

# BioOne News

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## BioOne Titles Demonstrate Individual and Aggregate Impact in 2009 ISI Journal Citation Report

Thomson Reuters' Institute of Scientific Information (ISI) recently released its 2009 Journal Citation Report (JCR) detailing, among other statistics, journals' Impact Factors and subject category rankings. As a service to its participating publishers, library partners, and end users, BioOne has invested in a subscription to this report, collects and makes available statistics for all participating titles.

BioOne's aggregate presence in ISI continues to be strong, with 110 of the 160 titles available in BioOne's 2010 collections now ranked (69%). BioOne ranked titles showed, on average, a 17% increase in Impact Factor from the 2008 to 2009 indices.

In addition, BioOne enhanced its category concentration in many of its core fields, further demonstrating its exceptional value for librarians seeking subject area coverage at a fraction of commercial subscription rates.

Some of BioOne's core subject areas include:

- **Ornithology** - 8 BioOne titles out of 18 total ranked (44%)
- **Biodiversity Conservation** - 9 BioOne titles out of 28 total ranked (32%)
- **Entomology** - 18 BioOne titles out of 74 total ranked (24%)
- **Paleontology** - 8 BioOne titles out of 40 total ranked (20%)
- **Zoology** - 23 BioOne titles out of 127 total ranked (18%)
- **Ecology** - 22 BioOne titles out of 127 total ranked (17%)
- **Plant Sciences** - 18 BioOne titles out of 172 total ranked (10%)
- **Marine & Freshwater Biology** - 6 BioOne titles out of 88 total ranked (7%)

For easy reference by BioOne users, statistics from the 2009 JCR have been updated on all BioOne publication pages, as in the

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### Save the Date and Call for Speakers

**Mark your calendars now!** The 2011 BioOne Publishers and Partners Meeting will be held on **Friday, April 22, 2011**, in Washington, DC. We have already begun soliciting proposals for dynamic meeting speakers. If you have an idea for a possible presentation or a topic that you would like to see covered, please contact us at [lauren@arl.org](mailto:lauren@arl.org). We look forward to seeing many community members at next year's event.



## Message from the Executive Director: *From Small Beginnings*

"Time flies." The very fact that this has become such an overused expression must mean that we're convinced of its truth—by how quickly the circumstances of our lives change, often so rapidly that one day we look up and find that everything is different.

I've had some time recently to think about such cultural microevolutions, both from a personal and professional perspective. In mid-June, Konstantin Delfino Rojas abruptly changed my status in life from "mother" to "grandmother." It was a privilege to take a brief "grandmaternity leave" to help the new family get settled and allow time for all of us to learn our new roles in one another's lives.

While on leave, sometime between the midnight and two a.m. feedings, I had the time to read the research that BioOne staff have been assembling as part of our effort to write a history of BioOne's first ten years, from 1999-2009. The history chronicles the evolution of BioOne from its conception on a napkin, through the organization's 2009 technological migrations, including the many lessons learned along the way. Rather than a self-indulgent encomium, the history will serve as a data-driven review of BioOne's development within the context of the macroevolution that is transforming scholarly communication.

As I reviewed the cumulative effects of decisions made during BioOne's early

days, it struck me how improbable the idea of BioOne seemed at the beginning. Even with the tremendous community support, the odds were slim that this initiative would last, let alone thrive. But BioOne has proven that it is a sustainable model by growing from the sketch of an idea into a complex yet flexible organization, supporting the needs of more than one hundred publishers, thousands of global institutions, and millions of researchers.

Looking at the newest member of my family, I can't help but wonder what his own evolution will be like, what obstacles he'll overcome, and what will motivate him to meet the challenges ahead. Like BioOne at its beginning, for now this very small child is working hard to take it all in. He is already gathering the strength and knowledge he'll need to adapt to the changes so that he can ultimately contribute to a future we cannot yet imagine. Time will continue to fly.

- Susi Skomal



Wide-eyed arrival of Konstantin Delfino Rojas

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example below. In addition to information

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 91/127 - Ecology  
 69/127 - Zoology  
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gleaned from ISI, links to publications' current Eigenfactor analyses are also included when available to provide an additional statistical perspective and alternative to ISI 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 of their respective disciplines.

