



Digital Commons:

Partner for Journal Global Success

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Romanian Journals from Global Scale perspective

- Number of **journals indexed*** by Scopus **187** (29,4% OA journals)
- **95** of the above are **Scopus-unique** indexed titles
- **Since 2018** in 187 journals, authors have published **48,132 documents**
- **90%** of journals are publishing manuscripts in **English**
- Other accepted languages for full-text documents:
 - **Romanian** - 38 journals; **French** - 31; **German** – 15
 - additional are Italian, Spanish, and Russian.
- Other sources:
 - DOAJ - 377 journals listed
- Major Disciplines in ascending order: Social Sciences, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Health Sciences.

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Common Challenges for Editors

I need a stable and professional journals site

How do I get more global visibility for my journal?

I need to recruit more submissions

How can I speed up peer review?

I don't know what impact my journal is having

I want to internationalize my journal

What are the requirements for getting indexed?

Further Challenges...

- Regional / local language journals
- Journals in niche and emerging fields
- Journals in arts, humanities, social sciences
- Journals with applied and general audiences

These journals have great value.... How to build them for global success?

Reminder of Scopus main requirements for indexing

1. **Peer Review** → to ensure the quality and validity of the published research.
2. Regular Publication → at least twice a year.
3. **Digital Archiving** → to ensure the preservation of published content.
4. Language English and other languages if they meet criteria
5. **Online Presence** → a well-maintained website with clear information about its editorial board, submission guidelines, and contact information.
6. International Editorial Board
7. Clear Aims and Scope
8. **Ethical Publishing Practices** → to address issues such as plagiarism, authorship disputes, and conflicts of interest.
9. Citations: Articles should be cited in other reputable scholarly publications.
10. ISSN → a must have

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Build versus Buy: trade offs

Aspect	Build or using open source	or Buy ?
Functionality	Limited to very specific area	>95% off the shelf
Look and feel	Typically basic	Professional
Time to go-live	Several years	As fast as a few weeks
<i>Budget</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Low/Medium</i>
Interoperability	Limited	High
Versatility, adaption to change	Slow and costly	Fast through configurations
Maintenance & support	Depends on few key people	Guaranteed through contract

Build versus Buy: *Budget*

What costs are involved?



Open-Source Drawbacks

1. **Complexity** → complex to set-up and configure
2. **Learning curve** → wide range of features and options
3. **Resource Intensive** → Software and Hardware
4. **Limited Support for Non-Textual Content**
5. **Limited Social Features**
6. **Community-Dependent Support**
7. **Customization Challenges**
8. **Upgrading Complexities** → Ensuring compatibility with new releases and migrating content can be time-consuming.
9. **Limited Integration** → challenges arise when connecting with third-party systems or services.

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Digital Commons (DC)

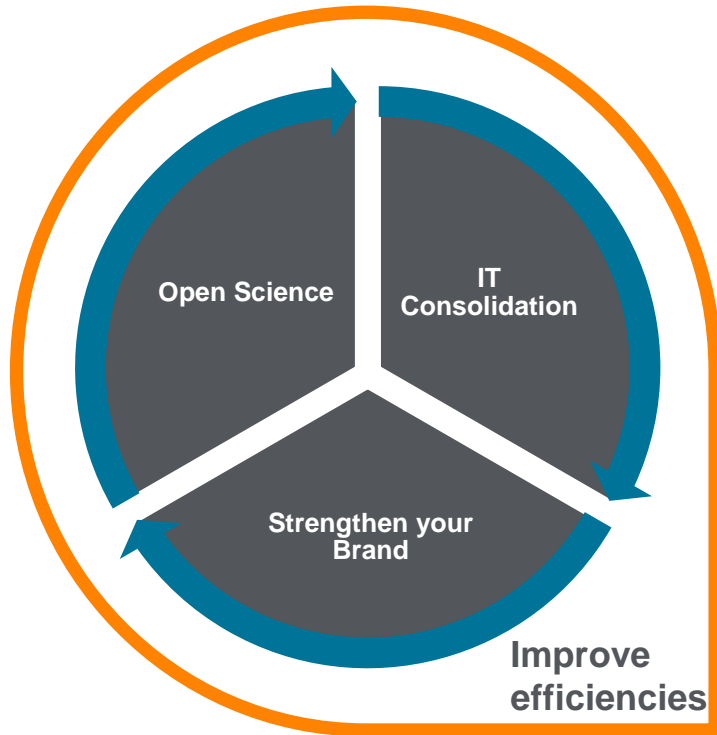


Founded in 1999 by faculty members at University of California, Berkeley, Digital Commons has helped hundreds of institutions showcase their work for maximum impact. In 2017, Elsevier acquired DC.

670+ Institutions
2600+ OA Journals
10M+ OA Works
1B+ Downloads



DC Leverage



1. Open Science

- State of the art infrastructure & tooling
- Facilitate Diamond Open Access, Exhibitions, Publishing
- Used by the top universities/Institutions

2. IT Consolidation

- One integrated suite of solutions instead of multiple
- One versatile tool tailored to your needs
- Personalized service

3. Strengthen your Brand

- By helping you to increase your visibility both locally and worldwide among peers, politics and industry players.
- By helping to improve quality of journals

4. Improve efficiencies

- Easier to use and admin than OJS or DSpace
- One contract for service, support, invoicing.
- Professional administration tools
- Reporting and insights in readership

Meet technical and basic criteria of selective indexes like Web of Science, Scopus, PubMed, and DOAJ



