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and Impact

Annual Report

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Message to the MDPI Community

As the world's number one open-access publisher, MDPI is a game- changer in the scholarly community.

Change is the only constant, and for a publishing enterprise that has experienced rapid growth, adapting to change becomes not only a necessity but also a catalyst for sustained success.

Reflecting on our incredible journey at MDPI, 2023 has been marked by growth in paper submissions, ambitious projects, and initiatives aimed at improving our internal processes and delivering top-notch services to our stakeholders. While we faced some challenges, it's essential to understand that these are part of our growth process. Challenges provide opportunities for reflection, problem-solving, and ultimately for evolving into a stronger organization. Stakeholders expect us to overcome tough times, and it's an expectation we hold for ourselves.

In 2023, we seized opportunities to adapt our guidelines to align with the changing landscape of the publishing industry, while keeping true to our core principles, and developed AI tools to improve our processes, such as the peer review process, to elevate our offerings.

I strongly believe in a future that embraces openness, where open source, open information, and open access take center stage. This belief led me to join MDPI in 2020, and I am honored to have been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in June 2023. In this capacity and operating in close liaison with Dr. Lin and MDPI's senior management, I have focused on communication initiatives to promote MDPI's remarkable work and continue

to build our company as a trusted leader in OA publishing. Change in leadership also came in the form of our newly appointed Chief Operating Officer (COO), Alistair Freeland, returning to MDPI and assuming the role in November 2023.

For over two decades, MDPI has led the reshaping of the academic publishing landscape, with open access surpassing subscription-based publishing in 2020. This trend continued in 2023, reflecting our unwavering commitment to an open future. Open access holds the potential to democratize knowledge, advance science, and drive positive societal change.

As the world's number one open access publisher, MDPI has long been a game-changer in the scholarly community, serving millions of authors. Being a trailblazer necessitates continuous improvement and exploration of innovative strategies while also ensuring smooth business operations.

We are committed to eliminating the frustrations researchers and the general public face when accessing information, ensuring it is not locked behind paywalls. Everyone has a right to information, and our commitment to open access publishing drives our work. Our primary objective is to build upon the milestones of the past decades and consolidate MDPI's position as a publishing brand for the 21st century.

I extend my sincere appreciation to each and every one of our staff members for their contributions to the positive experiences reported by our stakeholders in our surveys. Your dedication to efficiency and effective communication with our stakeholders is greatly recognized and appreciated.

Thank you to the more than 3.5 million researchers who have trusted MDPI to publish their scientific discoveries, and to the scholarly community for your continued support of open access.

Stefan Tochev
Chief Executive Officer, MDPI



Consolidation and Strengthening of Editorial Standards

The past year provided opportunity to strengthen editorial policies. Despite a notable increase in the number of submitted papers from 603 thousand to 655 thousand (+8.6%), there was a decrease in the number of published papers from 303 thousand to 285 thousand (-5.9%), in line with the trend in the scholarly publishing market.

MDPI continues to be a key contributor to the shift to a fully open-access world of scientific publishing. Our market share in gold open access articles published reached 17% in 2023 (according to Dimensions data).

Our journals spent more resources on the pre-screening process of newly submitted articles, including checks about scope. During the initial screening phase, our editors were committed to directing each paper to the journal whose scope best aligned with the submitted work. Simultaneously, comprehensive revisions to the scopes of some journals have been undertaken to ensure seamless integration of all sections within their respective subject fields.

Facilitating editorial control

A longstanding rule, rigorously enforced by our journal managers, dictates that if an academic editor accepts an article for publication despite at least one reviewer recommending rejection, a second academic editor—typically a member of the editorial board—must be assigned to confirm or reject the initial decision. This additional layer of scrutiny serves as a safeguard, ensuring that reviewer feedback is duly considered and appropriately incorporated into the editorial decision-making process.

These measures collectively underscore our unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest standards of academic integrity, quality, and relevance across our publications. Our continuous efforts aimed to foster a scholarly environment that upholds rigorous standards are expected by our authors and readers alike.

