

The Ministry of Science, Research and Technology
The Steering Council of the Islamic World Science Citation Center (ISC)

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Introduction

To enhance and elevate the contribution made by the Islamic Republic of Iran towards the generation and dissemination of science within the scope of the Islamic countries; to materialize the sage remarks made by the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran as regards the establishment of the Islamic World Science Citation Center (ISC); following the approval of the ISC in the 9th General Assembly of the ICESCO held in Rabat, Morocco, 2007, and following the 4th meeting of the OIC's Ministers of Higher Education held in Baku, The Republic of Azerbaijan, 2008; and approvals of the 623rd meeting of the Supreme Council for Cultural Revolution, 29/04/2008 (1387/2/10), the regulations of the Research Journals Citation Indexing in the ISC is conveyed as follows:

Article1: Objectives

The regulations complied here is primarily meant to address the citation indexing of the scientific and research journals in the ISC. It also intends to facilitate the evaluation and ranking of the OIC research journals on the basis of their impact factors. Furthermore, it would help to recognize hot papers, highly-cited scholars, as well as the quality journals, universities, institutions of higher education, research and technology centers, and OIC countries.

Article 2: Terms and conditions of the research journals citation indexing in the ISC

Having satisfied the following terms and conditions, research journals may be indexed in the ISC:

1. Journals Status

A. Securing the scholarly credibility from the authorities of the respective member country to be then approved by the ISC Steering Council

Note: The ISC Steering Council will make the appropriate decisions about journals which lack any defined authorization.

B. Publication ahead of time

Journals should be published prior to the time officially set for their publication. This means quarterly and bi-annual journals before the start of their due time for publication, and monthly and weekly publication before the start of the month and the week respectively.

C. Sequence of publication

Each issue/volume should be published on the set time. Combining of two or more issues into a single volume is not acceptable.

Note: Journals published with delay shall be referred to the ISC Steering Council for any decision making.

D. Journal website

Each journal should have its own website and be accessible through the World Wide Web.

E. Online submission

Journals are required to send online issues regularly to the ISC's Scientific Journal Submission System.

F. Authors and referees should be provided with online access to the articles through the Editor-in-Chiefs of the journals.

G. The bibliographic information of a research journal, particularly its full title, volume and number should be provided in English.

H. The journal should provide the mailing address, post/zip code, the telephone and fax numbers, email, and ISSN.

I. The journal should encompass writing standards using valid style guides for authors so as to achieve uniform references to facilitate the information processing in the ISC.

J. Journals should secure the minimum Mean Impact Factor (MIF) for the latest three years as approved by the ISC Steering Council.

2. Requirements to be met by authors of the articles

A. Authors should provide full titles, abstracts, keywords, references, and their institutional affiliations.

B. Full name of the authors, their email addresses, and institutional affiliations should be provided.

C. In case the author has received financial support of any kind from any source, it should be acknowledged.

D. The authors are required to observe and follow the style guides recommended by the journal as regards referencing and formatting of the article.

The above regulations which include an Introduction, two Articles, and two Notes, was approved by the ISC Steering Council in the meeting of Bahman 20, 1387 (February 8, 2009), Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran.

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