



Annual National Scholarly Editor's Forum (NSEF) Meeting

10 & 11 November 2021

Scholarly Publishing Programme Feedback



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Meet the ASSAf SPP Team



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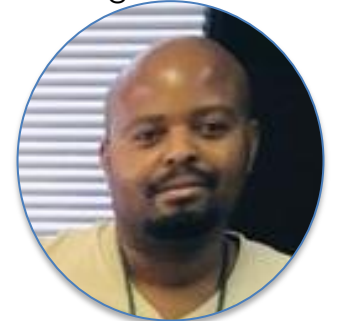
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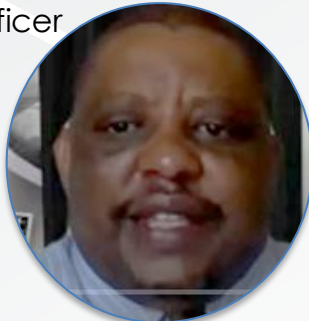
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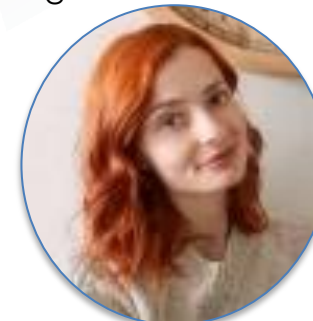
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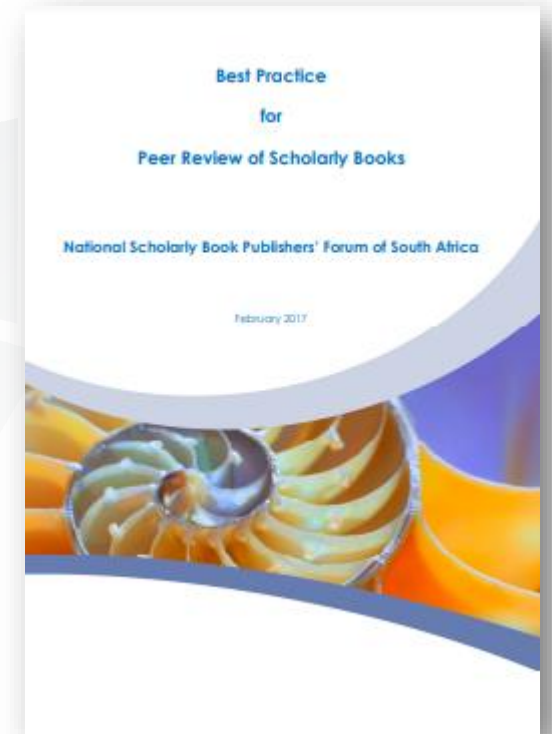
Committees & Forums

Committee of Scholarly Publishing in SA (CSPiSA)

- New Committee appointed in 2021
- Annual Meeting - 2x meetings on 06 April and 06 Oct 2021
- Input on reports, strategic decisions, etc.

National Scholarly Book Publishers' Forum (NSBPF)

- Annual meeting - 21 May 2021; next meeting on 15 Nov 2021
- Initiatives: Blockchain; value of local scholarly book publishers; diversity in scholarly publishing; publishing ethics and standards; publication funding models and OA; implications of the CAB for scholarly publishers; quality of South Africa's Research Publications
- *Best Practice for Peer Review of Scholarly Books* at <https://bit.ly/3GYsdkm>



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Committees & Forums (cont)

National Scholarly Editors' Forum (NSEF)

- Annual meeting – last meeting was in 2018
- *Code of Best Practice in Scholarly Journal Publishing, Editing and Peer Review* - <https://bit.ly/3C4MwJz>
- Scholarly Publishing Resources website
- Mailing list on Mailchimp
- Blog

SA Journal Database

- ASSAf's Database of SA journals (320 journals) – additional data updated annually



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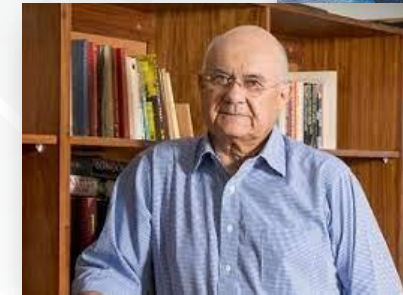
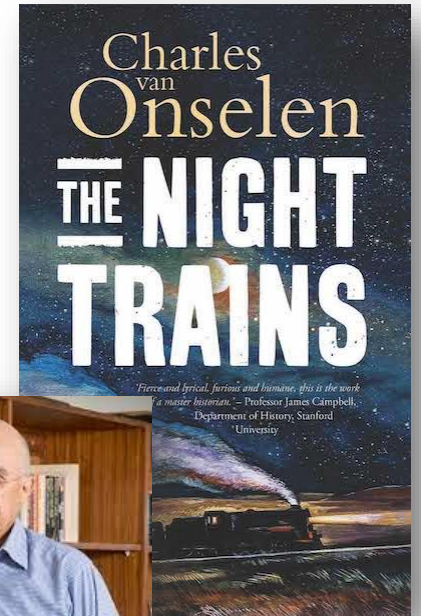
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Humanities Standing Committee

