

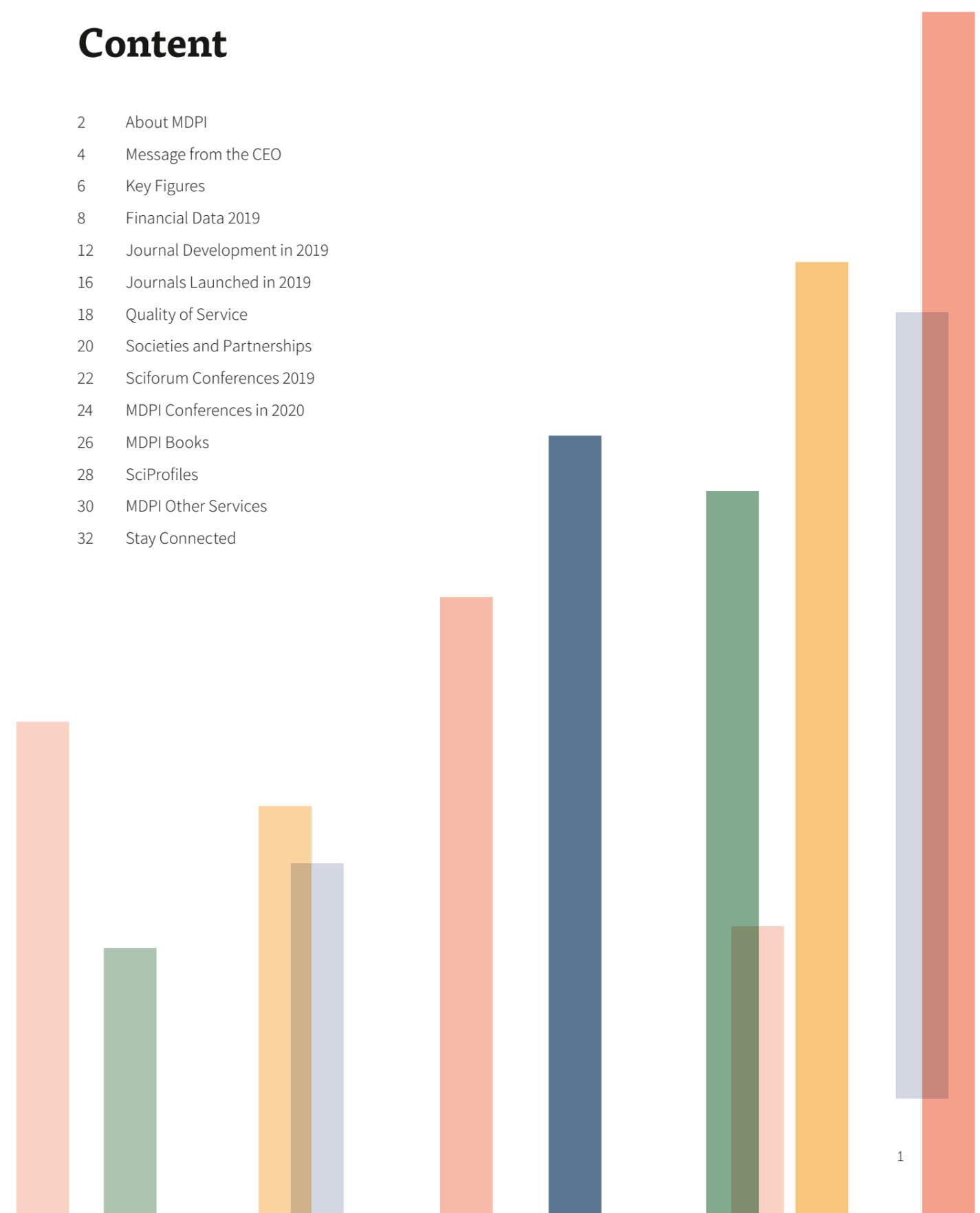
Annual Report **2019**



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since 1996

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About MDPI

► www.mdpi.com/about

Being a pioneer in academic Open Access publishing, MDPI has been focused on serving and strengthening the scientific community since 1996. In 2019, MDPI journals continued to make impact in a growing Open Access publications market. Our purpose is to provide a valuable service to the academic community. Our mission is to foster scientific exchange in its various forms, across all scientific disciplines. The driving principles behind everything that we do are the following:

Accessibility



We offer access to science and the latest research to readers free-of-charge. All of our content is published in Open Access format and distributed under a Creative Commons License, which means free distribution and the right to share and re-use published articles.

Speed



We publish quickly to ensure the latest research is rapidly disseminated, using thorough, precise editorial work. A first decision is provided to authors in approximately 19 days; once accepted, papers are published in 5–10 days.

Service



We aim to provide a service that supports scholars and their work. By offering a range of different options, including journal publication at mdpi.com, early publication at Preprints.org, and conferences on Sciforum, we support scientific communities worldwide to make a positive impact on research.

Flexibility



In a changing and evolving publishing environment, we are constantly adapting and developing new tools and services. By listening to feedback from authors, editors, and readers, we can make changes to better meet the needs of our research community and keep MDPI relevant.

Simplicity



All of our tools and services can be found in one place and prioritize user-friendliness. Simple processes keep our editorial process highly efficient.