BioOne congratulates all of its ranked publications, but 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 the BioOne collections and provide community members with critical information unavailable through other sources.

BioOne publishers are encouraged to contact [lauren@arl.org](mailto:lauren@arl.org) for a more detailed analysis of your title's performance, or for information on how to apply for ISI inclusion. Likewise, we are happy to provide participating librarians with a spreadsheet of BioOne titles and relevant rankings. ■

# BioOne Unveils New Mission Statement

As part of BioOne's ongoing strategic planning process, the organization is pleased to announce its new mission statement, reproduced below:

BioOne sees sustainable scholarly publishing as an inherently collaborative enterprise connecting authors, nonprofit publishers, academic institutions, research libraries, and research funders in the common goal of maximizing access to critical research.

BioOne explores economic models and strategic partnerships that balance the needs of all stakeholders, and currently demonstrates this balance by offering financially sustainable information services in the biological

sciences. BioOne supports best practices that increase operational effectiveness and technological standards that integrate its content with a global network of scholarly exchange.

We trust that community members find this statement consistent with BioOne's historical ethos, as well as supportive of evolving business and service models.

We look forward to sharing more information with you following the finalization of the strategic plan later this year. ■

## New Self-Serve Usage Reports Available to Publishers

BioOne is pleased to offer its publishers three new customized reports available via the BioOne Publisher Administration Panel. In addition to legacy and current publication Usage Reports, administrators are now able to generate Top Article Access, Top Issue Access, and Top Search Terms reports.

The Top Article and Top Issue reports detail those articles and issues, respectively, that were the most frequently accessed by BioOne users in the selected publication. The Top Search Terms report shows those search terms most frequently queried by BioOne users on the site as a whole. All three reports can be generated for a specific designated time period (e.g., all available years, 2009, or just June 2010). Information from these system reports were made available in publishers' 2009 Publisher Reports. Now, through this enhancement, these reports can be generated directly by administrators as frequently as they wish.

All BioOne Publishers are able to assign editorial and/or society staff administrator

privileges to manage their publications. Administrators may log in to the site with their email address and assigned password. If you do not remember your password, you can click "forgot password" from the log in screen, and it will be emailed to the address on file. If you still are not able to log in, or if you'd like to update your organization's assigned administrators, please contact us at [helpdesk@bioone.org](mailto:helpdesk@bioone.org).

Once logged-in, all reports are available by navigating to the "Publisher Administration" and then "Usage Data" tabs. Administrators are also able to update their organization's branding, as well as designate certain articles as featured and/or open access via the "Access Management" and "Content Management" tabs, respectively.

We encourage you to take advantage of these new features, and to contact us with any questions. ■

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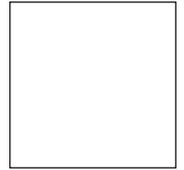
**Presentations from the 2010 Publishers and Partners Meeting** are now available for download on the BioOne site at [www.bioone.org/page/about/meetings/past](http://www.bioone.org/page/about/meetings/past).

This year's event, BioOne's seventh such meeting, was highlighted by a lively audience and dynamic speaker lineup that battled the elements (namely, that pesky volcano Eyjafjallajökull!) in order to join us. We thank all of our participants for their attendance and engagement in what has become our very favorite event of the year.

Available presentations include:

- **Biodiversity Informatics** (David Remsen, Global Biodiversity Information Facility)
- **The Landscape of Self-Archiving Mandates** (Amy Brand, Harvard University)
- **CrossRef Solutions for Publishers and Libraries: Multiple Resolution and Beyond** (Chuck Koscher, CrossRef)
- **Bringing Your Journal Into the 20th Century** (Lori Kelman, BIOS)
- **Reborn with CEPF and BioOne: The Rejuvenation of the Oldest Scientific Journal in Africa** (Lorna A. Depew, *Journal of East African Natural History*)

Whether you were at the meeting or unable to join us, we encourage you to download these thoughtful presentations and take full advantage of these speakers' wealth of knowledge and experience.



BioOne is a global, not-for-profit collaborative bringing together scientific societies, publishers, and libraries to provide access to critical, peer-reviewed research in the biological, ecological, and environmental sciences.

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