Humanities Book Prize

- Bi-annual Award for books in the Humanities, Social Sciences or the Performing Arts
- 35 nominations received
- Publication dates were limited to 2017, 2018 and 2019
- Prof Charles van Onselen, 2020/21 Awardee
- Award ceremony – 20 April 2021



Humanities Annual Lecture

- Series of prestigious annual humanities lectures since 2016 to highlight some of the social challenges SA face
- Purpose - to promote the Humanities in the country & to draw attention to the importance of the Humanities amongst school learners, university students, scholars, and the broader South African society



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Humanities Standing Committee (cont)

Humanities Annual Lecture (cont)

The 2021 annual lecture was presented on 05 October 2021, by Jacob Dlamini, Assistant Professor of History at the Princeton University, United States of America. His talk was on

“Crisis and Catastrophe: The Motor of South African History?”



<https://youtu.be/Mr7F-UvGqf0>



Crisis and Catastrophe: The Motor of South African History?



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POPIA came into effect on 1 July 2021

The Protection of Personal Information Act No 4 of 2013: A Code of Conduct for Research

Background

In South Africa (SA) the use of personal information for research is regulated by the National Health Act No 61 of 2003 and its 2012 regulations, the Department of Health *Ethics in Health Research: Principles, Processes and Structures* Guidelines and the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA) No 2 of 2000.

This changes with the coming into force of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) No 4 of 2013 on 1 July 2020 [<https://www.justice.gov.za/inforeg/docs/InfoRegSA-POPIA-act2013-004.pdf>]. All public and private bodies that are processing personal information have until 1 July 2021 to ensure that they are compliant with the law.

POPIA seeks to give effect to the constitutional right to privacy. In so doing, it balances the right to privacy with other rights and interests, including the free flow of information within SA and across its borders. POPIA adopts a principle-based approach to the processing of personal information. It sets out eight conditions for the lawful processing of personal information: accountability, processing limitation, purpose specification, further processing limitation, information quality, openness, security safeguards, and data subject participation. These principles apply equally to all sectors that processes personal information.



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POPIA Code of Conduct for Researchers (cont)

Working Groups

- Steering Group
To oversee process and to be appointed by ASSAf
- Drafting Group
To write and be appointed by the Steering Group
- Reference Groups
Experts consulted on an ad hoc basis as required/inform drafting of certain sections of the Code
- Forums
To update on progress and feedback



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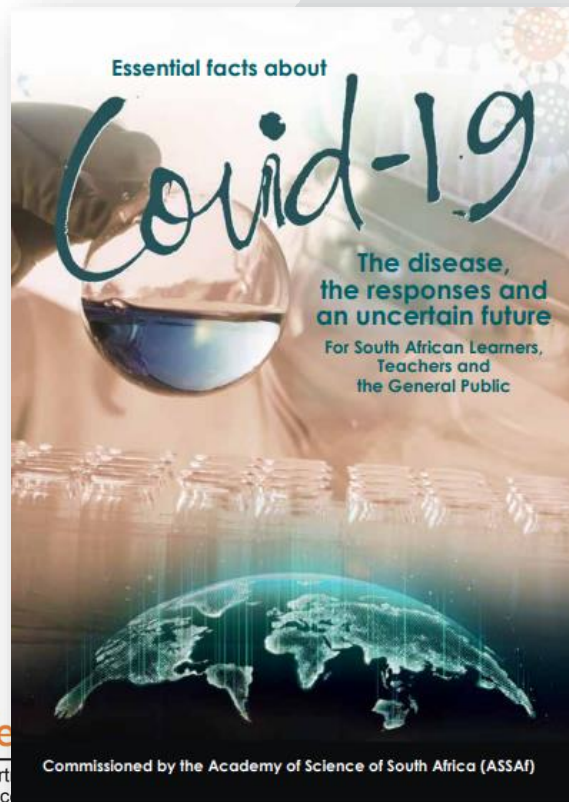
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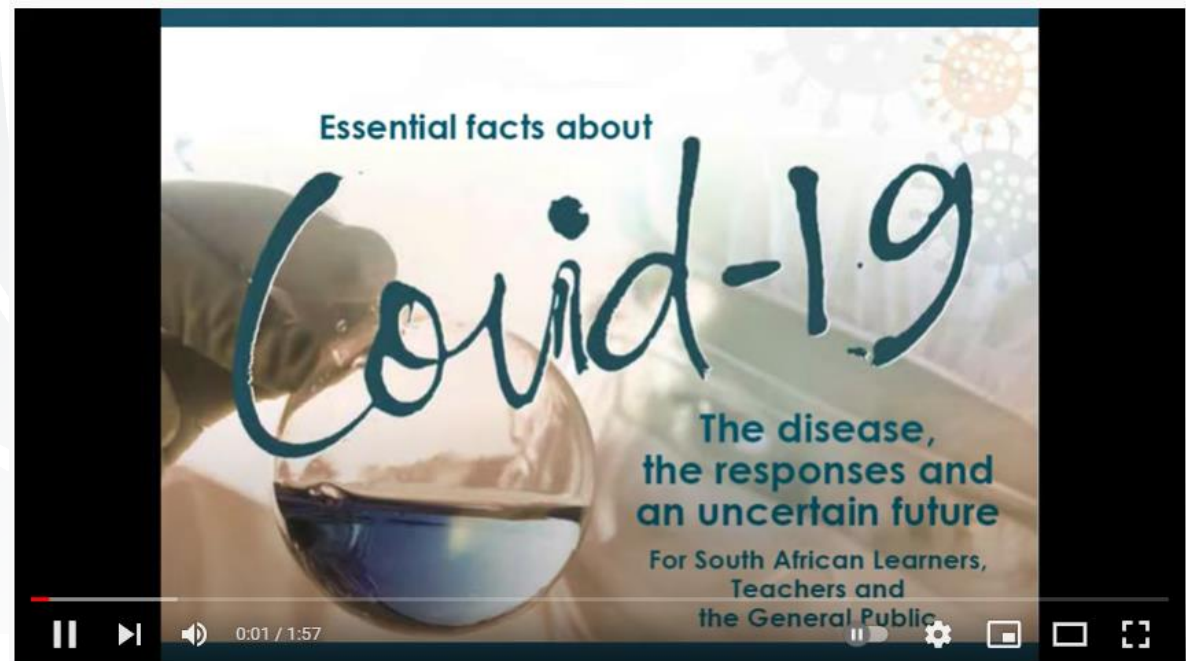
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Journal Peer Reviews