Sustainability



In addition to being a key theme in our journals, we support sustainability by ensuring the long-term preservation of published papers and the future of science through partnerships, sponsorships, and awards.

Message from the CEO

I am pleased to announce another year of exponential growth for MDPI. In 2019, 106,152 peer-reviewed articles were published (out of 269,122 submitted articles), representing a 64% increase over the previous year. The further expansion of our flagship journals, the fast growth of some medium-size journals due to increased visibility in indexing databases, as well as the successful launch of a number of new journals, has helped us to strengthen our position as the leading open access publisher and has brought MDPI into the top 5 largest academic publishers worldwide.

It is not all about quantity, we cannot succeed without quality! Out of a total of 218 journals, 137 journals are indexed in the Web of Science database, of which 70 are indexed in Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) and the rest in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) and the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI). In 2019 alone, 17 MDPI journals were newly indexed in the SCIE database, 2 journals in the SSCI, 23 in Scopus, and 8 in PubMed. MDPI journals also rank highly in the Quality Open Access Market (www.qoam.eu) platform, based on evaluations made by librarians and academic authors. Several MDPI journals are also among the highest ranked in terms of number of verified review reports and expert endorsements in Publons (www.publons.com).

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The reason for our consistently high levels of growth over the last decade is that we are focused on offering the best service to authors and editors, through immediate responses, high quality peer-review, flexibility, and speed of publication. Simplicity is one of our guiding principles. We keep things simple, efficient, and cost-effective.

In order to ensure the best service to an increasing number of authors, in 2019 we opened five new offices in: Manchester (United Kingdom), Tokyo (Japan), Cluj-Napoca (Romania), Tianjin (China) and Bangkok (Thailand).

MDPI continues to be strongly committed to driving the transition to a fully open access environment. We therefore welcome and support the Plan S initiative from cOAlition S and other similar initiatives worldwide.



Delia Mihaila
Chief Executive Officer

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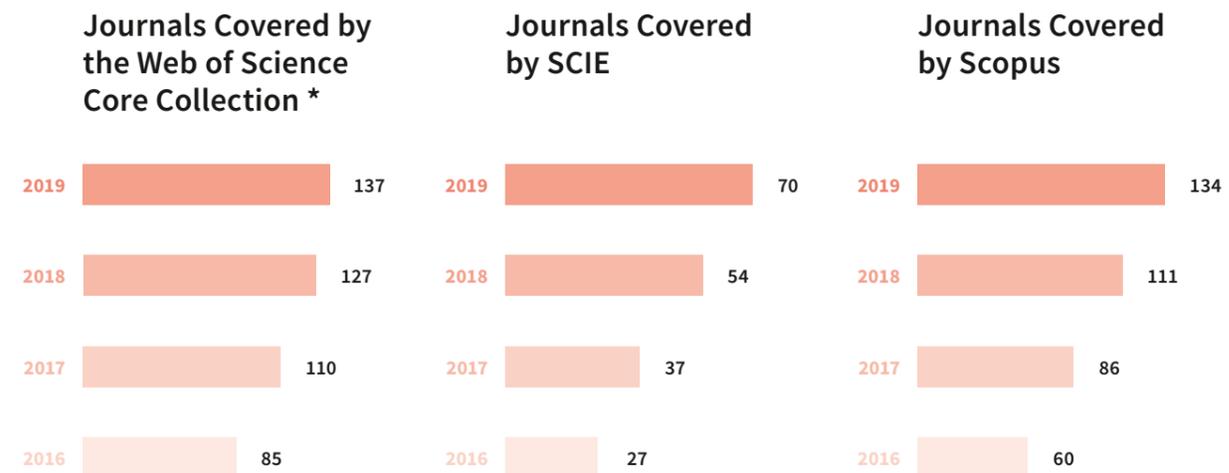
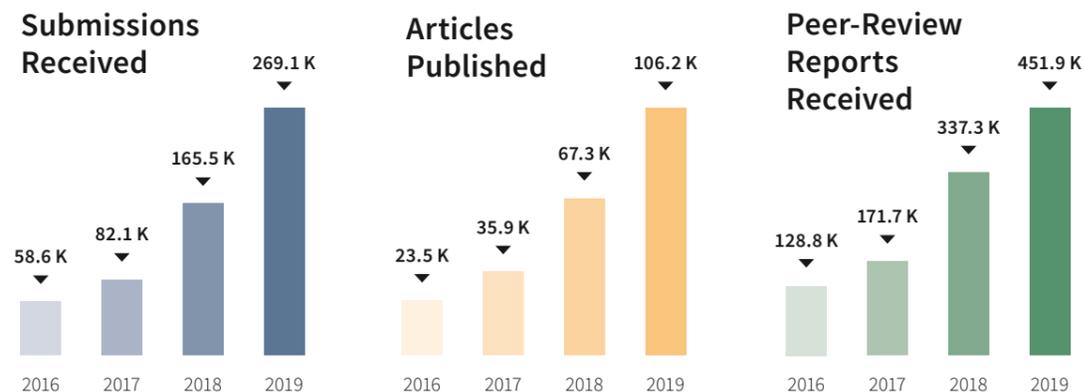
We are pleased to observe an acceleration of this transition in 2019, with an increasing number of authors and scientific societies adopting the open access model. We are well-positioned to support and assist scholars, institutions, and scientific societies to make the transition to open access. The number of scientific societies partnering with MDPI or affiliating to MDPI journals reached 95 at the end of 2019. The Institutional Open Access Program (IOAP) reached 658 academic institutions around the world. In an effort to understand the needs and challenges of scholarly societies in making a sustainable transition to the open access model, we organized the Basel Sustainable Publishing Forum in September 2019. The event was dedicated to learned societies, and videos of the fascinating and informative talks are available on the conference website. This is the first event of an annual conference series, for which the next topic will be announced soon.

