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9th VOLUME 2017

Published in 2017

- **4 issues**
- Of it 2 standard numbers, 2 special numbers
- **47 articles,**
- Of it 45 research papers and 2 short communications
- 849 pages
- 182 authors from 21 countries;
- Czechia 38, Italy 20, Spain 16, Slovakia 16, Hungary 15, Austria 11, Russia 9, Finland 8, Portugal 7, Poland 6, Ukraine 6, Germany 5 etc.
- Since the very beginning: 204 papers, 3,354 pages

Submitted 2017

- **75 papers**, of it:
- 25 accepted
- 7 rejected
- 3 shat down or without any replay from the authors
- 41 still in the review process
- Rejection rate 26% should increase to ca. 50% (due our technical possibilities)
- The politics of the Executive Board supports rather improving papers (if possible) than their rejections
- The limit: 10 papers per an issue maximum

Reviewed 2017

- 883 experts addressed
- 113 evaluations obtained (success rate 12.8%)
- **33 countries involved:**
- Czechia 15, Poland 11, Germany and Italy 8, Austria, Spain and Slovakia 6, USA 5, Hungary, the Netherlands and Sweden 4, France, Canada, Greece, Finland, United Kingdom 3 etc.
- A new rule introduced: when a number of unsuccessful review requests crosses 30, the Executive Board can decide about a termination of the evaluation process because no interest of the scientific public in the paper

ESCI

- Starting with the number 1/2017, *European Countryside* has been covered by Emergency Sources Citation Index of Clarivate Analytics (Thomson Reuters)
- It does not have any impact factor at the moment but individual papers can be found on Web of Science (since 1/2015).
- It has increased the prestige of the Journal, rapidly increased the number of its quotations; a citation in *European Countryside* is valid for articles of other journals as a WoS citation
- It also means that *European Countryside* is being watched for eventual future impact factor

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Cited (at the end of 2017)

- **Web of Knowledge**, 253, of it 107 in 2016; 1.32 times per a paper; (263 times by now)
- **SCOPUS**, 218, of it 88 in 2016; 1.55 per a paper (it concerns only 141 papers since 2012); (221 times by now)
- **Google Scholar** quoted 802 times (3.55 times per a paper); 827 times by now
- The most quoted paper is **Wellbrock, W., Roep, D., Wiskerke, J.: An integrated perspective on rural regional learning** (24 times on Web of Knowledge, 15 times on SCOPUS and 35 times on Google Scholar)

Development of the quotation in SCOPUS

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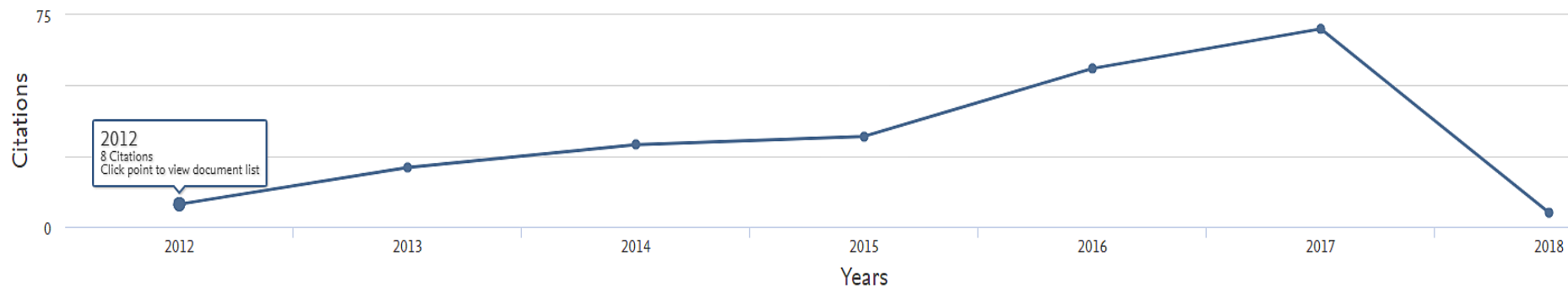
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	Total	0	8	21	29	32	56	70	5	221

Quotation on the Web of Knowledge

- 80 articles from European Countryside are covered by the Web of Knowledge. These were cited in the WoS system:
- 2015 2times
- 2016 6times
- 2017 18times
- 2018 2times

The most downloaded papers on DeGruyter

- [Societal implication and challenges of demographic change – some introductory remarks by Černič-Mali, Barbara/ Koch, Andreas and Koch, Madeleine](#)
- [Rural Europe and the world: Globalization and rural development \(Editorial\) by Woods, Michael and McDonagh, John](#)
- [Agritourism in Italy and the Local Impact Referring To Itria Valley. The Organic Firm “Raggio Verde” And Its Ecological Agritourism Project by Ciervo, Margerita](#)
- [Naturbanization and Urban – Rural Dynamics in Spain: Case Study of New Rural Landscapes in Andalusia and Catalonia by Pallarès-Blanch, Marta/ Prados Velasco, Maria-José and Tulla Pujol, Antoni Francesc](#)
- [Regional Differentiation of the Use of Production Factors in the Polish Agriculture by Wasilewski, Mirosław and Mađra, Magdalena](#)

