

Editorial-in-chief-voice

Impact Factor reflects the Journal, Hirsch index is dedicated to you!

Dear Colleagues,

The impact factor (IF) of a scientific journal is a measure reflecting the number of citations to articles published in the journal within the last two years. Impact Factor is used as an indicator of a journal's importance within its field.

The Hirsch index (h-index) measures both the productivity and importance of a scientist's work. For example, if a scientist has a h-index = 7 then seven of his published papers have at least seven citations each. The h-index grows as citations accumulate and thus it depends on the 'academic age' of a researcher. Databases such as *SCOPUS*, *Web of Knowledge*, and *Google Scholar* provide automated calculators for h-index. Each scientific database may produce a different h-index for the same scholar, because of different sizes of that particular scientific base. *Google Scholar* has more citations than *SCOPUS* and *Web of Knowledge* and, thus, generates higher h-indexes.

The *Central European Journal of Urology (CEJU)* is now indexed in the *SCOPUS* bibliographic database. This achievement would not be possible for the Journal without the hard work and passion of our Reviewers, Authors, Editorial Board Members, and friends. The Journal will be also included into the *Google Scholar* database this year!

The Journal's registration in *SCOPUS* has a substantial impact for all Authors. From this point on, all published paper citations in *CEJU* will be collected and saved, which will allow for building an author citation index to include cited papers published in *CEJU*!

The *SCOPUS* bibliographic database is considered to be the most important parameter for scientific authors; it will allow authors to monitor the use of their papers in the scientific work of their colleagues revealing the importance of their work to the scientific community. It will also allow authors to track their citations. Finally, the *SCOPUS* database will allow calculation of the h-index, which is a very important parameter for scientific activity validation.

Registration in the *SCOPUS* database is also important for the Journal. It is the first step toward obtaining an Impact Factor, which will facilitate the rating of *CEJU* in the future.

I kindly ask for your promotion of the *Central European Journal of Urology (CEJU)* among your fellow scientists and scientific societies as "a Journal with a serious vision for future development".



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