MDPI supports a high level of transparency in scholarly publishing. As a result, we have published on our website a breakdown of how our APCs are used. To do this, we followed the recommendations from the Fair Open Access Alliance, an organization that promotes sustainable and transparent scholarly open access publishing. This step also makes MDPI fully compliant with the requirements of Plan S.

In our effort to support scholars in disseminating their research results as widely and rapidly as possible, we have continuously invested in expanding our other scholarly communication platforms and services, such as the multidisciplinary preprints platform Preprints.org, and the scholarly networking platform Sciprofiles.com. We have organized twelve scientific conferences, expanded our open access books portfolio, and launched article endorsement and recommendation functions across our journal portfolio.

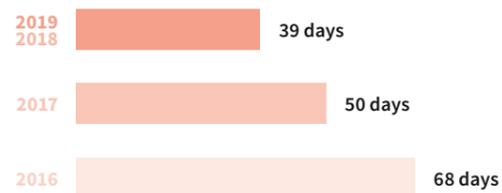
I would like to thank all our authors, readers, reviewers and academic editors for their loyalty, support, and dedicated work. We are also grateful to all the learned societies, research institutions, and individuals who have entrusted us with the publication of their journals or endorsed our journals. **We wish you all a very successful 2020!**

Key Figures

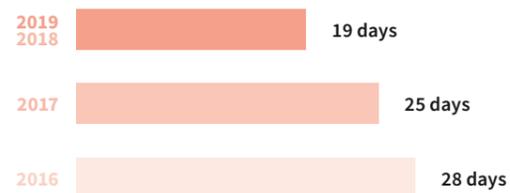


* Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, Emerging Sources Citation Index, Arts & Humanities Citation Index

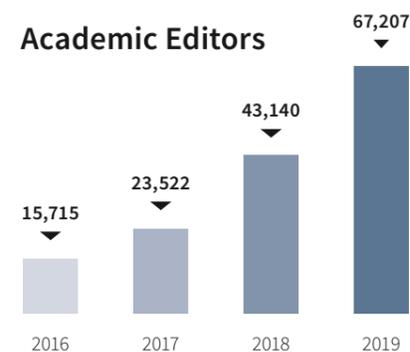
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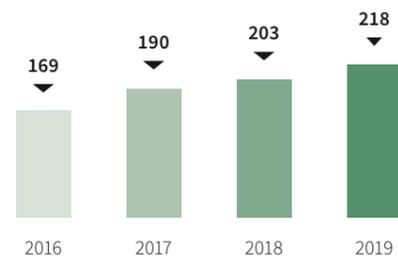
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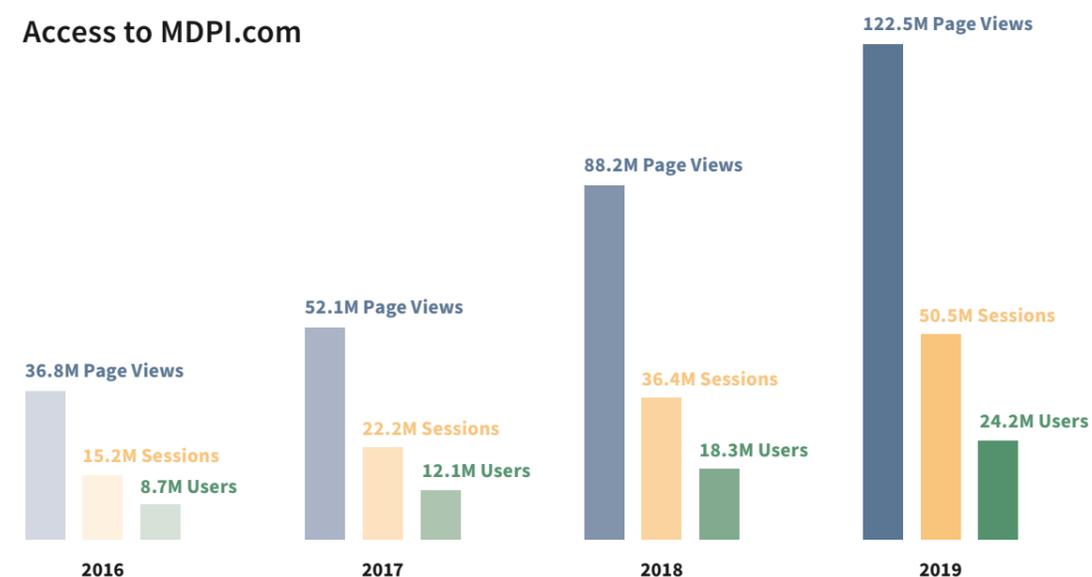
Academic Editors



Journals Published



Access to MDPI.com



Financial Data 2019

- For 218 journals, Article Processing Charges (APC) in 2019 ranged from 300–2000 CHF.
- Average APC based on price list was approximately 1525 CHF.
- The average (net) cost to authors across all journals (including those with no APC) was 1144 CHF per paper.
- The average waiver rate across all MDPI journals was 25%, in relation to an average APC of 1525 CHF.
- We provided discounts to authors affiliated with our institutional members of 10% or more ¹⁾, and granted discounts for physical conferences and e-conferences held at *Sciforum* ²⁾.
- In 2019, MDPI sponsored more than 400 academic conferences and supported 280 scholars, in particular young academics, to attend scientific events.