Category	Criteria	Facilitated by DC	Advising with DC Premier
Basic Criteria	Peer-reviewed content	✓	
	English title, abstracts and keywords	✓	
	References in Roman script	✓	
	Regular publication with ISSN	✓	
	Public publishing ethics statement	✓	
Advanced Criteria			
Journal Policy	Convincing editorial policy		✓
	Type of peer review	✓	
	Diversity in geographical distribution of editors		✓
	Diversity in geographical distribution of authors		✓
Content	Academic contribution to the field		✓
	Clarity of abstracts		✓
	Quality of and conformity to the stated aims and scope of the journal		
	Readability of articles	✓	
Journal Standing	Citedness of journal articles		
	Editor standing		
Publishing Regularity	No delays or interruptions in the publication schedule	✓	
Online Availability	Full journal content available online	✓	
	English language journal home page available	✓	
	Quality of journal home page	✓	

While Digital Commons cannot guarantee acceptance to any index, our templates and hosted sites make it easier to comply with indexing requirements

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Drivers for DC

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3. Make life easy for editors and authors
4. Full customer support

Professional and beautiful journals



Professional Design

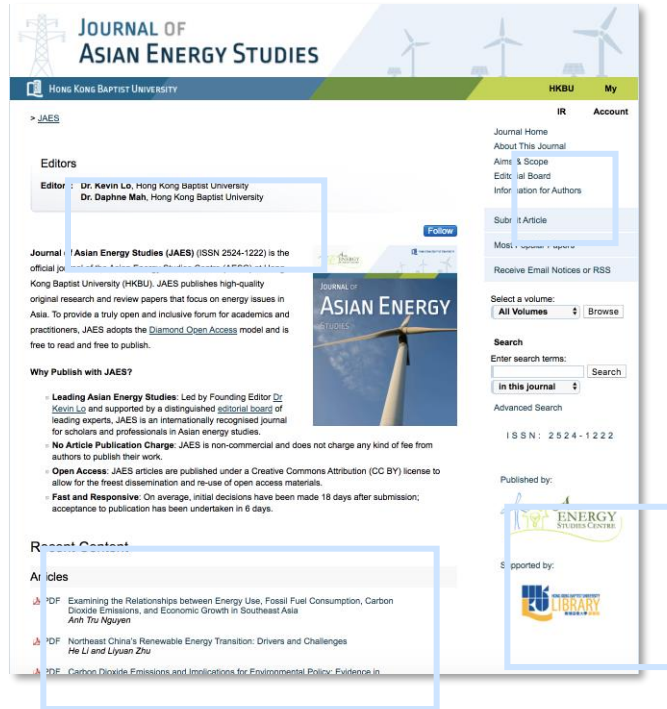
Language Support*

Hosted Model

Complies with Scopus technical requirements

* We can support any language on the front end and use bilingual elements to support display

Designs that broadcast credentials and build journal brand



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Journal of Asian Energy Studies (JAES). The design features a clean, professional layout with a blue and green color scheme. Key elements highlighted by blue callout boxes include:

- Editors:** A section listing the journal's editors, including Dr. Kevin Lo and Dr. Daphne Mah, with their affiliations.
- Journal Description:** A paragraph describing the journal's focus on energy issues in Asia and its commitment to open access.
- Why Publish with JAES?:** A list of benefits for authors, such as leading editorial board, no article publication charge, and fast response times.
- Recent Content:** A list of recent articles, including "Examining the Relationships between Energy Use, Fossil Fuel Consumption, Carbon Dioxide Emissions, and Economic Growth in Southeast Asia" by Anh Tru Nguyen.
- Navigation and Search:** A sidebar with navigation links (Journal Home, About This Journal, Aims & Scope, Editorial Board, Information for Authors, Submit Article, Most Popular, Receive Email Notices or RSS) and a search bar.
- Logos:** The Energy Studies Centre logo and the HKU Library logo are prominently displayed.

- Highlight credentials
- Easy-to-find policy pages
- Clearly visible current content
- Branded PDFs



The screenshot shows the article page for "Carbon Dioxide Emissions and Implications for Environmental Policy: Evidence in Southeast Asia" by Anh Tru Nguyen. The page features a clean, professional layout with a white background and blue accents. Key elements include:

- Journal Title:** Journal of Asian Energy Studies
- Volume and Issue:** Volume 3 | Issue 1
- Year:** 2019
- Article Title:** Carbon Dioxide Emissions and Implications for Environmental Policy: Evidence in Southeast Asia
- Author:** Anh Tru Nguyen, Vietnam National University of Agriculture, nguyentru@vnu.edu.vn
- Follow this and additional works at:** <https://repository.hku.edu.hk/jaes>
- Part of the:** Agricultural and Resource Economics Commons, and the Environmental Studies Commons
- Recommended Citation:** Nguyen, Anh Tru (2019) "Carbon Dioxide Emissions and Implications for Environmental Policy: Evidence in Southeast Asia," *Journal of Asian Energy Studies*, Vol. 3, Iss. 1, 8-24. DOI: 10.24127/jaes.v3i1.17. Available at: <https://repository.hku.edu.hk/jaes/vol3/iss1/7>
- Branded PDF:** The article is available as a PDF with a cover that features the journal's logo and title.

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Digital Commons optimizes results in search engines in many ways



Journal pages design & structure

- **Sitemap XML files:** Auto-generated; Google alerted when new content added
- **Journal page titles:** Unique and relevant
- **Dedicated consulting service representatives:** Advise on webpage, title, URL, metadata, and linking