Key Figures 2023

41 days

Median time from submission to publication (MPT) in 2023

17 days

Median time from submission to first editorial decision (TFD) in 2023

295,693

Academic editors on Editorial Boards at year-end 2023

Page views on [mdpi.com](https://www.mdpi.com) (millions)

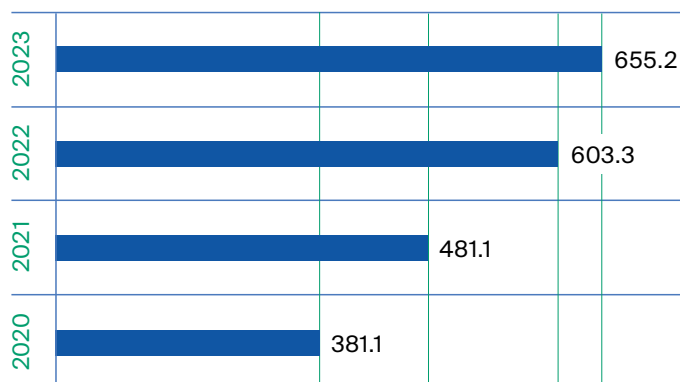
Total unique users on [mdpi.com](https://www.mdpi.com) (millions)

2023	690.9	98.5
2022	465.5	86.6
2021	347.7	65.1
2020	226.6	44.4

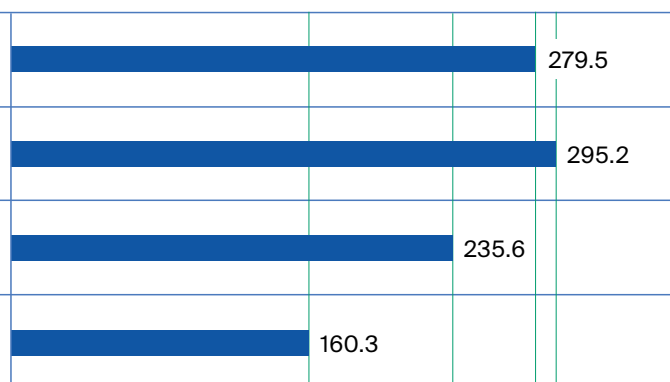
Please note that starting August 2023, web analytics data may not fully reflect website visitor access numbers, potentially affecting comparability with 2022 full-year data.

Key Figures 2023

Submissions received (thousands)



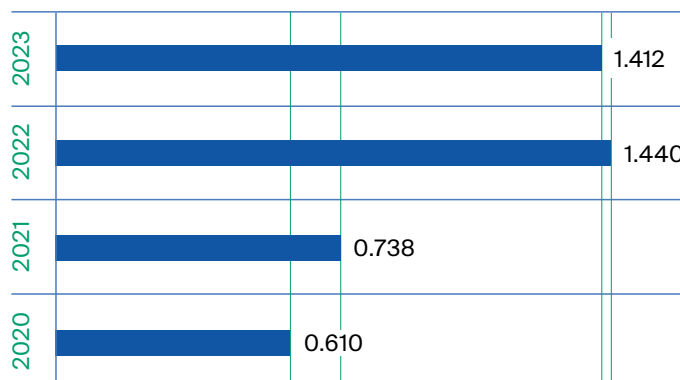
Peer-reviewed articles published (thousands)



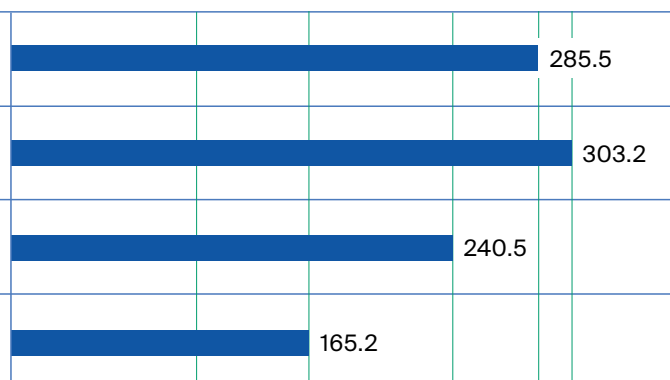
20.4%

annualized publication growth (2020–2023)