¹⁾ www.mdpi.com/about/memberships

²⁾ www.sciforum.net

To show further transparency, MDPI published a detailed breakdown of how APCs are used. In calculating these values, we have followed recommendations from the Fair Open Access Alliance 3), an organization that promotes sustainable and transparent scholarly open access publishing. This also makes MDPI fully compliant with the requirements of Plan S 4), a key funder initiative to promote Open Access.

³⁾ www.fairopenaccess.org/breakdown-of-publication-services-and-fees

⁴⁾ www.coalition-s.org/addendum-to-the-coalition-s-guidance-on-the-implementation-of-plan-s/principles-and-implementation

Service functions	% of total		Amount (Swiss Francs, CHF)	
	2000 CHF	1000 CHF	2000 CHF	1000 CHF
1. Publishing Operations & Projects	17%	34%	336	336
2. Journal Publication	40%	79%	790	790
3. Editorial Fees	1%	2%	22	22
4. Marketing and Communication	4%	4%	80	40
5. General	6%	12%	118	118
6. Discounts & Waivers	19%	19%	370	185
7. Surplus	13%	-50%	284	-491
Total publication fee per article (CHF)			2000	1000

Publishing Operations & Projects

MDPI develops and maintains its own electronic submission and peer-review website. We also run several platforms to offer different types of services for scholars.

- Preprints.org: a multidisciplinary preprint platform where authors can publish their articles free of charge.
- Scilit.net: a comprehensive, free database for scientists using a new method to collate data and indexing scientific material.
- Sciforum.org: an event-planning platform that supports open science by offering the opportunity to host and participate in academic conferences.
- Sciprofiles.com: a researcher-profile platform.



Journal Publication

- **Triaging:** Filtering of papers upon submission by internal staff and editorial board members.
- **Organization of Peer-review:** MDPI provides a high degree of assistance to Academic Editors so that they can only focus on editorial decisions. We employ in-house editors to invite reviewers, collect review reports, communicate with authors and reviewers, correspond with authors about revision, etc.)
- **Production:** Including copy-editing, typesetting, copy-editing XML and PDF conversion, and language editing. MDPI provides English editing by native English speakers for all accepted papers, included in the APC.
- **Proofreading:** Corresponding with authors to approve the final text and requesting any missing information.
- **Other Editorial Assistance:** Handling any questions and requests for support before submission, during the editorial and peer-review process, or post-publication.

- **Journal Management & Development:** The in-house Managing Editors track key performance indicators of each journal, monitor competing journals and the trends in the field. They also provide reports and hold discussions with the Editor-in-Chief and the Editorial Board.
- **Indexing & Archiving:** MDPI has a team dedicated to indexing relations who advise on the eligibility of a journal for application to be indexed in over 80 databases. Our team communicate closely with the contact persons at the different databases and receive regular updates on the status of applications. We dedicate time to keep ourselves up to date on any changes in the evaluation criteria or application procedure.
- **Long Term Preservation:** MDPI supports long-term preservation of all its articles in CLOCKSS.⁵⁾ [^{5\)} clockss.org/join-clockss/](https://clockss.org/join-clockss/)

Editorial Fees MDPI pays a travel grant or stipend to all Editors-in-Chief and a share of revenue to the societies whose journals it publishes.

Marketing and Communication MDPI allocates part of its income to the promotion of journals and articles through sponsorships of conferences, scholarly society events, and other promotional activities, as well as a series of awards to support researchers.

General

- Management & administration includes cost related to salaries of non-editorial staff and other business costs. They include all the fees paid by MDPI for membership in publishing organizations: STM Association, OASPA, SSP, as well as services such as Publons. Most membership fees are based on the level of income or size of the publisher.

- Taxes.
- MDPI supports the activities of the MDPI Sustainability Foundation, including coordinating the World Sustainability Forum and World Sustainability Awards.
- MDPI is a debt-free company and is not repaying loans or investments.

Discounts and Waivers

MDPI waives 25%–27% of its content every year. We are committed to supporting the transition of all research to full open access, so offer APC waivers or discounts to some authors. In addition, we waive and offer discounts from 15% (of the total APCs in a journal) in our most established journals up to 100% in our new journals or humanities journals. Although we display an APC on the website, in many social sciences and humanities journals we waive between 70% and 100% of papers; we display an APC in order to demonstrate to authors that there is a cost to publication. Even some of our well-established indexed journals waive 30% of publishing costs per year.

⁶⁾ www.mdpi.com/societies Members of societies ⁶⁾ affiliated to an MDPI journal benefit from a discount as well as authors affiliated to institutions participating in our Institutional Open Access Program ⁷⁾.