- 12 peer review reports published up to date (248 journals)
- *Report on Grouped Peer Review of Scholarly Journals in Mathematics and Science* published early November 2021
- Peer review of new journal applications for accreditation (97 journals reviewed) – on behalf of the DHET

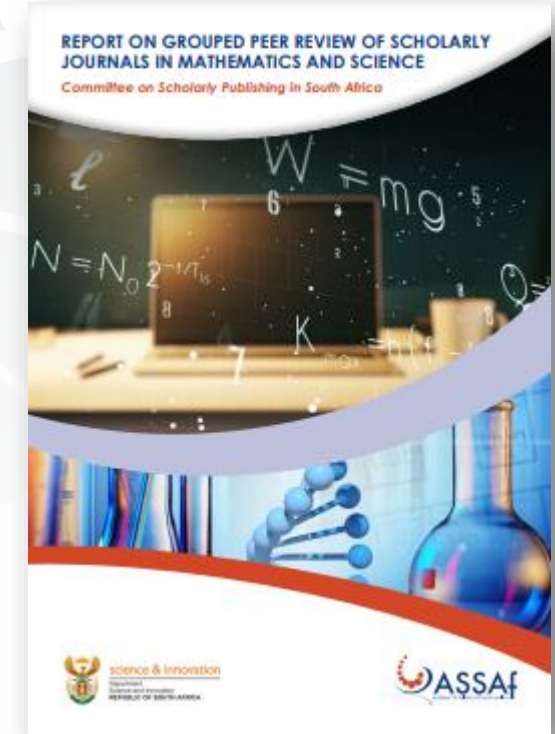
Peer review panels in progress

- Economics and Business Management (26 journals) – sent to ASSAf Council for final approval
- Other disciplines (48 journals) – panel members currently working on version 2 draft reports
- This is the last group in the 12-year cycle



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Scientific Electronic Library Online (**SciELO**) SA

South Africa's premier open-access (free to access) full-text journal database in service of the South African research community.

Scholarly journals recommended for inclusion by ASSAf subject-based peer review panels.

SciELO SA forms an integral part of the [SciELO Brazil](#) project.

- **Managed** by ASSAf
- **Funded** by the Department of Science & Innovation and
- **Endorsed** by the DHET / SciELO SA is one of the DHET automatically accredited indexes alongside WoS, Scopus and DOAJ.

Platform growth:

- The SciELO team adds \pm 300 new articles per month to the platform. Currently there are 40 000 articles on the platform and 2260 journal issues.
- The aim is to add one new title to the platform per quarter. Currently there are 83 titles on the platform.
- (3 titles have been removed due to non-adherence to the SciELO criteria).

Views via the platform over the last 12 months

Of the **34 561 744** views to date
close to **8 million** have been during the last 12 months.

