

Editorial: Announcement of joyful news

IJABE has successfully been covered and indexed in Thomson Reuter's Web of Science Core Collection

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I received a formal letter in late July which was signed by Marian Hollingsworth, the Publisher Relations Director of Thomson Reuters, which confirmed that the *International Journal of Agricultural and Biological Engineering (IJABE)* has been selected for complete coverage in Thomson Reuter's products and services. Beginning with V. 6(1) 2013, IJABE will be indexed and abstracted in:

- ◆ Science Citation Index Expanded (also known as SciSearch®)
- ◆ Journal Citation Reports/Science Edition
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I am very pleased to announce this major milestone of IJABE's coverage in Thomson Reuters's five products and indexing services. IJABE has become the first SCI-indexed journal of its kind in China, which is a major confirmation of the successful establishment of the journal. The first official IJABE Impact Factor will be published in the 2015 Journal Citation Reports, which will be yet another major marker of the success of the journal. It is also a clear indicator of the success of the open access model, as I mentioned in the article entitled "Open access leads to success" published in the first issue of IJABE in 2014.

IJABE adopts an immediate full-text open access model, which means all the papers published in IJABE are freely accessible online immediately upon publication via the IJABE website. With this OA strategy, IJABE can reach a broader spectrum of readership by removing price barriers. A wider audience, in turn, has the potential to increase the citation rate and impact of the research presented in an open-access article; i.e., as readers increase so do citations, and ultimately the impact increases. IJABE papers have been receiving a satisfying number of citations according to the citation statistics of both Thomson Reuter's Web of Science™ All Databases category and google scholar.

IJABE is a peer reviewed open access international journal, which was launched in 2008. In the past few years, with joint efforts of editorial team and board led by Dr. Wang Yingkuan, both the IJABE with online and print versions has been growing rapidly, and so far the journal has been abstracted and indexed by over 20 world-renowned indexing databases including SCIE (SciSearch®), JCR, CC, BA, BIOSIS, Ei Compendex, Scopus, CA, INSPEC, Abstract Journals (VINITI RAN), Agricola, AGRIS, CSA, OCLC, ProQuest, Index Copernicus, Google Scholar, CAB International, CAB ABSTRACTS Full Text Select, Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries-Open Access Digital Library, and EBSCOhost.

In order to play a better and leading role in all management and operational aspects of IJABE, Dr. Wang Yingkuan will become the veritable editor-in-chief from now on after communication with and approval of the former editors-in-chief and leaders of the two sponsors CSAE and AOCABFE. As the editor-in-chief, I would like to take this opportunity to express my great thanks to all the section editors and other editorial board members who have worked for IJABE as volunteers for the past few years. Your vision, wisdom and valuable work have helped IJABE to grow rapidly and steadily. As well, I want to thank all of the authors for your great support of IJABE.

The high-quality papers you have published in IJABE are attracting ever-increasing number of citations. Thanks too to all of the current and former full-time or part-time editorial staff members, for your hard work and unselfish input. Finally, I want to thank the global community of readers for supporting IJABE.

We are continuing to update the editorial team and editorial board with increasingly active section editors and editorial board members to form the strongest and most competent editorial team and board possible. We will continue to insist on our rigorous peer review and quality criteria for future volumes of the journal. I hope all of you could continue your strong support of IJABE.

Thank you.

Editor-in-chief of the IJABE

Wang Yingkuan