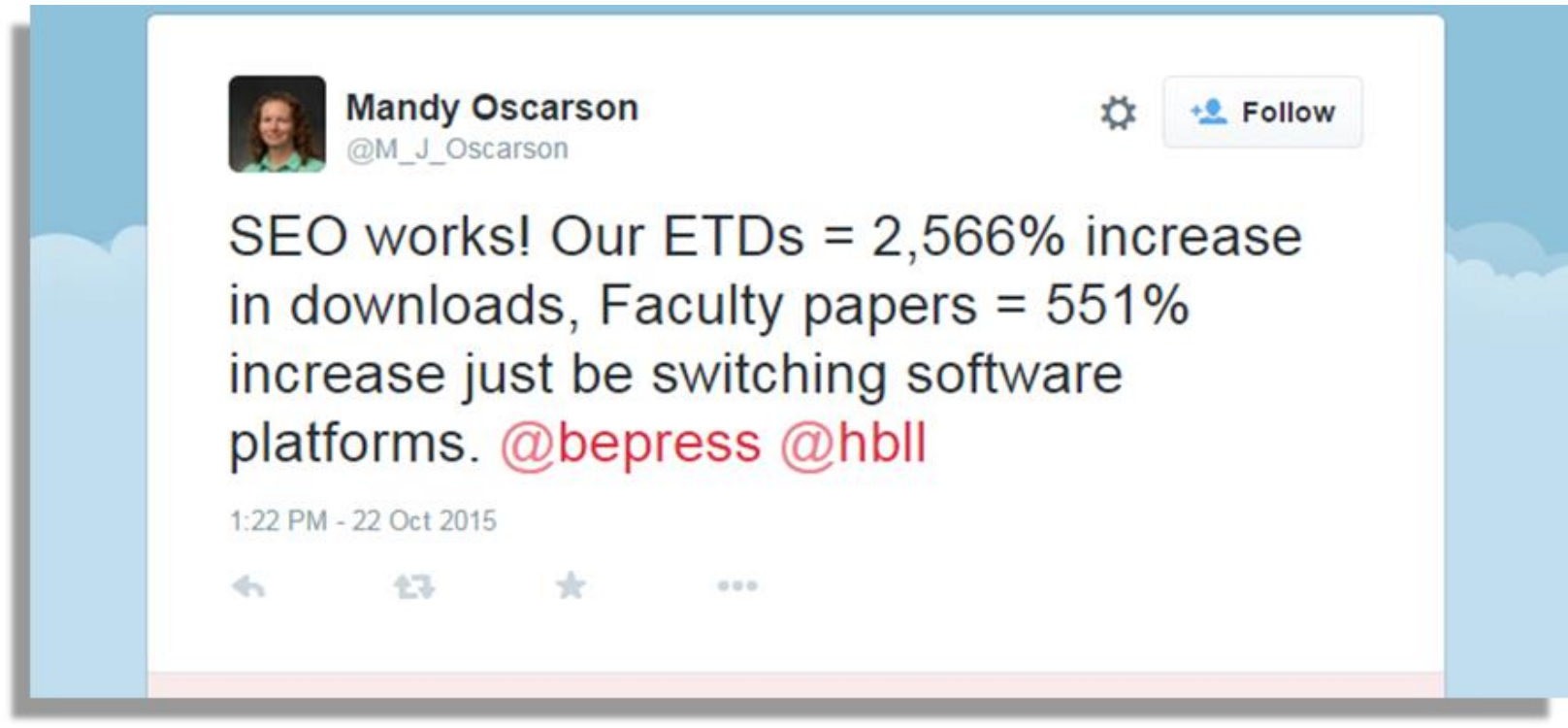
Digital Commons system

- **Low downtime:** Minimizes search engine crawl errors
- **Author/Editor engagement:** Reports encourage authors/editors to link to articles
- **Planned integrations:** Enhanced discoverability via 1Findr, Mendeley, Mendeley Data
- **Active journal homepage:** Ability to showcase new and featured content

Dedicated search resources

- **Dedicated product manager:** Focused on search, discoverability, and impact
- **Dialogue with Google Scholar:** Constantly alerted to changes (Google Scholar recommends DC practices)
- **Analysis of Google:** Constant review of indexing of Digital Commons sites
- **Access to Elsevier SEO experts:** Additional guidance and troubleshooting

Industry-Leading Discoverability on the Open Web



(ETDs) : *Electronic Theses and Dissertations*

Industry-Leading Discoverability on the Open Web



Google search results for "social theory of numeracy". The search bar shows the query and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar are tabs for "All", "Images", "News", "Shopping", "Videos", "More", "Settings", and "Tools". The results show "About 2,900,000 results (0.27 seconds)". The first result is "Scholarly articles for social theory of numeracy" with a list of articles. The second result is "Six Propositions of a Social Theory of Numeracy - USF Scholar ..." which is circled in red. A red arrow points from this result to the journal's article page.

The Numeracy journal website header features the journal title "NUMERACY" in large white letters on a dark background with a grid pattern. Below the title is the tagline "Advancing Education in Quantitative Literacy". The navigation menu includes "Journal Home", "About This Journal", "Editorial Board", "Instructions to Authors", and "Submit Article". The main content area displays the journal's ISSN (1936-4660) and its open-access, peer-reviewed status. It also features a "Follow" button and a logo for the National Numeracy Network (NNN). The website lists the Executive Editor (Nathan D. Grawe, Carleton College), Senior Editor (H. L. (Len) Vacher, University of South Florida), and Contributing Editor (Dorothy Wallace, Dartmouth College). It also mentions a Book Review Editor (Michael T. Catalano, Dakota Wesleyan University).

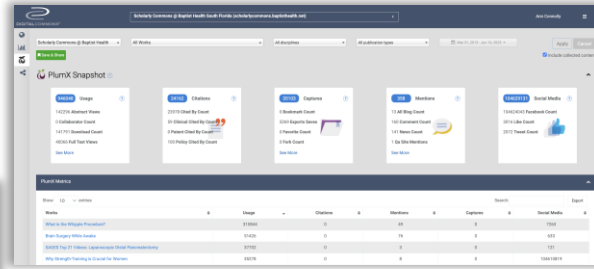
The article page for "Six Propositions of a Social Theory of Numeracy: Interpreting an Influential Theory of Literacy" by Jeffrey Craig. The page is part of the journal "Numeracy: Advancing Education in Quantitative Literacy", Volume 11, Issue 2, Article 2, published in 2018. The author's contact information is provided: Jeffrey Craig, University of Arkansas, jfcraig23@gmail.com, Lynette Guzman, University of Arkansas, lguzman@math.uark.edu. The page also includes a "Recommended Citation" section and a "Follow this and additional works at" link to the journal's Scholar Commons page.