Page Views

7,977,279

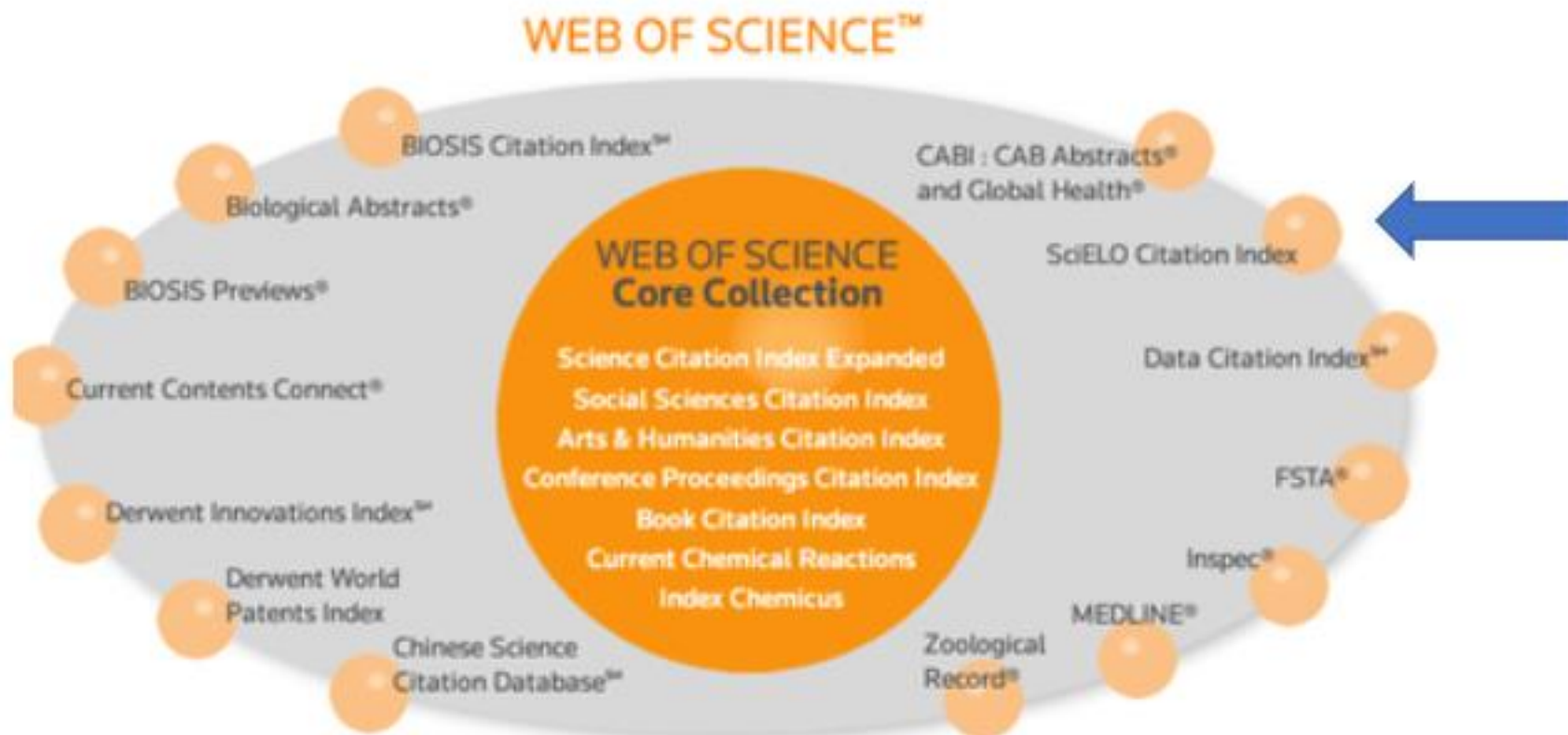


i.e., 23 % of ALL the views have been during the last 12 months.

Source: Google Analytics

Global reach/ Indexing

The **SciELO Citation Index** is indexed in the Clarivate Analytics Web of Science **search portal** which creates extensive global visibility of these articles.



Khulisa Journals

Growing peer-reviewed open access South African scholarly journals since 2016



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- 12 SciELO SA journals using ASSAf PKP Open Journal Systems scholarly journal management software (Khulisa Journals) - <https://journals.assaf.org.za/>
- *African Journal of Information and Communication* to be added during Dec 2021/Jan 2022; 3 more potential journals
- Read more at <https://journals.assaf.org.za/index.php/index/about> & join
- Editorial meetings on 6 May 2021 & 2 Sept 2021
- Bi-monthly communication to editors & journal managers
- Major upgrade from OJS 3.1.2.1 to OJS 3.3.0.7 (most recent stable version)
- Data privacy policy aligned with POPIA



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Statistics
Oct 2014-Sept 2021