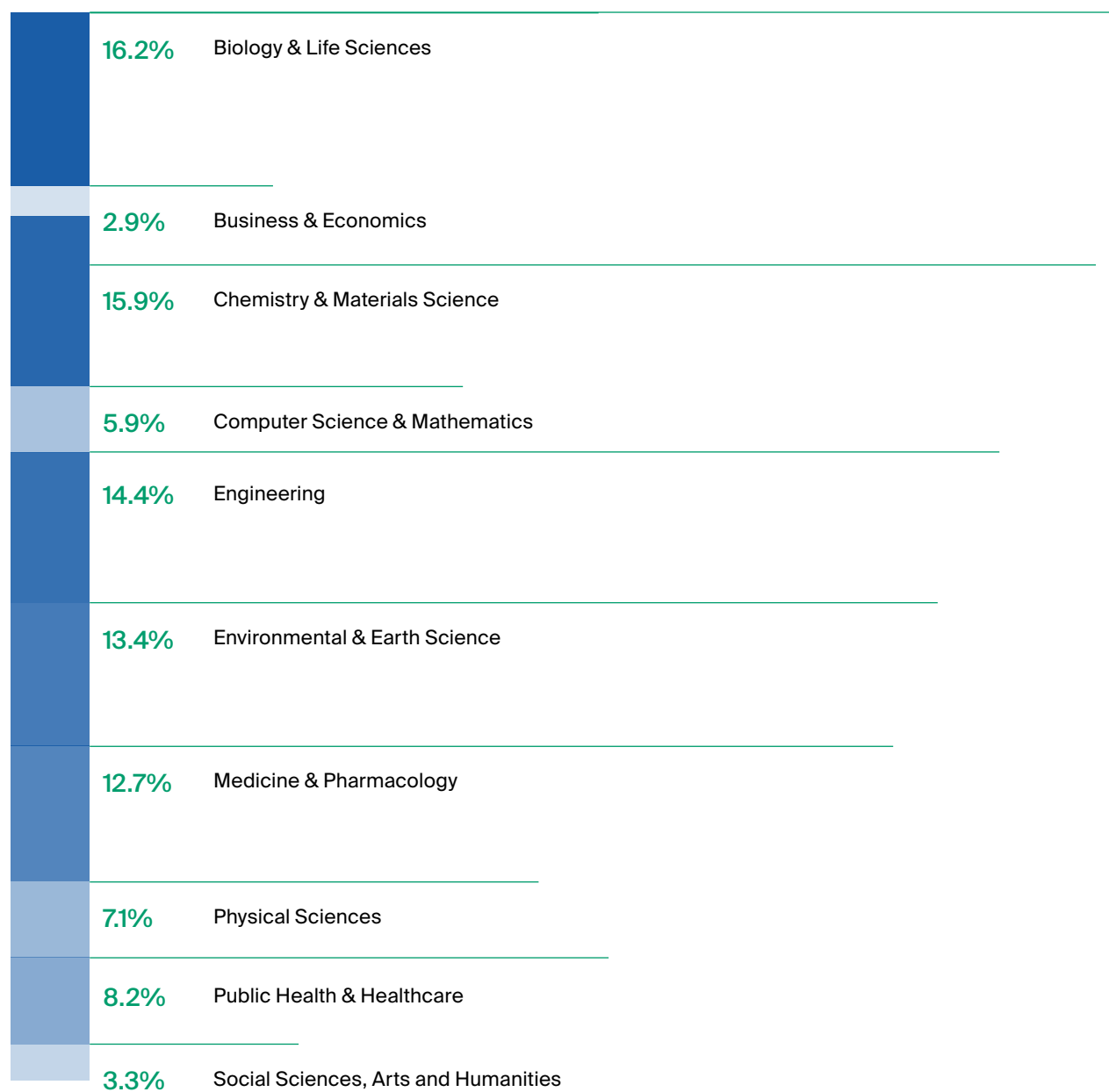
Peer-review reports received (millions)



Total articles published (thousands)



MDPI's journals cover all subject areas.



Authors by Regions

Our author
network spans
regions and
continents.



Reach and Impact

111 journals received their inaugural Impact Factor.

Our fully open access scientific content platform has continued to gain reach within scientific communities and beyond. Our website, mdpi.com, in 2023 boasted an impressive 13.9 million monthly users and 3.3 million monthly article downloads, all of which are freely accessible to readers.

