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BioOne's 2013 Annual Report

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BioOne Publications Make Strides in 2014 Thomson Reuters' Journal Citation Reports®

Thomson Reuters recently released its 2014 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.

BioOne's aggregate presence in the JCR improved to 74% this year, with nearly three quarters of the corpus (137 of 184 titles) ranked.

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 21 total ranked (47.6%)
- Paleontology - 12 titles out of 48 total ranked (25%)
- Biodiversity Conservation - 10 titles out of 41 total ranked (24.4%)
- Ecology - 34 titles out of 140 total ranked (24.3%)

- Entomology - 20 titles out of 90 total ranked (22.2%)
- Zoology - 27 titles out of 152 total ranked (17.8%)

These statistics demonstrate the BioOne aggregation's exceptional value for librarians seeking subject area coverage at a fraction of commercial subscription rates. With an average cited half-life of 7.5 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 2014 JCR have been updated on all BioOne 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

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Research4Life General Partners' Meeting

Last Thursday, I had the pleasure of representing BioOne at this year's Research4Life General Partners' Meeting held at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, DC. Research4Life is the collective name for four public-private partnerships that seek to help achieve the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals by providing the developing world with access to critical scientific research.

Through Research4Life, BioOne offers its full-text journal aggregation, *BioOne Complete*, to over 2,500 institutions throughout the developing world at no cost. The General Partners' Meeting provides a thorough update on all that Research4Life is accomplishing, and by extension, the contributions of BioOne and its publishing partners to

aiding scientific research and scholarship in the developing world.

One of this year's presenters was Nguyen Ha, a dedicated STEM librarian working in Vietnam. She spoke about the technical and cultural challenges she faces daily, and how access to research and training has improved the lives of those in her community. These changes do not stay in the library or in the lab — for instance, Ha indicated that increasing numbers of Vietnamese researchers are preparing manuscripts for publication, now that they have access to critical research on which they can model their own work. For these reasons, despite the obstacles still present, Nguyen called Research4Life "a treasure" for Vietnam.

As BioOne publishers continue to see Research4Life on the list of their publication's "top users" can attest, Research4Life fosters a more inclusive, and therefore enriched, research community. BioOne is committed to this community and is very proud to participate in this valuable program. To view the countries that have access to *BioOne Complete* through Research4Life and other philanthropic programs, please visit: http://www.bioone.org/page/subscribe/developing_world_programs



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their cited articles "network" with other publications both within and outside their respective disciplines.

BioOne congratulates all of its ranked publications, and 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 aggregation and provides community members with critical information unavailable through other sources.

BioOne publishers are encouraged to contact Lauren 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 happy to provide participating librarians with a spreadsheet of BioOne titles and relevant rankings. ■

BioOne and ReadCube: Improving Discoverability and User Experience

BioOne is pleased to announce a new collaboration with ReadCube to increase BioOne content discoverability and enhance user experience. ReadCube, backed by Digital Science, a division of Macmillan Publishers Ltd. and a sister company of Nature Publishing Group, aims to “improve the pace of scientific discovery” through their researcher toolkit. “BioOne’s collection of content,” said Robert McGrath, CEO of ReadCube, “brings great value to our user community.”

The BioOne-ReadCube collaboration aims to support libraries and researchers in their efforts to simplify search. Through ReadCube, *BioOne Complete* articles will be accessible to researchers through a simple interface, sourcing the full text from any channel to which the end user has access (e.g. via IP authentication, link resolver, or mobile access).

BioOne Complete PDFs accessed through ReadCube will have enhanced features. ReadCube provides an innovative reading experience that draws from the best of both the traditional PDF and

HTML article pages. ReadCube’s “Enhanced PDF” takes the PDF aesthetic, and adds additional content and functionality, from hyperlinking the in-line citations (for easy literature review) to offering annotation tools, to showing advanced metrics of impact for the article, and beyond.



About ReadCube

In the world of consumer technology, there’s quite literally an app for everything. Not so in the research world; scholars are historically underserved when it comes to software. ReadCube was born from this challenge, and the idea that researchers deserve the same sort of great software enjoyed by the average consumer. ReadCube’s free desktop, web, and mobile apps were designed to address major components of the literature cycle, particularly discovery, acquisition, and actual reading. More than 10,000 articles are published every week in life sciences alone. Thus,

finding the most relevant content can be a challenge for any researcher. In addition to integrating the usual search engines (e.g. PubMed, Google Scholar), ReadCube provides daily personalized article recommendations. The suggested articles keep researchers on top of their field, and often introduce them to emerging topics they may not have found otherwise. With all *BioOne Complete* titles integrated with the ReadCube platform and services, *BioOne Complete* articles will now be candidates for these personalized research recommendations, and thus further increase the journals’ discoverability in ways not previously available. ■

Save the Date & Call for Speakers



April 24, 2015

Next year’s BioOne Publishers and Partners Meeting will be held on Friday, April 24, 2015 at the American Geophysical Union in Washington, DC. We are beginning to solicit proposals for dynamic meeting speakers. If you have an idea for a presentation or a topic that would be of use to you, please contact us at lauren@arl.org.

We look forward to welcoming many community members at next year’s event. As you make your plans, we would like to remind you that a limited number of Goldstein Travel Grants will be available to help defray the cost of attendance.

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.

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