Journal Title	Articles Published	Article Downloads
African Entomology	0	0
Clean Air Journal	473	65 487
Journal of Energy in Southern Africa	472	117 721
Obiter	477	7 315
Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal	949	507 734
South African Crime Quarterly	412	174 158
South African Dental Journal	147	1 084
South African Journal of Agricultural Extension	28	2 888
South African Journal of Science	1 471	637 384
South African Journal of Sports Medicine	516	183 060
Tydskrif vir Letterkunde	1 025	229 454
WaterSA	270	72 927
Total	6 240	1 999 212

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South African Journal of Science (SAJS)



- Introduced **Discussion Series** eligible for immediate publication – first series 'Discussions on POPIA'
- Introduced annual **Outstanding Article** and **Outstanding Reviewer** awards
- Added **LinkedIn** to social media suite



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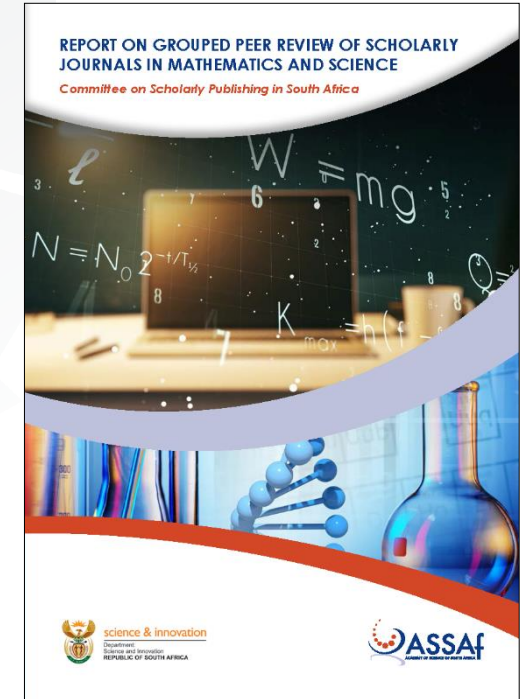
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South African Journal of Science (SAJS)



- Reviewed in ASSAf's Maths & Science Group of journals
- Reviewed and approved for inclusion in AJOL (JPPS three stars)
- Journal Impact Factor™ from Clarivate™ 2021 = 2.197



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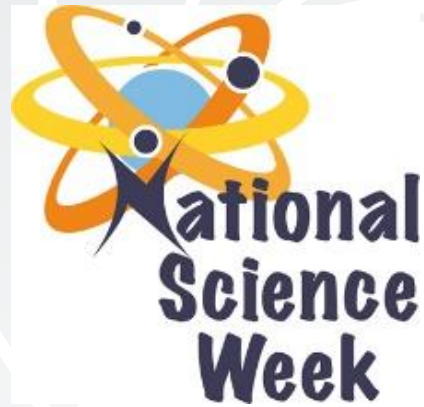
SAJS Workshops & Webinars hosted



**Writing
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**Writing for a scholarly
journal**
10 June 2021



**How do we know if and when
science makes a difference**
4 August 2021



**Behind the scenes of peer
review**
22 September 2021



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Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)

- ASSAf Ambassador (since 2017)
- 2x Webinars: Overview of DOAJ (25 Feb 2021) & Overview of DOAJ to Univ of JHB (4 Aug. 2021) – in partnership with DOAJ
- Webinar series planned for 2022 aimed at African journal editors & journal managers – collaboration between DOAJ, AJOL, EIFL, LIBSENSE, ASSAf – goal to increase DOAJ compliancy of existing African journals (specifically AJOL & 17 SciELO SA journals not on DOAJ yet)
- 116 SA OA journals listed on DOAJ
- DOAJ acknowledged as an accredited list by DHET since Jan 2021
- New website & branding for DOAJ <https://doaj.org/>



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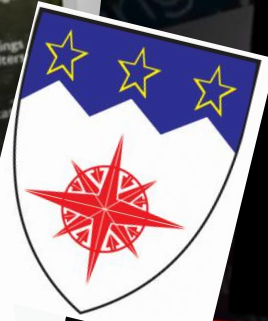
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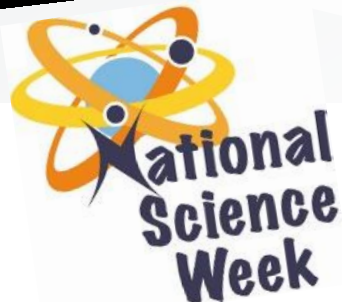
Quest launch video with Northside College learners

<https://youtu.be/BpSXGEEgBXM>



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Quest Magazine Website Launch

New Quest website

<https://questonline.org.za/>

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Tracking continents in deep time
Seeing below the ground
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Boosting computer performance – Spintronics
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

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Editor's Note
Magnetism: the forces around us
Magnetism is part of our everyday lives, but the variety of ways in which it is used is commonly overlooked.