Dedicated product manager: Focused on search, discoverability, and impact

Full suite of tools to demonstrate impact



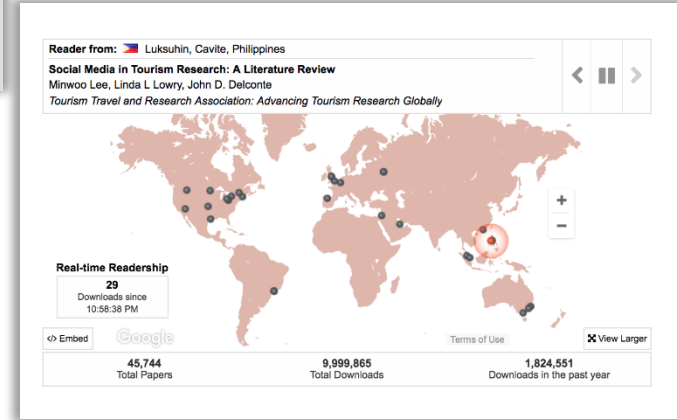
Admin, Editor and Author Dashboards with granular data and reporting features



PlumX metrics provide insights into usage in research and beyond



Authors receive monthly emails with download activity and their own dashboard



Real-time download maps show global readership

Demonstrate Impact in Scopus

Scopus

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New insights on secondary minerals from Italian sulfuric acid caves (Article) (Open Access)

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Abstract

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Sulfuric acid minerals are important clues to identify the speleogenetic phases of hypogenic caves. Italy hosts ~25% of the known worldwide sulfuric acid speleogenetic (SAS) systems, including the famous well-studied Frasassi, Monte Cucco, and Acquasanta Terme caves. Nevertheless, other underground environments have been analyzed, and interesting mineralogical assemblages were found associated with peculiar geomorphological features such as cupolas, replacement pockets, feeders, sulfuric notches, and sub-horizontal levels. In this paper, we focused on 15 cave systems located along the Apennine chain, in Apulia, in Sicily, and in Sardinia, where copious SAS minerals were observed. Some of the studied systems (e.g., Parretta Terme, Capo Palmuro, Cazzano alle Ionie, Cerchiara di Calabria, Santa Cesarea Terme) are still active, and mainly used as spas for human treatments. The most interesting and diversified mineralogical associations have been documented in Monte Cucco (Umbria) and Cavallone-Bove (Abruzzo) caves, in which the common gypsum is associated with alunite-jarosite minerals, but also with baryte, celestine, fluorite, and autigenic rutile-ilmenite-titanite. In addition, the core of alunite and jarosite, from these two systems, results enriched in PO₄³⁻, clearly suggesting hypogenic hydrothermal origin. Santa Cesarea Terme, Capo Palmuro, and Acqua Minima caves show important native sulfur deposits, which abundantly cover walls, ceilings, and speleothems. Abundant coproites, pristerites, tamarogites, healyhydrates assemblages have been observed in the Calabrian systems; their association with pyrite and hematite would suggest they formed in very acidic conditions with pH ranging between 0 and 4. © 2018, Società Speleologica Italiana. All rights reserved.

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Metrics View all metrics >

149 Citation in Scopus

0.94 Field-Weighted Citation Impact

PlumX Metrics
Usage, Captures, Mentions, Social Media and Citations beyond Scopus

Usage
Downloads: 223
Abstract Views: 127

Captures
Readers: 3
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Cited by 1 document