Finances

- Revenues from authors: +55,687 CZK
- Pre-paid from 2016 +26,593 CZK
- Expenses (De Gruyter Ltd.) -87,581 CZK
- Balance -5,301 CZK
- Overhead expenses (personal, material) are partly covered by UAKE MENDELU
- Some steps towards deepening of electronic communication were made in order to limit economical dependence on the University
- Increasing of the fee is required (EUR 120) for the papers submitted after *February 1, 2018*

LINGUISTIC PROOF-READING

- This number of articles does not allow to keep the linguistic proof-reading on a voluntary base
- Two ways of solution – an increase of the responsibility of authors for the linguistic level by a confirmation of a proof-reading agency or
- To engage a special native speaking paid linguistic editor
- It means to increase the price of publishing from EUR 95 to EUR 120 (besides other reasons as the decreasing exchange rate of CZK)

Initial (internal) evaluation

- In order to eliminate papers of lower quality or to order them to the respective category, the initial evaluation should be improved
- Necessary assumptions of a research paper:
 - Coincidence with the aim and scope of the Journal
 - The structure of a scientific paper (recommended in the instructions); the aim of the article and research questions are clearly defined
 - Sufficient embedding in the scientific literature (journals in Web of Knowledge and SCOPUS)
- **Possible suggestions:** to accept for a review as a research paper, to revise before the external evaluation, to reject, to order within a different category

Evaluation process

- On-line process
- Initial evaluation (the reporter + Advisory Board members) within 7 days
- Suggestion of reviewers (the executive board + the reporter) approved by the Executive Board (conflict of interests, further suggestions) within 3 working days
- Review process within 21 days, repeated if necessary
- Revised version as a rule
- Definitive acceptance (the reporter + Advisory Board members) within 7 days
- Minimal average time of the evaluation process is 80 days (or 60 working days) taking into account that only each 8th expert who is addressed, elaborates the evaluation

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Except of one physical meeting yearly, all other activities are realized by the electronic way. It asks for a special attention from the members.
- Although any member has right to put remarks in any part of both the internal and external phase of the evaluation process of any of the papers, about 3 – 4 standpoints to each issue are optimum.
- The reporters play an important role. Any replay concerning their assigned papers is needed.
- In the case when any member (excluding the members ex-offo) feels permanent or temporary obstacles, let to say it to the editor-in-chief

Change of quotation

- The part ***REFERENCES*** is separated for academic and other sources
- **Academic sources** (papers in journals, books and chapters, theses, research reports, thematic maps) dispose with data like author(s), publisher, year of publication, pages as a rule
- **DOI numbers** enabling cross-reference will be asked from authors when available
- **Other sources** (not supposed to be included into citation indexes and impact factors) data sets, government materials, basic maps, web sources, laws, technical norms, pdf presentations, oral information) will be quoted separately.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

- New detailed instructions for authors using previous experience have been prepared
- Emphasis is placed on factual and regional affiliation
- Higher responsibility for the language level is required
- The meaning of the abstract and keywords is clarified
- The way of quoting is specified
- The minimum required structure of the article is given
- The evaluation procedure is explained
- Some minor issues were added

100 YEARS OF MENDEL UNIVERSITY

- It is suitable to suggest a special number in which each member of the Advisory Board and/or Executive Board has a possibility to present their research
- The rector of the Mendel University will be asked for the Editorial
- Schedule: Announcement February 2018
- Expressions of interest May 2018
- Deadline for papers submitting September 2018
- Publishing March 2019
- The number should be a part of the whole-university celebration with regarding financial support

NEW MEMBERS of the EXECUTIVE BOARD

- In order to strengthen the Executive Board following new members are suggested:
- Mgr. Barbora DUŽÍ, Ph.D., Institute of Geonics, v.v.i Ostrava, Branch Brno, *environmental sociology, applied ecology*
- Doc. Ing. Jan MOUDRÝ, Ph.D., Agricultural faculty of the South-Bohemian University in České Budějovice, *ecological agriculture*
- Mgr. RNDr. Pavel PTÁČEK, Ph.D., Faculty of regional development and international studies, Mendel University in Brno, *geography, demography*
- Mgr. Vladan HRUŠKA, Ph.D., Faculty of Sciences, Jan Evangelista Purkyně University Ústí nad Labem, *rural geography, regional development*
- Mgr. Ilona SVOBODOVÁ, Ph.D., Institute of the Agricultural Economics and Information, Branch Brno, *human resources, rural job market*

Outlook for 2018

- Standard number (1/2018) – 10 papers, of them seven accepted at the moment
- Special number ***Quality of Life*** 2 papers accepted, 13 papers under evaluation (2/2018)
- The papers of the special number ***Rural entrepreneurship and the agricultural land*** (10 papers) should be dispersed among standard numbers
- Standard numbers (3/2018, 4/2018); there are 31 papers under the review process at the moment
- Altogether, it seems that the 10th volume is more or less ensured

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