⁷⁾ www.mdpi.com/ioap

For journals in fields with low levels of funding, where authors typically do not have funds available, APCs are typically waived and cross-subsidized from fields for which more APC funding is available. For authors from low- and middle-income countries, waivers or discounts may be granted on a case-by-case basis. Applications submitted before article submission are assessed by the Managing Editor based on the quality of the research article and the authors' ability to pay.

Journal Development in 2019

Covered in SCIE or SSCI (Web of Science) as of 31 December 2019

	Papers Published in 2019	Papers Published in 2018	2018 Impact Factor *	Rank *	Category	2018 CiteScore **
<i>Actuators</i>	78	92	***			2.80
<i>Agriculture</i>	269	204	***			2.04
<i>Agronomy</i>	937	321	2.259	19/89 (Q1) 78/228 (Q2)	Agronomy Plant Sciences	2.59
<i>Animals</i>	1228	250	1.832	11/61 (Q1) 29/141 (Q1)	Agriculture, Dairy & Animal Science Veterinary Sciences	2.21
<i>Antibiotics</i>	281	112	2.921	40/89 (Q2) 109/267 (Q2)	Infectious Diseases Pharmacology & Pharmacy	3.23
<i>Antioxidants</i>	680	205	4.520	10/135 (Q1) 63/298 (Q1) 6/61 (Q1)	Food Science & Technology Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Chemistry, Medicinal	4.88
<i>Applied Sciences</i>	5767	2784	2.217	151/293 (Q3) 89/172 (Q3) 67/148 (Q2)	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary Chemistry, Multidisciplinary Physics, Applied	2.52
<i>Atmosphere</i>	861	505	2.046	45/86 (Q3)	Meteorology & Atmospheric Sciences	2.27
<i>Biology</i>	101	49	***			4.42
<i>Biomedicines</i>	100	117	***			3.33
<i>Biomolecules</i>	949	193	4.694	58/298 (Q1)	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	5.72
<i>Biosensors</i>	142	135	***			3.57
<i>Brain Sciences</i>	404	223	2.786	142/267 (Q3)	Neurosciences	2.85
<i>Cancers</i>	2118	558	6.162	31/229 (Q1)	Oncology	5.87
<i>Catalysts</i>	1094	694	3.444	57/148 (Q2)	Chemistry, Physical	3.58
<i>Cells</i>	1749	294	5.656	40/193 (Q1)	Cell Biology	2.12
<i>Chemosensors</i>	71	67	***			2.77
<i>Children</i>	136	170	***			-
<i>Coatings</i>	873	477	2.330	7/20 (Q2)	Materials Science, Coatings & Films	2.42

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<i>Crystals</i>	672	485	2.061	12/26 (Q2) 158/293 (Q3)	Crystallography Materials Science, Multidisciplinary	1.98
<i>Diagnostics</i>	240	89	2.489	46/160 (Q2)	Medicine, General & Internal	-
<i>Diversity</i>	262	132	2.047	91/164 (Q3)	Ecology	2.23
<i>Electronics</i>	1589	500	1.764	154/265 (Q3)	Engineering, Electrical & Electronic	2.49
<i>Energies</i>	4862	3591	2.707	56/103 (Q3)	Energy & Fuels	3.18
<i>Entropy</i>	1274	1002	2.419	28/81 (Q2)	Physics, Multidisciplinary	2.78
<i>Foods</i>	716	213	3.011	36/135 (Q2)	Food Science & Technology	-
<i>Forests</i>	1190	793	2.116	17/67 (Q2)	Forestry	2.32
<i>Genes</i>	1080	657	3.331	61/174 (Q2)	Genetics & Heredity	3.45
<i>Healthcare</i>	172	148	***			-
<i>Insects</i>	488	197	2.139	18/98 (Q1)	Entomology	2.37
<i>IJERPH</i>	5359	2963	2.468	67/185 (Q2) 38/162 (Q1) 112/250 (Q2)	Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (SCIE) Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (SSCI) Environmental Sciences (SCIE)	2.81
<i>IJMS</i>	6536	4159	4.183	78/298 (Q2) 46/172 (Q2)	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Chemistry, Multidisciplinary	4.32
<i>ISPRS IJGI</i>	589	495	1.840	31/50 (Q3) 19/30 (Q3)	Geography, Physical Remote Sensing	1.07
<i>JCM</i>	2315	601	5.688	15/160 (Q1)	Medicine, General & Internal	2.70
<i>Journal of Fungi</i>	124	138	***			2.39
<i>JMSE</i>	484	160	1.732	34/66 (Q3)	Oceanography	1.76

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** CiteScore data from Scopus (Elsevier), released in May 2019