Sulfuric acid caves in Calabria (South Italy) sulfate deposits

Galdenzi, S., Marzolina, T. (2018) Geomorphology



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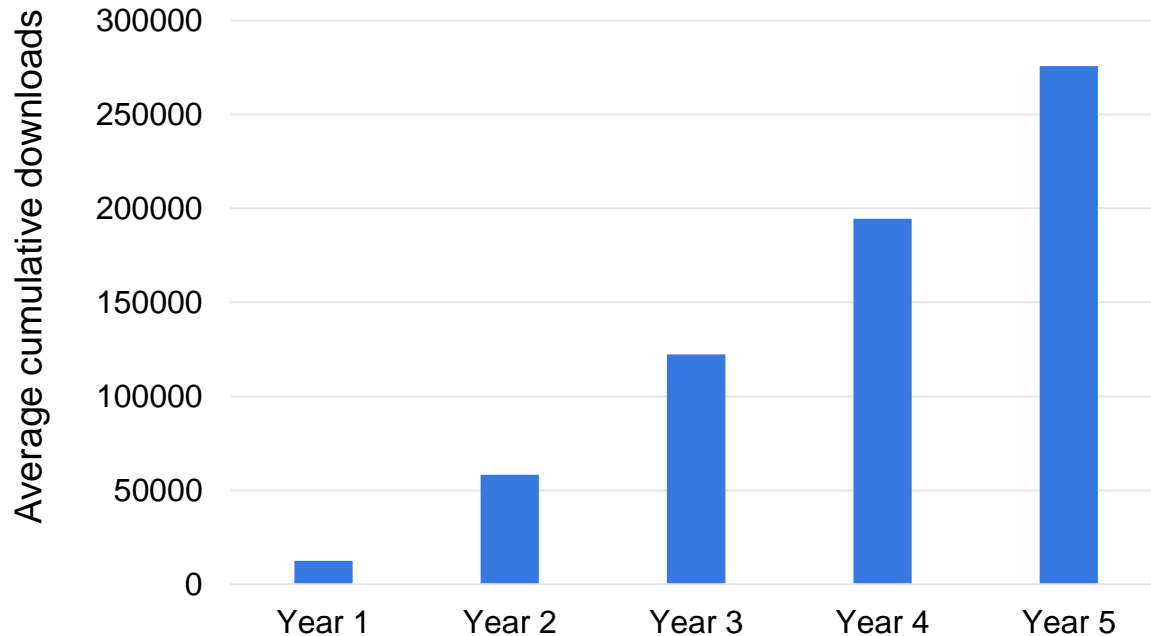
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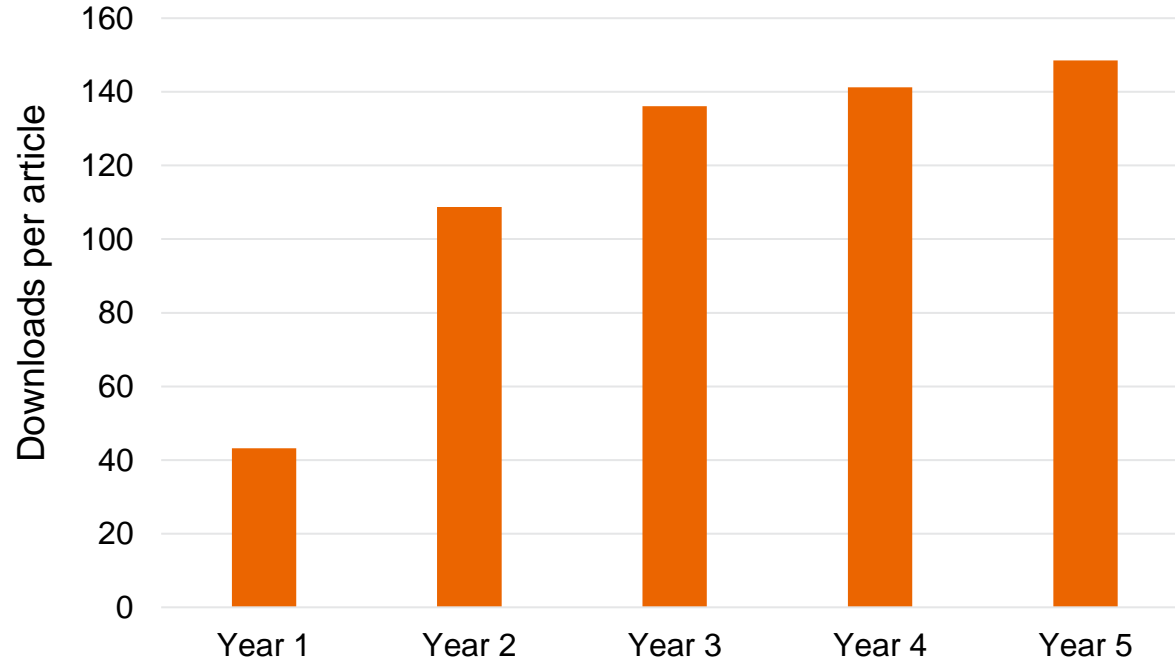
The average journal article on Digital Commons receives more than **300 downloads per article**

Average journal experience: Migrating to Digital Commons generates significant visibility



- **250K+** total downloads over 5 years:
- By Year 5:
 - 500+ total articles
 - **80K+** annual downloads
 - **12%** increase per year in annual downloads

Average journal experience: Per article visibility improves quickly

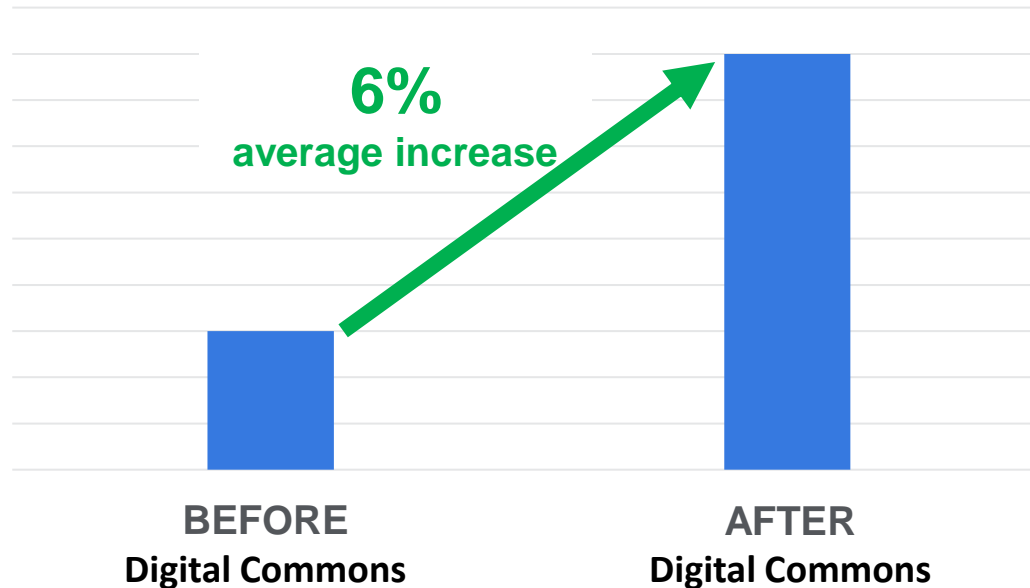


- **~150** downloads per article by Year 5:
- **10%+** annual growth in download/article from Year 2 to Year 5

Digital Commons leads to measurable improvement in citation metrics



Average journal citation performance*



* Based on geometric-mean analysis of CAGRs for SNIP, discipline-specific citation metric, for all journals indexed in Scopus with at least 1 year of citation data before/after joining Digital Commons (N=35);

Avg SNIP growth before joining Digital Commons was -3%, while avg SNIP growth after joining Digital Commons was +3%