To ensure the discoverability of our content in all major academic databases, our dedicated team was actively working on progressively and reliably increasing the coverage of journal content.

A noteworthy achievement in 2023 was the inclusion of 77 of our more recently established journals in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), a key registry for gold open access journals. This addition brought the total number of MDPI journals in the DOAJ to 400, marking the second-highest count for any publisher. We will keep building on this foundation. Meanwhile, we reflect on the shared history with DOAJ since its foundation in 2003, celebrating the 20-year anniversary in 2023.

Coverage Beyond Journal Articles

Our continuous efforts to expand the coverage were not limited to our journal portfolio. Four edited open access books (originals) were included in Clarivate's Book Citation Index (BKCI) and more books were covered in EBSCO's eBook platform.

MDPI Books published eleven peer-reviewed open access books in 2023, eight of which were edited books and three of which were monographs. Seven books covered subjects in "Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities", and four books covered other subject areas in the sciences.

As part of the effort to provide a more complete picture of the scientific record, Clarivate also added preprint papers from our own [Preprints.org](https://preprints.org) into its newly created Preprint Citation Index – the other repositories being arXiv, bioRxiv, medRxiv, and chemRxiv.

Metrics Milestones

We were able to report significant progress, in June 2023, with respect to both journal impact metrics – CiteScores and Journal Impact Factors. CiteScores are based on the number of citations

received by articles in a journal over a four-year period, providing a snapshot of a journal's citation performance relative to others in its field. 172 MDPI journals receiving CiteScores were ranked above average in their categories.

Throughout 2023, 29 of our journals earned inclusion in the prestigious multidisciplinary databases of Web of Science (Clarivate), while an additional 54 were accepted into Scopus (Elsevier). At end of 2023, 268 of our journals were covered in Scopus and 239 were included in the Web of Science Core Collection.

In a positive development, Clarivate expanded its Journal Impact Factor (JIF) awards to encompass journals in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) and the Arts and Humanities Citation Index (AHCI). This expansion enhances the transparency for the entire set of journals indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection. In 2023, a remarkable 111 MDPI journals received their inaugural JIF, with 37 journals achieving an impressive IF of 3.0 or higher. This recognition underscores our commitment to scholarly excellence and impact across diverse disciplines.

MDPI Journals Covered in Key Databases

Web of Science

SCIE/SSCI

2023	239	98
2022	211	98
2021	205	98
2020	162	84

Scopus

DOAJ

2023	268	399
2022	211	323
2021	179	304
2020	165	221

Enhancing Our Surveys for Gathering Community Feedback

95%

of submitting authors rated their experience with the MDPI publication process as excellent or good.

82%

of reviewers rated our editorial service as excellent or good.

85%

of our guest editors rated their experience as good or excellent, with the support received by editorial staff being a key underlying factor.

As the number one open access publisher, we are dedicated to gaining a deeper understanding of the scholarly community's needs and continuously adapting to them. To achieve this, we have enhanced our community feedback program to be more open, transparent and actionable.

We revised and optimized all our surveys throughout 2023. Every MDPI submitting author, reviewer and guest editor now receives a request to complete a feedback survey. We greatly improved the response and completion rates, with response rates for the three surveys

ranging between 21% (Authors) and 5% (Reviewers). In total, 45,919 submitting authors responded to our Author Feedback survey; 16,965 of our reviewers responded to the Reviewer Feedback Survey; 1801 guest editors responded to the Guest Editor Survey.

We appreciate all the honest feedback we receive as it enables us to enhance our service to provide the optimal experience for our customers.

Harnessing the AI Revolution for Ethicality and Efficiency in Publishing

For the past several years, and particularly since the public deployment of ChatGPT in November 2022, it has become increasingly evident that AI is a transformative force across various industries. The Generative AI phenomenon is currently viewed as another industrial revolution, garnering significant media attention.

The academic publishing sector, including MDPI, is no exception, as we have actively embraced AI technology for several years. Our focus has been on developing tools to enhance internal processes, identify ethical concerns, and provide authors and readers with resources to facilitate their daily research tasks.