*** Tracked for Impact Factor in the JCR 2019 Edition

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<i>JPM</i>	52	44	***			3.59
<i>Land</i>	197	165	***			2.15
<i>Life</i>	84	67	***			3.31
<i>Magnetochemistry</i>	68	57	***			-
<i>Marine Drugs</i>	726	535	3.772	15/61 (Q1)	Chemistry, Medicinal	4.57
<i>Materials</i>	4285	2655	2.972	102/293 (Q2)	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary	3.26
<i>Mathematics</i>	1248	368	1.105	75/313 (Q1)	Mathematics	1.04
<i>Medicina</i>	799	122	1.467	84/160 (Q3)	Medicine, General & Internal	-
<i>Membranes</i>	176	137	***			3.28
<i>Metabolites</i>	332	99	3.303	126/298 (Q2)	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	3.75
<i>Metals</i>	1394	1091	2.259	18/76 (Q1) 148/293 (Q3)	Metallurgy & Metallurgical Engineering Materials Science, Multidisciplinary	2.41
<i>Micromachines</i>	915	692	2.426	55/94 (Q3) 25/61 (Q2)	Nanoscience & Nanotechnology Instruments & Instrumentation	2.49
<i>Microorganisms</i>	774	132	4.167	34/133 (Q2)	Microbiology	-
<i>Minerals</i>	812	618	2.250	6/19 (Q2) 12/29 (Q2)	Mining & Mineral Processing Mineralogy	2.46
<i>Molecules</i>	4667	3449	3.060	68/172 (Q2) 136/298 (Q2)	Chemistry, Multidisciplinary Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	3.28
<i>Nanomaterials</i>	1828	1100	4.034	71/293 (Q1) 39/94 (Q2)	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary Nanoscience & Nanotechnology	4.21
<i>Nutrients</i>	3123	2053	4.171	16/86 (Q1)	Nutrition & Dietetics	4.51
<i>Pathogens</i>	336	95	3.405	45/133 (Q2)	Microbiology	3.65
<i>Pharmaceuticals</i>	189	138	***			3.80
<i>Pharmaceutics</i>	707	295	4.773	26/267 (Q1)	Pharmacology & Pharmacy	4.58

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<i>Photonics</i>	131	60	***	59/228 (Q2)	Plant Sciences	2.16
<i>Plants</i>	659	117	2.632			4.06
<i>Polymers</i>	2130	1429	3.164	17/87 (Q1)	Polymer Science	3.25
<i>Processes</i>	992	281	1.963	69/138 (Q2)	Engineering, Chemical	2.05
<i>Remote Sensing</i>	3105	2085	4.118	7/30 (Q1)	Remote Sensing	4.89
<i>Sensors</i>	5710	4523	3.031	23/84 (Q2) 12/26 (Q2) 15/61 (Q1)	Chemistry, Analytical Electrochemistry Instruments & Instrumentation	3.72
<i>Separations</i>	58	57	***			-
<i>Sustainability</i>	7414	4965	2.592	105/250 (Q2) 20/35 (Q3) 44/116 (Q2) 3/6 (Q2)	Environmental Sciences (SCIE) Green & Sustainable Science & Technology (SCIE) Environmental Studies (SSCI) Green & Sustainable Science & Technology (SSCI)	3.01
<i>Symmetry</i>	1565	793	2.143	30/69 (Q2)	Multidisciplinary Sciences	2.28
<i>Toxics</i>	65	65	***			2.84
<i>Toxins</i>	748	535	3.895	14/93 (Q1) 19/135 (Q1)	Toxicology Food Science & Technology	3.62
<i>Universe</i>	227	152	2.165	15/29 (Q3) 34/69 (Q2)	Physics, Particles & Fields Astronomy & Astrophysics	-
<i>Vaccines</i>	226	85	4.760	39/158 (Q1) 25/136 (Q1)	Immunology Medicine, Research & Experimental	5.43
<i>Viruses</i>	1193	738	3.811	11/36 (Q2)	Virology	4.03
<i>Water</i>	2739	1922	2.524	29/91 (Q2)	Water Resources	2.66

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Journals Launched in 2019



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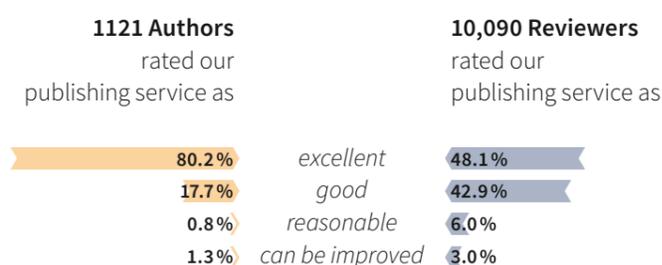
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Quality of Service

Publishing Service Rating

Source:
MDPI author and reviewer surveys 2019



Publishing Experience

By Dr. Maria Paz García-Caro (Author of Factors Associated with Suicide Attempts and Suicides in the General Population of Andalusia (Spain))

« I want to thank the rigor of the revisions made to the manuscripts to improve their quality, the support to the authors for the editor assignment system they have and the follow-up they carry out, for the speed in answering and in carrying out the entire process of revision, and for doing all this at an affordable price. »

« The journey from manuscript submission to first reply to publication in MDPI was highly communicative. The swift reply and continuous monitoring from editors and reviewers has motivated us to be part of MDPI again in coming future. Thank you so much for your wonderful services. »

By Kritika Poudel (Author of Analyzing Awareness on Risk Factors, Barriers and Prevention of Cervical Cancer among Pairs of Nepali High School Students and Their Mothers)

« I have been publishing for nearly four decades. The process with MDPI is about as good as it gets. The reviews came in quickly and were knowledgeable and fair. My response time was the rate-limiting factor thereafter: the editorial staff was exquisitely responsive to queries and revisions at every step of the process. The editing was excellent for both text and figures. »

By Professor A.K. Salm (Author of Increased Dementia Mortality in West Virginia Counties with Mountaintop Removal Mining?)

