

Preface. Journal's First 10 Years

When the ancestor of the BJMC – the series of scientific articles of the University of Latvia “Acta Universitatis Latviensis: Computer Science and Information Technologies” the editor-in-chief found that there was no more practical way to collect articles for any issue a year, the classic question “What to do?” arose. It was quite predictable that the edition, which publishes articles from only one university and is not indexed to the Web of Science or SCOPUS, would fail to attract the interest of writers and readers. This is why we formed a core consortium of co-publishers with the University of Latvia and Vilnius University, with the participation of the University of Latvia Institute of Mathematics and Informatics, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies, and Liepaja University, as well as some individual colleagues from Tartu University. The original goal seemed to be from the class Mission Impossible -- getting into the Web of Science with Impact Factor and SCOPUS with SNIP.

The way forward was not easy, because a newly created journal usually enters a vicious circle - to enter the Web of Science and SCOPUS requires a sufficiently high citation quotient of journal articles from editions that have already entered these databases. Who would read and quote articles from a journal not included in these databases? Slowly and gradually, however, it got better. In 2015, BJMC began indexing in the Web of Science (still without IF), 2019 – in SCOPUS, 2022 - SCOPUS started calculating the SNIP, but in 2023 Web of Science began calculating Impact Factor, and BJMC entered the third quartile for the first time in the SCOPUS ranking. Thus, the original, impossible objective has now been achieved and even minimally exceeded. An interim result, we would say because it is still possible to step up even for database quartiles. Would Q2 be a sufficiently ambitious next step?

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