Theme Features News

- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Boosting computer performance – Spintronics
- Magnetism in accelerator-based science
- Tracking continents in deep time – Palaeomagnetism
- Observing the Earth's magnetic field – Geomagnetism
- Birds, brains and magnetic fields – Magnetoreception
- Seeing below the ground – Geophysics
- Maglev – magnetic levitation in transportation systems



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Quest Magazine Print Run, Distribution, Editorship

Print run increased from **3 000** 2019/2020 to **5 000** in the 2021/2022 financial year

Distribution to selected schools and science centres in all 9 provinces

Editor: Sue Matthews

Editorial Advisory Board comprised of 8 academics/professionals including the Editor and 4 secretariat



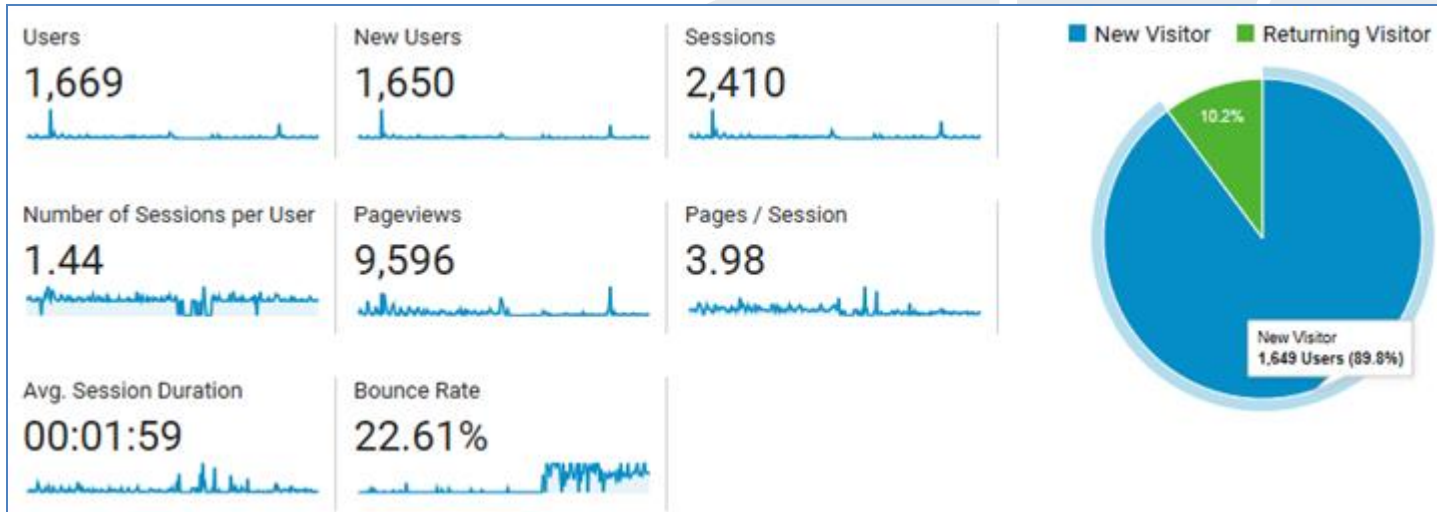
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Quest Magazine Impact (1 April – 4 Nov 2021)

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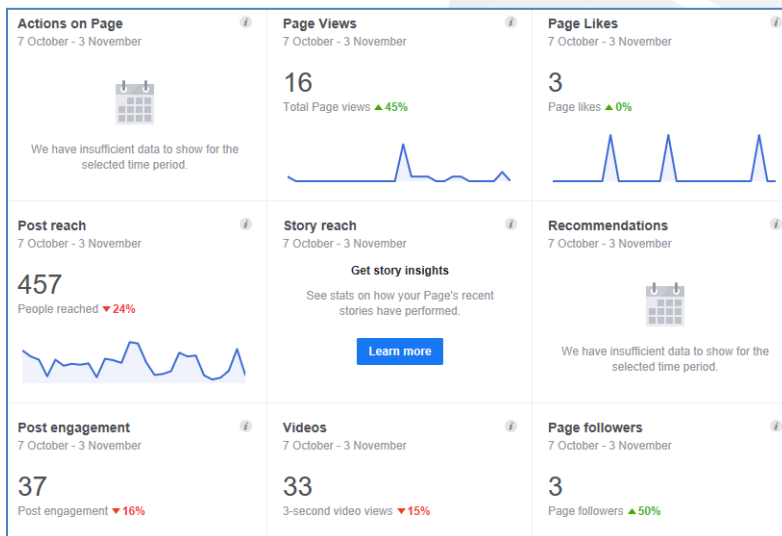


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	Full magazine	Article 1	Article 2	Article 3
Volume 17.1	900 views	116 downloads	98 downloads	95 downloads
Volume 17.2	365 views	214 downloads	208 downloads	192 downloads
Volume 17.3	246 views	176 downloads	110 downloads	94 downloads

ASSAf Research Repository (ASSAf RR)



