## Emerald Group Publishing

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#### Outline



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#### **Emerald**

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- •What editors and reviewers look for
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#### Who is Emerald?



- A leading independent English Publisher
- Supportive of scholarly research (CEEMAN, EFMD, IFLA, EIFL etc)
- Current content we are primarily publishers = no embargoes
- Early Sites Articles submitted articles, awaiting to be published in print, already available online
- Easy access unlimited & unrestricted access, also remote access off the campus from your homes
- Access in Perpetuity continuing access to all subscribed years

#### Emerald eJournals



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#### We publish more then 350 titles from 13 subject collections















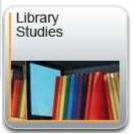












## Impact of Emerald publications

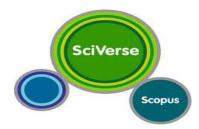


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e-journals indexed in ISI and more then 230 in Scopus.



And more then 400 titles in Thomson Reuter Books Citation Index and 102 book series in Scopus.





## Emerald Publishing Standards



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All of our journals are peer reviewed to ensure quality
Publishing at Emerald is for free



We follow the policies of COPE (Committee of Publishing Ethics)

Emerald is Green Publisher

We are compliant with TRANSFER when acquiring or selling journals



We use iThenticate® software to combat plagiarism

# How to distinguish good vs. bad? Example of not-so-serious journal



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#### "International Journal of Modern Engineering Research (IJMER)"

is an open access, peer-reviewed, journal focusing on theories, methods and applications in all branches of Engineering and Science.

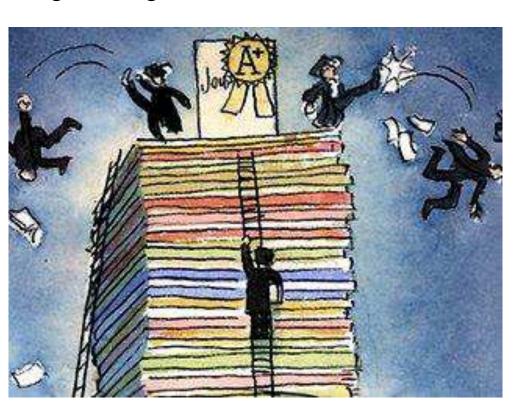
The journal accepts:

Research Articles,

Review Articles and

**Short Communications** 

Website: www.ijmer.com



### **Emerald in Romania**



#### Romanian Authors & Editorial at Emerald

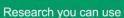


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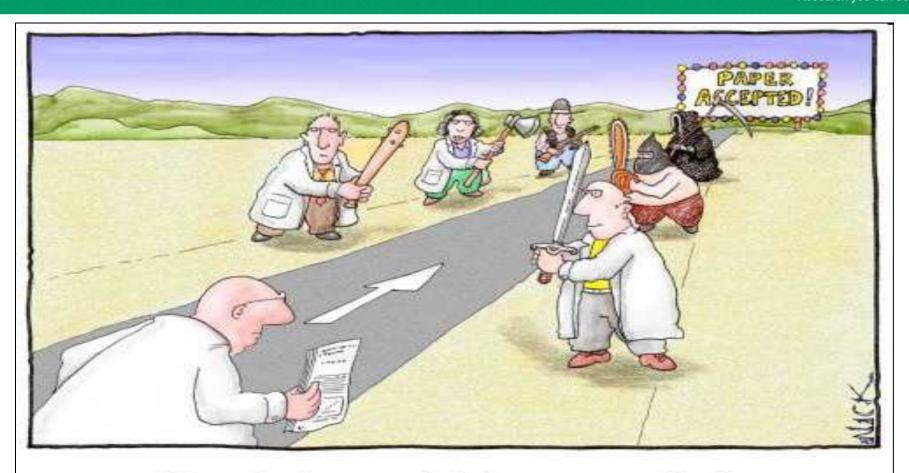
- From 2005 more then 200 authors published with Emerald.
- Currently there are 9 Journals Editorial Advisory Board Members.
- 1 EEMCS Editorial Advisory Board Member
- 2 Regional Editor Supports
- Award winners for Outstanding Papers and Highly Commanded Papers:
- Prof Ioan Pop from Babes Bolyai University (3 Awards)
- Prof Valentin Cojanu from Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies
- Prof Mircea Ancau from Technical Uni Cluj Napoca
- Dr Dalia Campean from University of Cluj
- Dr Andreea Apetrei, currently teaching at Valencia University, Spain (previously University Alexandru Ioan Cuza) winner of our Doctoral Paper Award in 2013

## International Guide to Getting Published









Most scientists regarded the new streamlined peer-review process as 'quite an improvement.'

