

The International Society for Scientometrics and Informetrics ends support for Journal of Informetrics, launches new open-access journal Quantitative Science Studies

January 14th, 2019. The International Society for Scientometrics and Informetrics (ISSI) is pleased to announce the launch of a new journal, *Quantitative Science Studies (QSS)*. *QSS* is owned by ISSI, the primary scholarly and professional society for scientometrics and informetrics, and will be published jointly with the MIT Press in compliance with fair open access principles. *QSS* will be a journal run for and by the scientometric community. The initial editorial board will be fully constituted by the former editorial board of the *Journal of Informetrics (JOI)*, an Elsevier-owned journal.

The transition of the editorial board from *JOI* to *QSS* was initiated by the unanimous resignation, on January 10th, 2019, of all members of the *JOI* editorial board. The editorial board members are in agreement that (1) scholarly journals should be owned by the scholarly community rather than by commercial publishers, (2) journals should be open access under fair principles, and (3) publishers should make their citation data freely available. These conditions were not accepted by Elsevier, prompting the termination of the relationship with this publisher.

The content for *QSS* will be open access and therefore freely available for readers worldwide. Funding for establishing and marketing the new journal has been provided in part by the MIT Libraries. To ensure access for authors, the MIT Press will charge a comparatively low charge per article which will be fully covered by the Technische Informationsbibliothek (TIB) - Leibniz Information Centre for Science and Technology for the first three years of operation with support of the Communication, Information, Media Centre (KIM) of the University of Konstanz. The funds from TIB will be managed by the Fair Open Access Alliance (FOAA) to ensure that the journal is operating under fair open access principles. The MIT Press is also a full participant in the I4OC initiative, which promotes unrestricted availability of scholarly citation data.

QSS is now open and accepting submissions. Please consult <https://www.mitpressjournals.org/qss> for more details. For the latest updates, follow us on Twitter @QSS_ISSI.

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