During the recent period, we have introduced or are in the process of developing a range of AI-powered tools, including:

- Peer-reviewer finder: identify the right experts in a given field in order to organise the peer review process for a given manuscript
- Ethicality: a set of tools used to detect potential ethical breaches within a manuscript
- Article recommender: recommend a list of similar articles to read
- Journal finder: recommend a list of best suitable journals for a given manuscript

- Data-analytics: mostly used for market analyses and internal decision-making
- In-scope detector: evaluate if a new submitted manuscript is in-scope within the submitted journal
- Atlas: applying Neo4j to cluster research groups, find semantic relations, summarise literature on given topics, etc.

These AI-driven tools exemplify our commitment to leveraging cutting-edge technology to enhance the efficiency, integrity, and overall experience within the academic publishing industry.

Meanwhile, our guidelines are in line with the standards set by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) on the use of AI and AI-assisted technology in manuscript preparation. Whenever AI is used in preparation of a paper, authors are required to be fully transparent, within the “Acknowledgments” section, about which tools were used, and to describe in detail how the tools were used, in the “Materials and Methods” section.

Common Goals, Enduring Partnerships

Partnerships with our most enduring institutional partners reached ten years in 2023. We are unwavering in our dedication to being a dependable and transparent publishing partner, streamlining processes for both authors and their institutions. The ongoing trust of our partners serves as a constant motivation for us to continually enhance our services. Since 2023, we have been able to offer multi-year flat fee agreements, granting publication of an unlimited number of articles at a predetermined cost, all while maintaining our standard of transparency.

Strengthening the Bonds with our Partners

In 2023 our primary objective was to consolidate relationships and evolve our strategies to better serve our more than 800 longstanding institutional partners. Additionally, we fostered collaborations with the following prominent consortia: Jisc (UK), Bibsam (Sweden), Sikt (Norway), CSAL (Switzerland), CARLC (Croatia), KEMÖ (Austria), Helmholtz (Germany), Max Planck Institute (Germany), BnL (Luxembourg), and QNL (Qatar). These collaborations underline our commitment to fostering a global network that enhances the reach and impact of research.

A significant milestone was reached with TU Delft's decision to renew our partnership for three more years. The flat fee model, piloted for a year, has proven its efficacy, reinforcing our commitment to providing transparent and accessible publishing solutions.

Paving the Way for Transparent Open Access Funding

We are dedicated to transitioning our agreement offerings discount models to fully-funded agreements to help make publishing in open access more transparent and accessible for the wider scholarly community.

We are reinforcing our commitment to assist libraries in preparing for the shift to Open Access (OA) by creating tailored responses to Transformative Agreements (TAs) and Read&Publish deals. These strategic initiatives are specifically designed to actively contribute to achieving OA targets, rather than impeding the process of change.

Enhancing Visibility and Value

Our team actively participated in ten conferences across Europe and the Middle East in 2023. These events provided invaluable opportunities to connect with representatives from consortia, partner institutions, and key stakeholders, including notable conferences such as R2R (London), UKSG: UK and Scandinavia (Glasgow), and LIBER: Europe (Budapest).

Our commitment to adding value is reflected in the launch of consortium dashboards in 2023 and the provision of high-quality, detailed article metadata to our institutions. Looking ahead, we are gearing up to facilitate COUNTER usage statistics, further enhancing the value we provide to our partners.

MDPI's conference calendar for 2024 is comprehensive, with a particular focus on expanding our presence in North America. Our goal is to establish a consistent presence at library and scholarly communication conferences, building trust and visibility among decision-makers within our partner institutions.

Distinguished Scholars

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Young Investigator Awards
in 2023

Among all our journals' Editorial Board Members, 769 researchers – from 40 different countries/territories – were recognized as Highly Cited Researchers for the year 2023 by Clarivate.

Alongside our collaboration with highly recognized scholars, MDPI remains committed to fostering and empowering junior researchers during the early stages of their careers. Awards given to junior researchers include the *Young Investigator Awards*, *Best PhD Thesis Awards*, and *Travel Awards*. Around half of the awards were given to the most distinguished authors and reviewers in

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Travel Awards in 2023

our journals through *Best Paper Awards* and *Outstanding Reviewer Awards*. The awards exemplify the excellent contributions made by our authors, reviewers and editors daily.

