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Notice of SCI/SCIE Integration in 2020

Information About Updates and Improvements in the Master Journal List (January 2020)

Recipients/Audience

All academic and research institutions and directors/managers of journals that use the Master Journal List (<https://mjl.clarivate.com/>).

Web of Science is a global citation database, delivering best-in-class publication and citation data. We would like to inform you in advance that there will be some updates on some products and related contents from 3 January 2020

1. Current State

- The Web of Science Core Collection is a trusted, high-quality, definitive resource for journals, books and conference proceedings, covering over 250 sciences, social sciences, and arts & humanities disciplines.
- Using objectivity, selectivity, and collection dynamics as the basic principles of our selection process, our in-house editorial team uses a single set of 28 criteria to evaluate a journal's quality (24 quality criteria) and influence (four impact criteria).
- Journals that meet the quality criteria enter Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI). Journals that meet the additional impact criteria enter Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) or Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI) depending on their subject area.
- These are dynamic collections subject to continuous curation to ensure journals are in the appropriate collection. ESCI journals that gain impact

move to SCIE, SSCI or AHCI. SCIE, SSCI and AHCI journals that decrease in impact move to ESCI. Any journal that decreases in quality will be removed from the Web of Science Core Collection.

- Following our updated editorial guidelines and criteria there is no longer any difference between the editorial selection criteria for Science Citation Index (SCI) and Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE). SCIE is our most comprehensive and selective flagship collection covering the sciences, and as such there is no difference in terms of paper quality as both indicate the most impactful, top tier journals in each category. The only difference is the storage medium: whereas SCI is provided via CD/DVD, SCIE is provided online. In October 2019, Web of Science group, a Clarivate Analytics Company started providing integrated SCIE and eliminated the separation of SCI and SCIE that share the same selection process. Also, we made improvements in the Master Journal List by adding detailed information and URL for each journal and search interface, that enhances usability and fulfils branding purpose.
- Due to the high demand of Korean stakeholders, the Web of Science Group, a Clarivate Analytics Company has temporarily restored the separation of SCI and SCIE in mid-November to enable our customers to plan accordingly.

2. Key Changes and Schedules

- SCI will be integrated into SCIE and provided as such from January 2020 onwards.
- The change is based on the decision that the difference among storages (CD/DVD/Internet) is no longer significant/relevant. It is also to minimize the confusion among users caused by the usage of different terminologies when we are already providing journals that shows high quality and impact through SCIE.
- The indexes will be integrated as SCIE from 1st January 2020 onwards (Korea time).

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