By Dr. Jonathan G. Frye (Author of Genetic Characterization of Antimicrobial-Resistant Escherichia coli Isolated from a Mixed-Use Watershed in Northeast Georgia, USA)

« The reviewers gave helpful comments that improved our paper. Even though the process included a second and third round of reviews and comments, the paper only took 14 days from submission to publication. This is amazing, especially with a thorough peer review! most journals take at least two months and I have had some take more than six months. Every other journal should be able to do this. »

« Publishing at MDPI was fast and very professional. Due to excellent reviewers we could significantly improve our contribution. MDPI's employees are a huge help during the whole publishing process; the standard is high but it is worth every effort. »

By Associate Professor Oliver Meixner (Author of Cow Milk versus Plant-Based Milk Substitutes: A Comparison of Product Image and Motivational Structure of Consumption)

More testimonials can be found here: ► www.mdpi.com/authors/testimonials

Societies and Partnerships

In 2019, MDPI's efforts to intensify collaborations with learned societies and associations of specialists continued, which led to two promising new partnerships and many affiliations.

In order to better understand the needs and challenges of scholarly societies in making a sustainable transition to the open access model, we organized the Basel Sustainable Publishing Forum in September 2019.

Partnerships

We established a partnership with the European Burns Association (EBA) in 2019 to launch and publish the *European Journal of Burn Care* (EJBC) as the association's official publication. The first volume is to be released in March 2020.



European Journal of
Burn Care

Additionally, the University Association of Education and Psychology (ASUNIVEP) decided to use the MDPI services for the publication of the *European Journal of Investigation in Health, Psychology and Education* (EJIHPE), which they used to self-publish up until now. MDPI will publish the journal in English quarterly from Volume 10 Issue 1 (to be released in March 2020).



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Psychology and Education**

Affiliations

In addition to partnering with MDPI for the publication of an official journal, societies may also choose to become affiliated to one or more of our existing journals. In 2019, thirty-four different societies and other scientific institutions chose this option bringing the total number of societies collaborating with MDPI journals to 95. To list only a few:

- European Membrane Society (EMS, www.emsoc.eu) to *Membranes*
- European Confederation of Medical Mycology (ECMM, www.ecmm.info) to the *Journal of Fungi*
- International Fuzzy Systems Association (IFSA, www.fuzzysystems.org) to *Axioms*
- Japanese Society of Mycotoxicology (JSMYCO, www.jsmyco.org) to *Toxins*
- Metabolomics Society (MetSoc, www.metabolomicssociety.org) to *Metabolites*

Services and Benefits

With over 20 years' experience in open access scholarly publishing, we provide technical infrastructure and editorial knowhow for a society's existing or new journal:

- Conversion to Open Access
- Editorial handling of manuscripts
- Fast editorial procedure
- Efficient and easy-to-use platform, www.mdpi.com
- Advice on strategic development
- High visibility
- Automated metadata exchange
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- Long-term preservation
- Hosting the journal back-file
- Retaining ownership
- High-quality reprints
- Reviewer benefits
- Membership discounts
- Optional and customized services

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► www.mdpi.com/societies_partnership

For more detailed information, please contact
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- Discount on the Article Processing Charges
- Free or discounted use of the conference hosting and service platform *Sciforum.net* by the society and its members
- Discount on the Book Processing Charge for Open Access books
- Support for annual events

Sciforum Conferences 2019



Sciforum offers the possibility to scientists to not only participate in, but to also organize their own conferences. In 2019, a total of 17 physical conferences were organized through Sciforum. Nine of them were organized by MDPI, and were hosted in five different international cities (Naples, Barcelona, Benasque, Lisbon and Basel) attracting a total of 1184 attendees. In addition, a total of 11 online conferences were successfully hosted in Sciforum. The platform counted 164,849 users in 2019 and received a total of 588,687 visits.

► <https://sciforum.net>

If you are interested in organizing a conference, please contact:

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2019 Technology Innovation Apero Series



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20th World Congress of the International Society on Toxinology



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3rd International Electronic Conference on Remote Sensing



2nd International Electronic Conference on Geosciences



5th International Electronic Conference on Medicinal Chemistry



2nd International Electronic Conference on Environmental Health Sciences



4th International Electronic Conference on Water Sciences



23rd International Electronic Conference on Synthetic Organic Chemistry



6th International Electronic Conference on Sensors and Applications



5th International Electronic Conference on Entropy and Its Applications

MDPI Conferences in 2020

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FEBRUARY

f32020.sciforum.net

**F3
2020**

F3 – Fighting Fake Facts in Basel (Switzerland), 3rd February 2020; chaired by Prof. Dr. Mark Eisenegger, Prof. Dr. Peter Seitz, and Prof. Dr. Max Bergman

viruses2020.sciforum.net

**viruses
2020**

Viruses 2020 - Novel Concepts in Virology in Barcelona (Spain), 5–7 February 2020; chaired by Dr. Eric Freed and Dr. Albert Bosch