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Total number of items on ASSAf RR	150
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	July 2021	September 2021
RR Views	113 545	127 777
RR Downloads	92 605	170 829
YouTube Views		3 798
YouTube Likes		105
Google Scholar Citations		530

Average view per item = 851 views per item

Average downloads per item = 1 138 downloads per item

Increase of 14 232 in views from Y2020/21 Q1

Increase of 78 224 in downloads from Y2020/21 Q1

ASSAf RR website visitors (1 July – 30 Sept. 2021):

Group	Number
Users	36,734
New Users	36,582
Sessions	37,753
Pageviews	10,650



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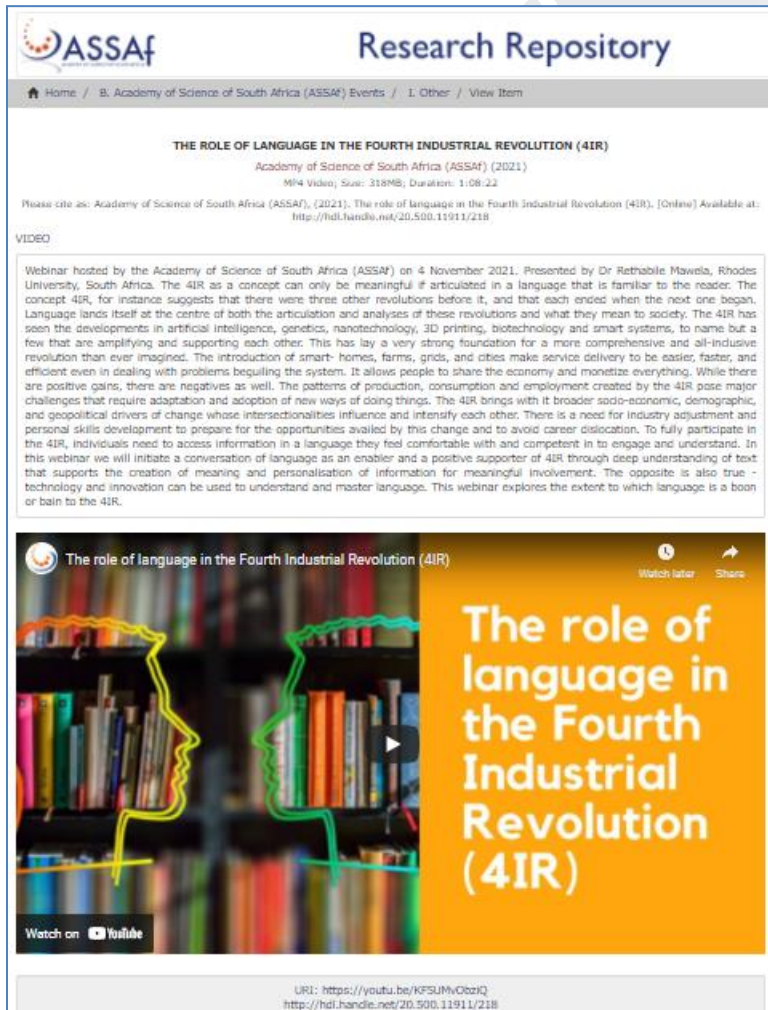
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Top-ten **downloaded** ASSAf publications:

	Publication title	Downloads
1	Status of Postgraduate Research Training in Engineering in South Africa	19 461
2	State of Research, Development and Innovation of Electrical Energy Efficiency Technologies in SA	12 604
3	Quest Volume 16 Number 1 2020	11 752
4	Twelve Years Later: Second ASSAf Report on Research Publishing In and From South Africa	9 034
5	State of Biosafety and Biosecurity in South Africa	7 257
6	Reconceptualising Health Professions Education in South Africa	7 080
7	Quest Volume 15 Number 2 2019	5 858
8	Legends of South African Science	5 010
9	South Africa's Technical Readiness to Support the Shale Gas Industry	4 763
10	Pathways to Success: Bringing a Gender Lens to the Scientific Leadership of Global Challenges	4 301

ASSAf Research Repository (ASSAf RR) (cont)