In 2023, our journals received 8839 applications and nominations for awards. The evaluation committees selected 959 winners in 2023. The total budget allocated for awards amounted to 546,500 Swiss francs.

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Best PhD Thesis Awards
in 2023

Society Partnerships and Acquisitions

Eight society journals received their first Impact Factor.

The changes in the publishing industry landscape necessitate Open Access (OA) journals that operate efficiently to provide a fast and high-quality publishing experience. For over a decade, MDPI has been instrumental in assisting societies in embracing the OA publication model and expanding their international presence.

MDPI facilitates the transition to OA by prioritizing the needs of both the journal and the society while maintaining rigorous standards. Our guiding principles include timeliness, efficiency, simplicity, flexibility, and sustainability. Currently, we support over 180 scientific institutions and societies through various partnership models. To learn more, visit mdpi.com/societies.

In 2023, we solidified our position as one of the most sought-after OA publishers. We have further diversified our portfolio, now encompassing 19 journals published on behalf of societies.

For a comprehensive list, please visit mdpi.com/societies_journals.

New additions to our portfolio of publishing partnerships

- Hellenic Society for Microbiology for *Acta Microbiologica Hellenica*
- International Society for Urology (Société Internationale d'Urologie) for the *Société Internationale d'Urologie Journal*
- Market Access Society for the *Journal of Market Access & Health Policy*
- Oman Medical Association for the launch of the new *Journal of the Oman Medical Association*

- Gout, Hyperuricemia and Crystal-Associated Disease Network (G-CAN) launched the journal *Gout, Urate, and Crystal Deposition Disease* in 2023

Societies newly affiliated with MDPI

- Italian Society of Odontostomatological Surgery (SIdCO) – *Prosthesis*
- Hellenic Society of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (HSPAG) – *JCM*
- Italian Society of Thoracic Endoscopy (ISTE/SIET) – *JCM* and *ARM*
- Faringdon Centre – University of West London – *NDT*
- Polish Limnological Society – *Limnological Review*

Society Journals with 2022 Impact Factor

World Electric Vehicle Journal	2.3
European Journal of Investigation in Health, Psychology and Education	3.2
Dermatopathology	1.9
Advances in Respiratory Medicine	1.8
International Journal of Neonatal Screening	3.5
International Journal of Turbomachinery, Propulsion and Power	1.4
Applied System Innovation	3.8
Scientia Pharmaceutica	2.5

New Acquisitions by MDPI

- *Limnological Review*

Supporting scholarly societies' events

MDPI has provided support to nearly 300 conferences, congresses, and annual meetings hosted by a wide array of scientific societies and associations. This support encompassed various forms such as advertising, travel grants, keynote sponsorships, journal promotions, booths, and awards. These events were held across the globe, with distributions as follows: Europe (45%), Asia (30%), North America (20%), Oceania (3%), South America (1%), and Africa (1%).

Outlook

In 2024, the Societies and Acquisitions team is going to persist in forging new collaborations with societies. We will engage in ongoing discussions with existing and potential partners in the academic community to ensure that the benefits we provide remain pertinent. Our commitment is to offer sustainable publishing services that comprehensively support societies and their members.

We are eager to continue contributing to the ever-evolving landscape of Open Access publishing, fostering fruitful partnerships with our affiliated societies.

The MDPI Workforce

A Global Team for a Worldwide Audience

In early 2023, MDPI proudly established a robust Global HR Committee, comprising nine dynamic project teams. These teams, dedicated to key aspects such as Recruitment & Employer Branding, Senior Talent Acquisition, Performance & Talent Development, Benefits, Corporate Culture, Regulations & Workflow, Employee Relations, HR Learning, and HRMS, form the backbone of our commitment to excellence in People & Culture initiatives.

At its core, the HR Committee is designed to break down silos and promote collaboration within our HR department. This strategic initiative aims to ensure a harmonized approach to HR practices and policies across MDPI's global offices, fostering consistency and coordination.

Promoting Global Synergy: The Committee's Focus

Our HR Committee places a strong emphasis on knowledge sharing, addressing potential cultural differences, and fostering international collaboration. By doing so, we not only enhance mobility and employee development opportunities but also elevate MDPI's overall success on the global stage.