MAY

**ICERPH
2020**

International Conference on Environmental Research and Public Health – Addressing Environmental Threats to Human Health from Pregnancy to Senility in Naples (Italy), 4–6 May 2020; chaired by Professor Annamaria Colao and Dr. Prisco Piscitelli

icerph2020.sciforum.net

**entropy
2020**

Entropy 2020: The Scientific Tool of the 21st Century in Porto (Portugal), 6–8 May 2020; chaired by Professor J. A. Tenreiro Machado

entropy2020.sciforum.net

**BSF
2020**

Basel Sustainability Forum: Precision Medicine in Basel (Switzerland), 11 May 2020; chaired by Prof. Dr. Johannes Mosbacher, Dr. Sabina Heuss, and Prof. Dr. Enkelejda Miho

bsf-6.sciforum.net

JUNE

i3s2020dresden.sciforum.net

**I3S
2020**

8th International Symposium on Sensor Science in Dresden (Germany), 3–5 June 2020; chaired by Prof. Gianaurelio Cuniberti & Dr. Larysa Baraban

JUNE

**Polymers
2020**

Polymers 2020: New Trends in Polymer Science: Health of the Planet, Health of the People in Turin (Italy), 3–5 June 2020; chaired by Professor Francesco Trotta, Professor Pierangiola Bracco and Professor Marco Zanetti

polymers2020.sciforum.net

AUGUST

symmetry2020.sciforum.net

**Symmetry
2020**

Symmetry 2020 – The 3rd International Conference on Symmetry in Beer Sheva (Israel), 30 August – 4 September 2020; chaired by Prof. Eduardo Guendelman, Prof. Dr. Sergei D. Odintsov, Prof. Thomas Curtright, and Prof. Raz Zarivach

SEPTEMBER

**ISFMS
2020**

4th International Symposium on Frontiers in Molecular Science in Florence (Italy), 8–11 September 2020; chaired by Professor Claudiu Trandafir Supuran

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**WEF
2020**

The First World Energies Forum— Current and Future Energy Issues in Rome (Italy), 14–16 September 2020; chaired by Prof. Dr. Enrico Sciubba, Professor Roberto Melli, and Professor Roberto Capata

wef.sciforum.net

**WSF
2020**

The 8th World Sustainability Forum in Geneva (Switzerland), 14–19 September 2020; chaired by Prof. Dr. Max Bergman, Prof. Dr. Ed Constable, and Prof. Dr. Antoine Flahault

wsf-8.sciforum.net

OCTOBER

icm2020.sciforum.net

**ICM
2020**

The 4th International Conference on Materials: Advanced and Emerging Materials in Barcelona (Spain), 14–16 October 2020; chaired by Professor Maryam Tabrizian, and Professor Filippo Berto

NOVEMBER

**BSPF
2020**

The 2nd Basel Sustainable Publishing Forum – The Global Transition to Open Access: Challenges and Solutions in Basel (Switzerland), November 2020 (Dates will be announced soon); chaired by Prof. Dr. Max Bergman and Prof. Dr. Ed Constable

to be announced soon on www.sciforum.net

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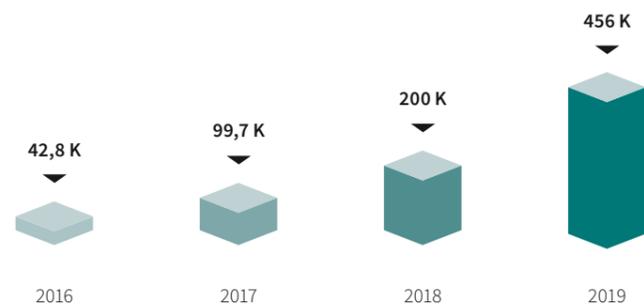
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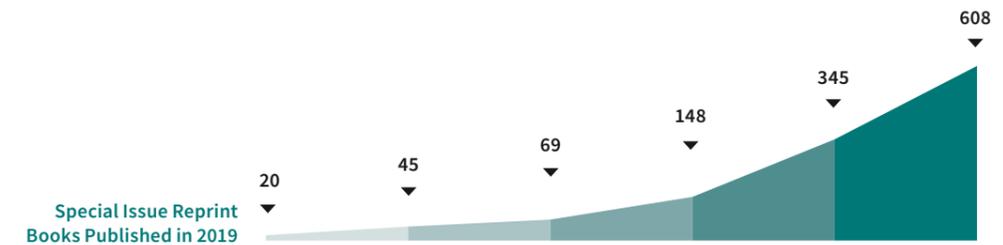
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We increased the reprint book production significantly this year (+76%). The increase in publications was primarily due to improved production efficiency. We designed all production processes to pull from their respective appropriate resources, thereby decreasing over-all time and effort needed, resulting in a low-cost and fast assembled end product.



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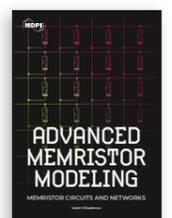
Featured Books 2019



Smart Textiles Production

edited by
Inga Gehrke, Vadim Tenner, Volker Lutz, David Schmelzeisen and Thomas Gries

Pages: 204
Published: April 2019



Advanced Memristor Modeling – Memristor Circuits and Networks

edited by
Valeri Mladenov

Pages: 172
Published: February 2019

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¹ DORA: www.mdpi.com/about/announcements/1124

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Encyclopedia

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