** Another discipline-specific citation metric, SJR, showed similar results for these same journals (-2% before DC/ +2% after DC → 4% increase)

*** Discipline-specific CiteScore percentiles showed similar trend: +1.35% comparing average percentile before DC vs. after joining DC

Authors and editors can see WHO is reading their articles

Showing: Aug 13, 2008 - Jul 18, 2019

Works: [Dashboard Filters](#)

[Save & Share](#) Include collected content

62 Institutions

Education Commercial Government [3%] Organization [1%]

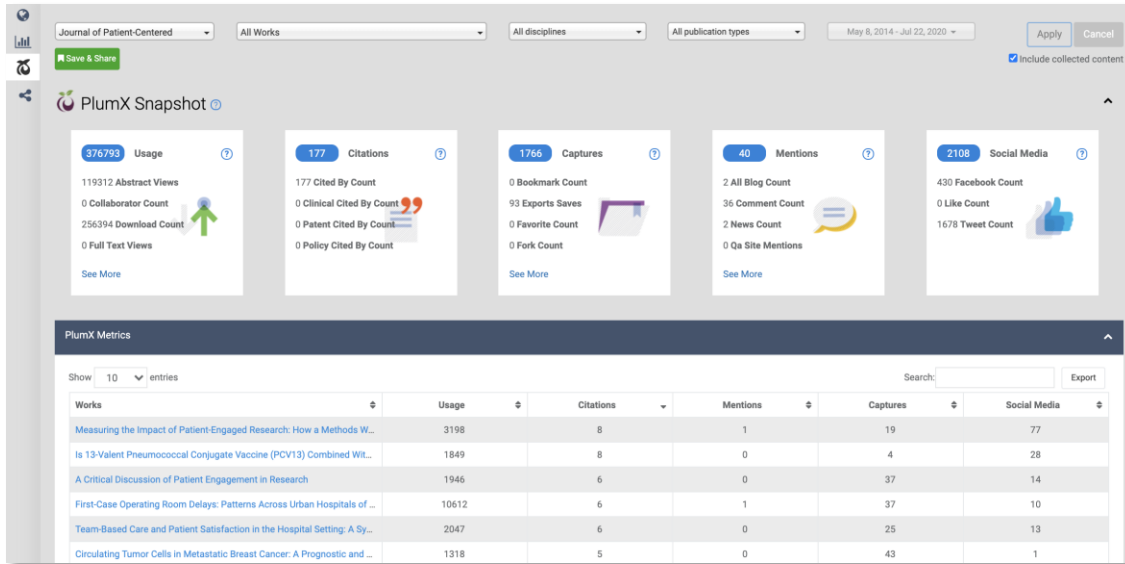
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Show entries Search: [Export](#)

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Case Western Reserve University	Education	4
WU (Wirtschaftsuniversitaet Wien) - Vienna University of Economics and Business	Education	4
London School of Economics and Political Science	Education	2
University of New South Wales	Education	2
University of North Texas	Education	2
Stevens Institute of Technology	Education	2
Tianjin University	Education	2
Tongji University	Education	2
Universitaet Bayreuth	Education	2
Moec	Government	2

PlumX Metrics drive insights with citation metrics, social media, news mentions, and more



Citation counts

Tweets, Facebook, and other social media mentions

News and other public impact

“Because selective indexes use citation counts as measure of journal performance, these metrics will provide more insight into which articles are more impactful and how we are doing overall.”

Managing Editor, Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews

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DC Journals are a one-stop-shop for journal editing

Intuitive Submission and Workflow

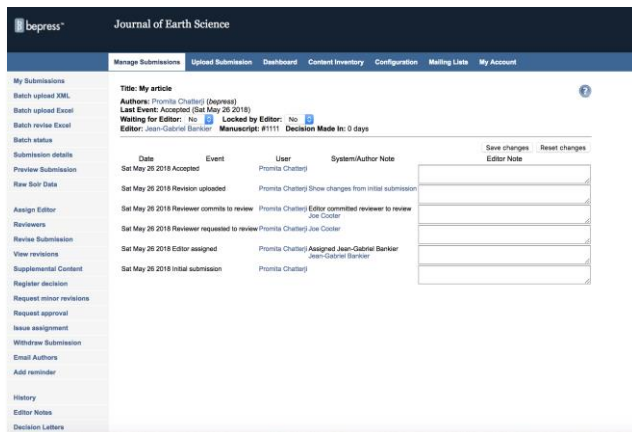
Fully Customizable Workflows

Double and single blind

Unique editor views

Multiple roles for editors

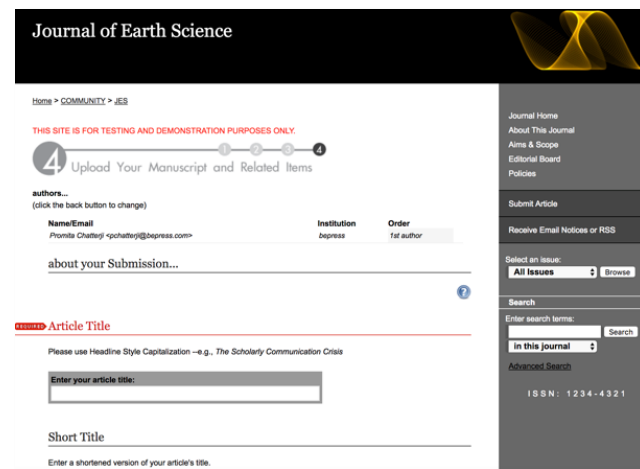
Automated reminders



The screenshot shows the 'Journal of Earth Science' submission interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Manage Submissions', 'Upload Submission', 'Dashboard', 'Content Inventory', 'Configuration', 'Mailing Lists', and 'My Account'. The main content area displays article details: 'Title: My article', 'Authors: Promita Chatterji (bepress)', 'Last Event: Accepted (Sat May 26 2018)', 'Waiting for Editor: No', 'Locked for Editor: No', 'Editor: Jean-Gabriel Bankier', and 'Manuscript: #1111'. Below this is a table of events:

Date	Event	User	System/Author Note
Sat May 26 2018	Accepted	Promita Chatterji	
Sat May 26 2018	Revision uploaded	Promita Chatterji	Show changes from initial submission
Sat May 26 2018	Reviewer commits to review	Promita Chatterji	Editor committed reviewer to review
Sat May 26 2018	Reviewer assigned	Promita Chatterji	Assigned Jean-Gabriel Bankier
Sat May 26 2018	Initial submission	Promita Chatterji	

Buttons for 'Save changes' and 'Reset changes' are visible. A sidebar on the left lists various submission actions like 'Batch upload XML', 'Assign Editor', and 'Request approval'.



The screenshot shows the 'Journal of Earth Science' submission form. The top navigation bar includes 'Home > COMMUNITY > JES'. A warning message states: 'THIS SITE IS FOR TESTING AND DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY'. A progress indicator shows '4 Upload Your Manuscript and Related Items'. The form includes fields for 'Name/Email' (Promita Chatterji -pchatterj@bepress.com), 'Institution' (bepress), and 'Order' (1st author). There is a section for 'about your Submission...' and a 'Search' field. The bottom right corner displays the ISSN: 1234-4321.

Custom workflows created with guidance from DC consultants



The screenshot shows the bepress submission management interface for the Journal of Earth Science. The interface includes a navigation menu on the left with options like 'My Submissions', 'Batch upload XML', and 'Batch upload Excel'. The main area has a search and filter section with callouts: 'batch upload & revise' pointing to the upload options, 'unique view for each editor' pointing to the 'Assigned to' dropdown, and 'search for article by status' pointing to the 'State' dropdown. Below this is a table of submissions with callouts: 'red dot tells you which articles need attention' pointing to a red dot in the 'Waiting for Editor' column, and another callout pointing to the 'Last Event' column.

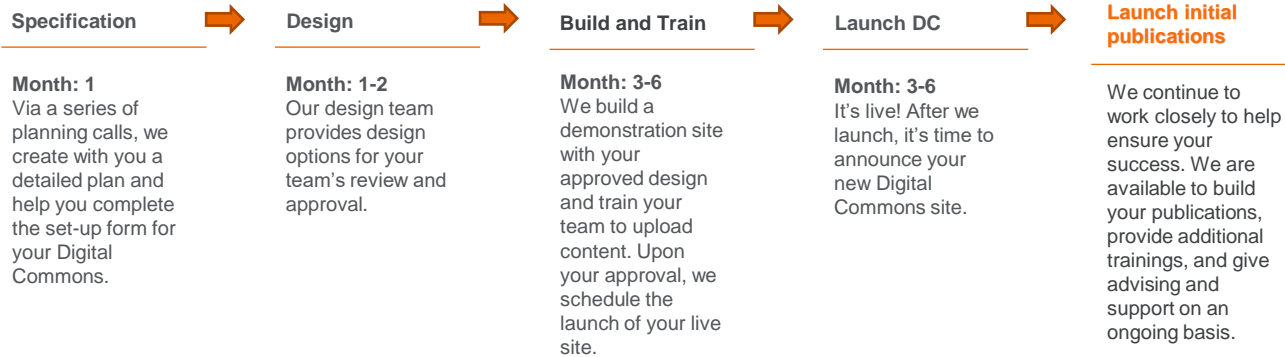
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1054	Sample Author	global court cases	Review completed	Tue Dec 13 2011	.	Article		vol1/iss2	Cowan	due Tue Feb 21 2012	
1053	Sample Author	global perspectives	Reviewer commits to review	Mon Dec 12 2011	.	Article		vol1/iss2	Cowan	due Mon Feb 20 2012	
1051	Tim Tamminga	Title of an article	Editor assigned	Thu Oct 27 2011	.	Article		vol1/iss2	Tamminga	due Thu Oct 13 2011	
1050	Tim Tamminga	An article	Editor assigned	Tue Jul 26 2011	.	Article		Assign	Cowan	due Tue Oct 4 2011	
1048	Author ZeroOne	Test Title	Editor assigned	Thu Apr 28 2011	.	Article	.	vol1/iss2	Cowan	due Fri Apr 8 2011	
1044	Author Teng	Test Paper	Editor assigned	Tue Oct 26 2010	.	Article		Assign	Cowan	due Tue Jan 4 2011	
1043	Sample Author	Beach ecology of North Florida	Editor assigned	Fri Oct 22 2010	.	Article		Assign	French	due Fri Dec 31 2010	
1042	Annie Teng	Bush Administration attacks th...	Review completed	Wed Oct 20 2010	.	Article		vol1/iss2	French	due Wed Dec 29 2010	
1041	Author Teng	Test Sample #4 Lewis	Minor revisions requested	Tue Oct 26 2010	.	Article		vol1/iss2	Tamminga	made in 4 days	
1040	Ann E. Taylor	Review of Cool Philosophy Stuff	Reviewer commits to review	Mon Oct 11 2010	.	Book Review		Assign	Cowan	due Thu Dec 9 2010	
1039	Courtney Author	Test Article	Editor assigned	Wed Sep 29 2010	.	Article		Assign	Cowan	due Wed Dec 8 2010	
1038	Sample Author	The Everglades deterioration a...	Editor assigned	Thu Sep 9 2010	.	Article		vol1/iss2	Tamminga	due Thu Nov 18 2010	
1037	Sample Author	The McAbee flora of British Co...	Review completed	Fri Oct 8 2010	.	Article		Assign	odoherly	due Thu Nov 18 2010	

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DC Implementation Plan

Digital Commons Launch Steps: 3-6 Months



While we work together to launch your site, your team will create internal policies and workflows, prepare content to upload, and engage stakeholders at your institution.

