75% of BioOne Complete Titles Ranked in Journal Citation Reports®

Thomson Reuters recently released the 2016 edition of their Journal Citation Reports® (JCR) detailing, among other statistics, individual journals’ Impact Factors and subject category rankings. As a service to its participating publishers, library partners, and end users, BioOne subscribes to this report to collect and make available relevant statistics for all participating titles.

Of BioOne Complete’s 191 titles, 143 are ranked in this year’s JCR (75%). In addition to these individual title achievements, BioOne enhanced its aggregate impact, increasing its category concentration in many of its core fields, including:

- Ornithology - 10 titles out of 24 total ranked (41.7%)
- Entomology - 23 titles out of 94 total ranked (24.5%)
- Biodiversity Conservation - 11 titles out of 48 total ranked (22.9%)
- Paleontology - 10 titles out of 54 total ranked (18.5%)
- Zoology - 27 titles out of 160 total ranked (16.9%)
- Ecology - 25 titles out of 149 total ranked (16.8%)
- Plant Sciences - 27 titles out of 209 total ranked (12.9%)

These statistics demonstrate BioOne Complete’s exceptional value for librarians seeking subject area coverage at a fraction of commercial subscription rates. With an average cited half-life of 9 years among ranked titles, subscribers benefit from the added value of BioOne Complete’s archival content.

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For easy reference by all BioOne users, statistics from the new JCR have been updated on all BioOne Complete journal pages. In addition, links to each publication’s current Eigenfactor analyses are also included (when available) to provide an additional statistical perspective and alternative to the JCR Impact Factor. Eigenfactor, a product of scholarly innovators Carl and Ted Bergstrom, scores and ranks journals according to how their cited articles “network” with other publications, both within and outside their respective disciplines.

BioOne congratulates all of its ranked publications, especially The Brazilian Society of Herpetology’s South American Journal of Herpetology, which received its first Impact Factor this year.

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New Partnership with UC Press for *Elementa*

After its successful three-year incubation period, BioOne’s transdisciplinary open-access journal, *Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene*, is moving to the University of California Press for its next phase of growth and development. As a larger not-for-profit publisher with an established open-access program, UC Press is the ideal partner to scale *Elementa* and allow it to have a demonstrable impact on an emerging field of scholarship. BioOne is thus meeting its mission to make scientific research more accessible by developing new economic models and fostering strategic partnerships to further scholarship.

BioOne launched *Elementa* in 2013, and will transfer the journal to UCP as of January 1, 2017. Over the past three years, *Elementa* has facilitated collaborative, top-quality peer-reviewed research. Its goal is to accelerate scientific solutions to the challenges presented by this new era, in which human activity has become the dominant influence on our climate and environment.

UC Press has a deep organizational commitment to broaden access to scholarship that tackles some of our world’s most intractable problems. The Press has already created the infrastructure necessary for *Elementa* to grow as it joins the open-access ecosystem alongside the journal *Collabra* and the open-access monograph program Luminos. Moreover, both BioOne and the UC Press operate with compatible mission and goals. We cannot envision a better place for *Elementa* to fully realize its potential.

*Elementa*’s real innovation is its intellectual structure. The science of the Anthropocene has the attributes of an emerging field of study, which engage an emergent community of practice. Although new fields—as well as new publications—typically require a long time to develop, *Elementa* has already established itself as a leader in its intellectual space.

One key to this success is the unique structure of the journal itself. By publishing articles organized into six knowledge domains, *Elementa* is actively helping authors present their research and commentary to readers both within and beyond their own disciplines. The inaugural domains, each managed by a highly respected editor-in-chief, include Atmospheric Science, Earth & Environmental Science, Ecology, Ocean Science, Sustainable Engineering and Sustainability Transitions. *Elementa* also developed a dynamic Special Feature and Forum publication program, currently with 24 Features and Forums in various stages of development and publication.

BioOne celebrates the foresighted institutions that provided generous support during *Elementa*’s incubation phase: founding partners Dartmouth College, the Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Colorado Boulder, the University of Michigan, and the University of Washington, along with invaluable contributions by the Greater Western Library Alliance, Texas A&M University, Duke University, and Princeton University.

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BioOne also encourages community members to utilize this information with appropriate caution. Unranked BioOne publications—many of them hybrid monographs or bulletins—still represent a wealth of critical bioscience content that enhances BioOne Complete and provides community members with critical information unavailable through other sources.

BioOne publishers may contact Lauren Kane at lauren@arl.org for a more detailed analysis of their title’s performance or for information on how to apply for JCR inclusion. We are also happy to provide participating librarians with a spreadsheet of BioOne Complete titles and relevant rankings.

Login Security Enhancements

As a digital publisher, BioOne values security measures that protect users’ personal account information and publisher intellectual property without impeding legitimate use. To that end, BioOne deployed a security enhancement called two-step verification this summer.

Two-step verification adds an additional layer of protection making it more difficult for someone else to gain access to your account. When BioOne institutional administrators access their administrator tools and profile pages outside their institution’s IP range, they are prompted to login using this two-step verification process.

Before clicking “OK”, you can select the checkbox next to “Remember this computer for 30 days” so you won’t need to verify your account again for a month. After clicking “OK”, you will be logged in.

For additional security, BioOne has new password requirements:

- 8 to 15 characters
- both letters and numbers (alphabetic and numeric characters)
- both lower and uppercase characters
- one or more of the following special characters: ! @ # $ % ^ & * ( ) _ + < > ? { } [ ] \ /

Consider the following when selecting a new password:

- do not include, either in part or whole, your email username or your domain name
- do not use consecutive numbers or dates, or keyboard patterns (e.g., qwerty, asdfg, 1q2w3e4r, etc)
- no simple or common passwords like “Passw0rd” or “Welcome1”

We recommend all administrators reset their passwords to meet these new requirements. Please contact the BioOne Help Desk at helpdesk@bioone.org with any questions.

Instructions

After logging in with your username and password, the two-step verification process will begin.

Step 1: You’ll be redirected to a page that will prompt you to enter your mobile phone number.

Your mobile phone will receive an SMS text with a 6-digit verification code.

Step 2: Enter the verification code on the browser screen.

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