#### What editors and reviewers look for



- Relevance to the editorial scope and objectives
- Originality what's new about subject, treatment or results?
- Position your paper does it build on existing theory, provide a new perspective, or put a theory to an empirical test?
- Clarity and quality of writing does it communicate well?
- Case study no 'war stories' or advertorials. Be honest about problems you encountered – it makes a better article
- Practical implications the 'so what?' factors
- Conclusions are they valid and objective?
- Good, short title, keywords and abstract

## In general



Table 2	2. Te	n Reasons Why Top Journals Accept Your Paper	
A paper	is ac	cepted at a top journal because	
Required	1.	Its basic idea is exciting (blue ocean strategy).	
	2	Its research questions are nontrivial.	
	3,	It hits themes that are popular.	
	4.	It sufficiently uses or develops theory.	
Enhancing Elements	5.	It follows a recognizable formula.	
	6.	It covers the key literature sufficiently.	
	7.	It is clean (grammatically, typographically, appearance).	
	8.	It effectively uses or applies new methods.	
	9.	It does not vehemently contradict the work of major movers and shakers.	
	10.	It has a respectably large field sample (empirical, quantitative-positivist work).	

MIS Quarterly Vol. 33 No. 3 pp. iii-x/September 2009

## Target! "Journals are ongoing conversations between scholars" (Lorraine Eden)



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"Many papers are desk rejected because they simply don't fulfil journal requirements.

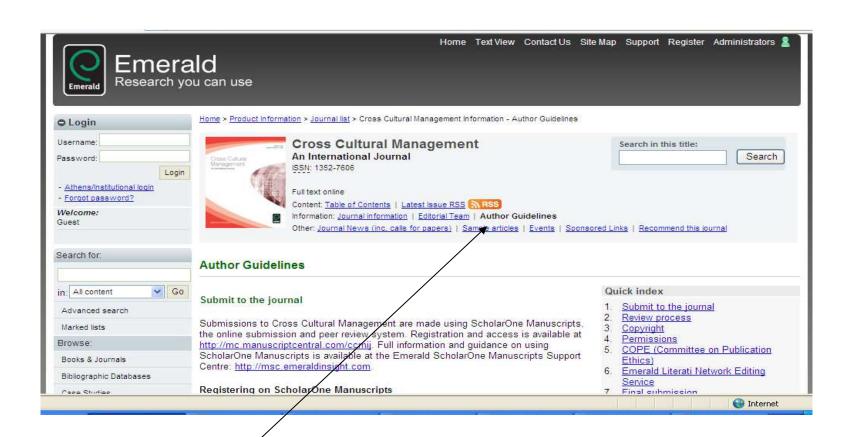
They don't even go into the review process."

- Identify a few possible target journals but be realistic
- Follow the Author Guidelines: scope, type of paper, word length, references style, etc
- Find where to send your paper (editor, regional editor, subject area editor) ...and how to send it (email, hard copy, online submission)
- Send an outline or abstract to editor: is it suitable? how can it be made so?
- READ!! at least one issue of the journal

#### **Authors Guidelines**



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## ISI and Scopus

Calculation of Impakt Factor: ISI counts citation over the 3 year period to get Impact Factor number for the particular year.

Journals and Book are ranked based on how many times the articles are cited .... In other ISI journal/book.

Emerald has 58 ejournals indexed in ISI and over 230 in Scopus.

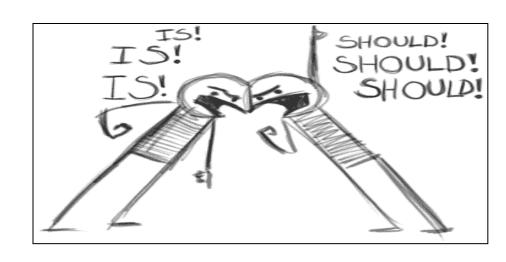


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#### Paper stucture



- Title
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Literature review
- Methodology
- Discussion
- Conclusion
- References



#### **Title**



- The main emphasis in the title is the use of a widely used method. This is not very exciting news. The authors are not to be blamed here. Based on titles seen in journals, many authors seem to be more fascinated these days by their methods than by their science. The authors should be encouraged to abstract the main scientific (i.e., novel) finding into the title (EB, 2010) Short title containing main keyword no general words: Study on, Action of...
- Short (up to 8 "main" words) and informative.
- Do not forget:
- most people search for title, abstract, keywords
- and then decide to download or not

 The Human Factors that Help Predicting the IT Acceptance Decision by Healthcare Professionals: The Case of Public Healthcare Hospitals in

#### Abstract in Emerald



- Clear and descriptive abstract
- Use relevant and known keywords not obscure new jargon

#### Structured Abstract - in 250 words

- <u>Purpose</u> Reasons for research, aims of paper
- <u>Design</u> Methodology, scope of study
- <u>Findings</u> Discussion, results
- Research limitations/implications Exclusions, next steps
- Practical implications The 'so what?' factor
- Social implications Wider benefits to society
- Originality/value Who benefits, what's new?

#### References



- Make references complete and correct vital for reference linking and citation indices
- Emerald uses Harvard Reference System
- http://www.emeraldinsight.com/authors/guides/write/harvard.htm

- Research you can use
- Introduce readers to the solved problem to understand what has been observed in the research and what results were achieved.
- If you have previously published abstract or preliminary report on the results of research, mention about it in the introduction with the bibliographic reference.
- Explain the meanings of specific terms and abbreviations.
- Should be written in a present tense, as it is describing the current situation of the solved research.