Some launch in as little as 4-6 weeks, depending on customer readiness. Exact timelines will be customized during the Specification phase. Customers should have available:

- A primary project manager
- Resources or a team with the capacity to prepare and upload content to Digital Commons
- IT contact who can setup secure, registered URL (typically your institution's own URL)
- Design requirements: logo, guidelines

Dedicated development squads keep you up-to-date

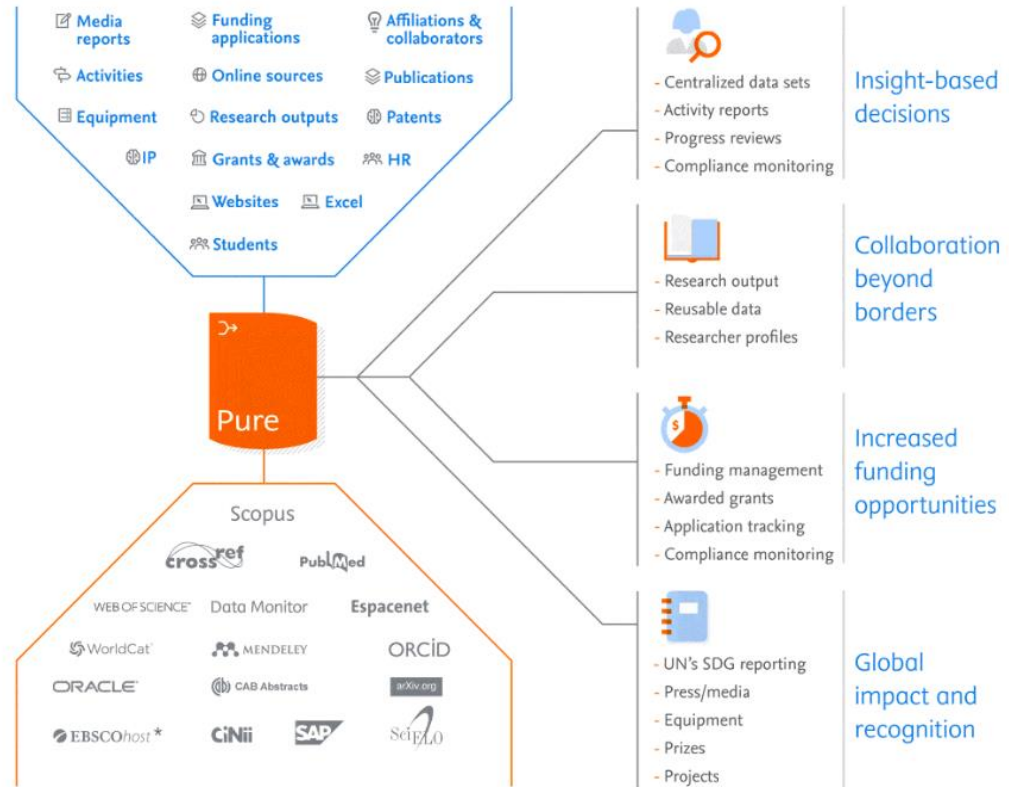
- ✓ Our in-house team of engineers and product managers ensure that every customer benefits from:
 - ✓ New features
 - ✓ The latest updates
 - ✓ Stringent privacy and security measures
 - ✓ High accessibility standards
 - ✓ Cloud-based hosting with unlimited storage
 - ✓ >99.9% uptime and access

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Pure Data Model and DC integration

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2. Capture the whole research life cycle.
3. Make data-driven decisions.
4. Showcase and enhance collaborations.

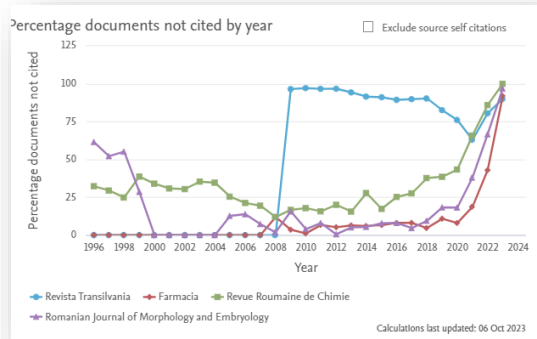


*Some import sources require subscription

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Workshop on preparing journal for submission to Scopus and journal's strategic development with Scopus and SciVal



- If you are preparing your journal for submission to Scopus
- If your portfolio has not enough articles to publish
- Submitted articles do not correspond to the journal's subject areas and journal's development strategy
- Submitted articles are not actual for the world scientific community
- Most authors are from the same organization and country and journal is experiencing "starvation" for new authors
- Only limited number of frequently published authors know about the journal and submit their articles just to reach scientometric goals
- Due to the lack of reviewers, current reviewers have to review non-core manuscripts
- Published articles do not attract the attention of the readers, a large number of articles remain uncited or have low citation

Topic Cluster TC193: Adsorption; Adsorbents; Activated Carbon

2018 to >2023

Summary Institutions Countries & Regions Authors Scopus Sources Keyphrases Topics

Top authors

Worldwide Romania

Table Chart Metric guidance Add to Reporting Expert

Top 500 authors in this Topic Cluster, by Scholarly Output

Rank	Author	Affiliation	Scholarly Output	View Count	Field-Weighted Citation Impact	h-index
238	Carmen Chiriac, Mariana Carmen Balilescu	ROU University of Bucharest	2	28	2.88	43
212	Andronescu, Ecaterina	ROU Romanian Academy	2	93	4.23	42
9	Gavrilescu, M.	ROU Gh. Asachi Technical University	17	298	1.84	41
425	Laaksonen, Aatto L.	CHN Nanjing Tech University	1	32	0.39	41
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