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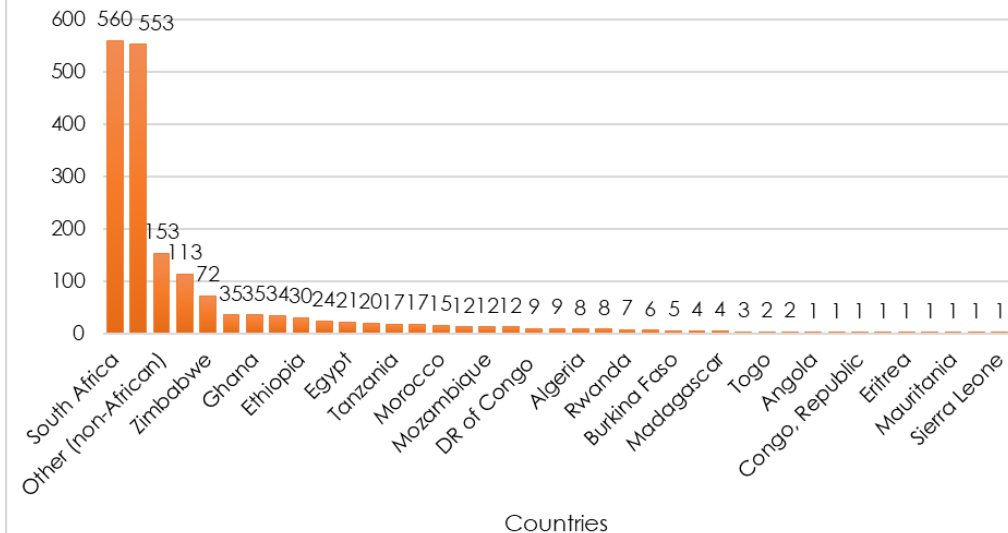


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1	Published	1811
2	Pending	6
TOTAL		1817

	Research Disciplines	Members
1	Life Sciences & Biomedicine	1035
2	Technology	470
3	Social Sciences	460
4	Physical Sciences	437
5	Arts & Humanities	115
6	Monitoring & Evaluation	37
7	Project Management	34

#	Age_Range	Members
1	41-50	551
2	51-60	428
3	36-40	308
4	21-35	296
5	61-70	175
6	71-80	48
7	80 and above	5

ASD members by countries: 1811 members; 38 African countries represented



Gender	Members	%
Male	1280	70,7%
Female	528	29,2%
Undisclosed		0,2%

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Connecting scientists, enhancing collaboration, stimulating dialogue ...

Re: Webinar invitation: ASSAf Science for Society webinar series - The role of language in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) | 4 Nov. 2021

PG To: Ina Smith
Cc: Ian Shendelana; Tsepo Majake
You replied to this message on 2021/11/02 12:28.

Dear Ina Smith

Thank you very much for the invitation to the fascinating webinar on 4IR. I will share the good news with my colleagues at the Zimbabwe Academy of Sciences, and will participate.

Yours truly,

Professor Gabriel Kabanda, D.Sc. (AIU, USA), Ph.D. (PWU California, USA), M.Sc. (Swansea, UK), B.Sc. (UZ, Zimbabwe), FASi, FZAS, MCSZ

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Re: Webinar Invitation: Air Quality Monitoring, Policy and Health in West Africa | 24 Nov. 2021 at 12:00 G

BT Bertrand Tchance Fankam <bertrand.tchance@uadb.edu.sn>
To: Micky Josipovic
Cc: Ina Smith; Ian Shendelana; Sarisha Perumal; Tirusha Thambiran; kevin.hicks@york.ac.uk

Dear Micky, Ina,

We at ASAQ are open to any collaboration and will be glad to join other researchers/groups or networks.

To my knowledge, there are several groups on AQ now in Africa and I have developed close relationships with some of them.

The webinar is intended to bring together researchers and specialists to share new findings on air pollution in west Africa. It's in our plan.

If you think a meeting will be useful, please kindly let me know.

Best regards,
Bertrand

Le jeu. 28 oct. 2021 à 07:06, Micky Josipovic <Micky.Josipovic@nwu.ac.za> a écrit :
Hi there,

Thanks for your info (ASSAf) and invite (ASAQ). However, I am surprised to find out about the existence of such a organisation. Belonging to the larger Information Network for Africa from SA (or elsewhere in Africa). Although that organisation was less (as far as I know) active over the last decade the others were stronger. Of course, I am not against other others being established, operating and contributing to the matters of AQ. However, I suspect that there should be more intell...

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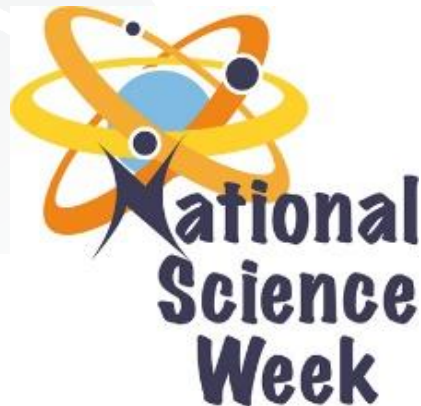
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Webinars (not mentioned elsewhere)

- The Status of Robotics and Coding in South African Schools (28 April 2021)
- ICT in Science – Towards empowered South African citizens (National Science Week event) (15 July 2021)
- The role of language in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) (4 Nov 2021)



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International Participation & Representation

- IAP Working Group - UNESCO Open Science Recommendation
- Research Organisation Registry (ROR)
- Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
- IAP Predatory Journals Working Group
- Crossref
- SciELO Brazil
- Other



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