transparent, Current and free metrics** for helping to analyze where research outputs are published.
- Calculated using data from Scopus, CiteScore metrics **help validate citations received by journals and proceedings**, and empower users with information to **make well-informed decisions regarding where to publish**.



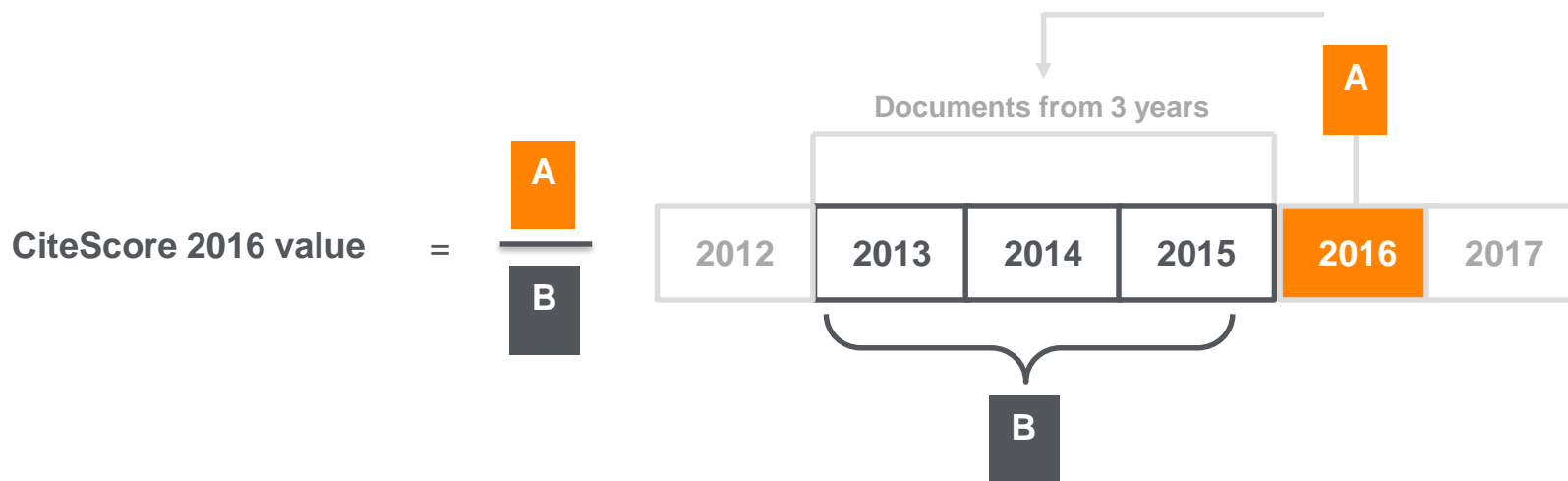
Source-Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP)

- Developed by CWTS, University of Leiden Netherlands.
- Measures contextual citation impact by **weighting citations based on the total number of citations in a subject field**.
- The impact of a single citation is given higher value in subject areas where citations are less likely, and vice versa.

SCImago Journal Rank (SJR)

- Developed by SCImago, Spain.
- **A prestige metric** that can be applied to journals, book series and conference proceedings.
- With SJR, the subject field, quality and reputation of the journal have a direct effect on the value of a citation.

CiteScore is a simple metric for all Scopus journals



CiteScore

A = citations to 3 years of documents

B = all documents indexed in Scopus, same as A

Impact Factor

A = citations to 2 or 5 years of documents

B = only citable items (articles and reviews), different from A

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Thank you