#### Rules:

- 1. Comprehensibly define the problem
- 2. Put the problem into context
- 3. Explain the choice of research methods
- 4. Summarize the results of research
- 5. Present research findings

#### Materials and Methods



- Research you can use
- Crucial part in In all fields (especially medical and natural).
- Authors demonstrate the research process, but also offers readers guidance on how proceed to solve their similar problem.

#### Rules:

- 1. Read the **journal requirements** (some journals would have detailed guidelines on this section e.g. to prevent any damages or harm on people which could happen due to inadequate research method repetition.
- 2. Describe used method and justify its choice (the description of the method informs the readers of the usefulness of the method and so the quality of the results. By this you also justify the relevance of the used method)
- **3.** Use examples (details are important for repetition & possibility to verify the correctness of the process
- 4. Explain in details any new methods used
- 5. Get authors' approval of the publication

- Results should contain two basic components:
- 1<sup>st</sup> A description summary of the basic findings include smaller number of numerical data used in text
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Concrete results in the forms of tables, graphs for a larger number of data. When referring to a table or chart, don't use phrases such as" how it can be shown in the table...but tell exactly, where in the table 1.2.
- Pay attention to clarity and understandability of the results, as a vague example of working with data a story of editor Erwin Neter.

"33 1/3% of the mice used in this experiment were cured by the test drug; 33 1/3% of the test population were unaffected by the drug and remained in a moribund condition; the third mouse got away." (Day 2006:67)

#### **Discussion and Conclusion**



 Accounted as the most complex part of the article, the quality most often decides on the acceptance or rejection of the article. Since both of the intertwined, often consists of one common part of the article.

#### Rules:

- 1. Summarize the basic knowledge of the results
- 2. If the results contain some extreme differences, do not mystify, twist them but explain properly
- 3. Interpret the results in the context of previous publications on the same topic
- 4. Explain the theoretical and practical benefits of research
- 5. Describe the research findings clearly and understandably
- 6. Give to all conclusions concrete evidence

## Publishing Ethics



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- Don't send to more than 1 journal.
- Inform the editor about conflict of interest
- Avoid self-plagiarism
- Get approval from all authors for publishing
- COPYRIGHT => As the author, you need to ensure that you get permission to use content you have not created. Supply written confirmation from the copyright holder when <u>submitting</u> your manuscript
- Exception <u>STM Association</u> including Emerald.

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Permissions checklist & Permissions request form







- A request for revision is good news!
  - You've avoided a desk reject and you are in the publishing cycle
  - Nearly every published paper is revised at least once
- Acknowledge the editor and set a revision deadline
- Clarify understanding if in doubt 'This is what I understand the comments to mean...'
- Meet the revision deadline
- Attach a covering letter showing how you met the reviewers' requests (or if not, why not)

## If your paper is rejected ...



- Ask why, and listen carefully!
  - Most editors will give detailed comments about a rejected paper.
     Take a deep breath, and listen to what is being said
- Try again!
  - Fix the paper, then submit elsewhere. Target your paper as closely as possible, and remember you might get the same reviewer again
- Article Fit? Why is was sent to this journal? Did you understand journal's conversation?
- Quality Issues? Readability? Length? Rigorous? Practicability and relevance in real word/further research?

## Example of real article review



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regret to inform you that the current paper reveals weaknesses on major dimensions. First of all, motivation and theoretical contribution are weak.

However, the application of XX is not new at all. Also the survey for non-adopting reasons is not new either. It has a quality of MS thesis.

The paper unfortunately does not provide any significant contribution to the field of XX. Due to the conceptual deficiencies of the paper, there is no starting point to suggest incremental improvements.

This paper only provides limited information about the scope and coverage of the survey used by this study. The survey findings are also not properly presented and only selected trends have been highlighted.

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  - How to... guides
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- For Authors www.emeraldinsight.com/authors
  - How to... guides
  - Meet the Editor interviews and Editor news
  - Editing service
  - Annual Awards for Excellence
  - Calls for Papers and news of publishing opportunities

#### Other useful resources



Research you can use

- www.isiwebofknowledge.com (ISI ranking lists and impact factors)
- www.harzing.com (Anne-Wil Harzing's site about academic publishing and the assessment of research and journal quality, as well as software to conduct citation analysis)
- www.scopus.com (abstract and citation database of research literature and quality web sources)
- www.cabells.com (addresses, phone, e-mail and websites for a large number of journals as well as information on publication guidelines and review information)
- www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk (a general resource for academic writers, designed primarily with international students whose first language is not English in mind)

## Research is all about peer review



1. You need to avoid a desk reject

2. You may need to revise and resubmit

3. You will almost certainly need to alter your paper

## **Emerald Open Access**





#### **Emerald and OA**

- Currently offer free access to new launch journals, sample articles, free trials and promoted content.
- From April 2013 it offers a Gold OA route for funded authors for £995/\$1,695.
- Emerald remains a 'RoMEO Green' publisher authors can voluntarily post their articles on any website as long as there is correct attribution and it is not the published pdf (Green OA).

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