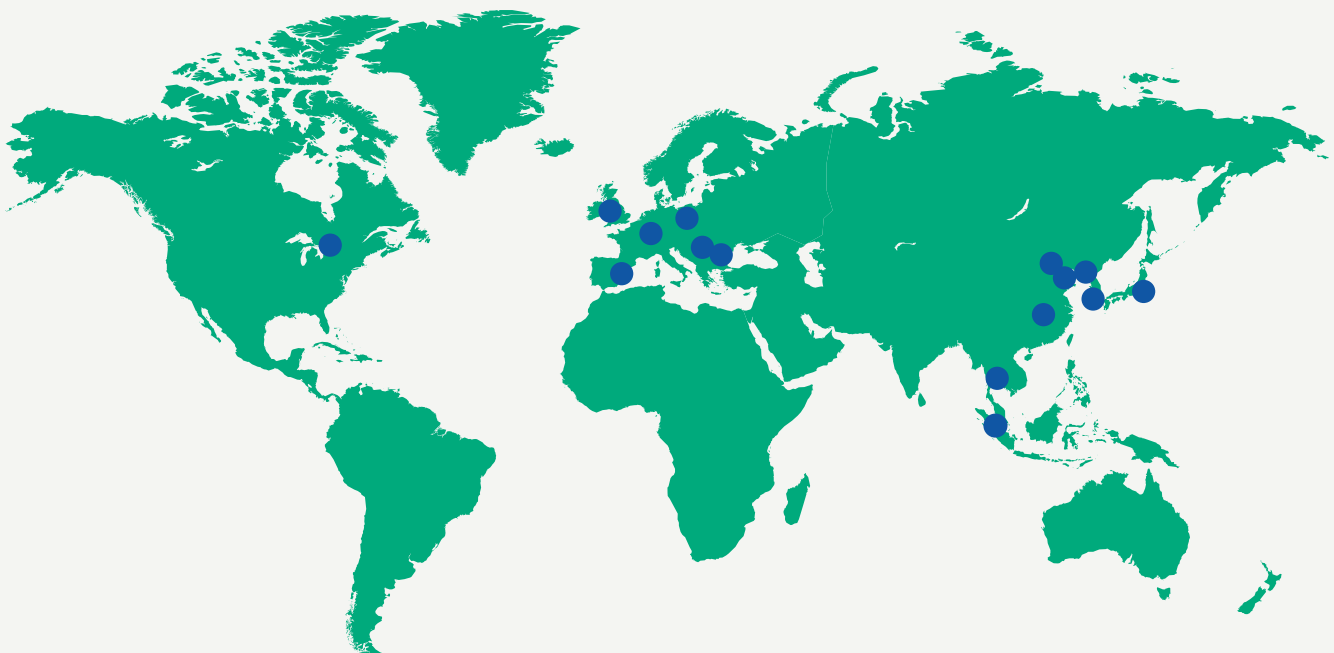
International Collaboration in Action: The Recruitment Process

One notable area where international collaboration shines is our recruitment process. Being a global company, MDPI thrives on international teamwork. Picture this: candidates and prospective line managers engaged in the recruitment process across different countries.

In such scenarios, our local HR representatives take the lead, seamlessly coordinating on-site interviews with local managers and virtual interviews with future line managers.

This collaborative approach not only streamlines our internal processes but also reflects our commitment to overcoming geographical barriers. It creates a dynamic work environment, unlocking new possibilities for our talented workforce and reinforcing MDPI's standing as a global industry leader.

MDPI Offices: Canada, Toronto / UK, Manchester / Spain, Barcelona / Switzerland, Basel (2) / Poland, Krakow / Serbia, Novi Sad, Belgrade / Romania, Cluj Napoca, Bucharest / Singapore, Singapore / Thailand, Bangkok / China, Wuhan (2), Nanjing, Beijing (2), Tianjin, Dalian / South Korea, Seoul / Japan, Tokyo



Journal Metrics 2023

Representing 186 Categories

Journal name	JCR™ Category	2022 JIF	JIF Quartile
Acoustics	Acoustics – ESCI	2.1	-
Actuators	Engineering, Mechanical – SCIE	2.6	Q2
	Instruments & Instrumentation – SCIE		
Administrative Sciences	Management – ESCI	3.0	-
Advances in Respiratory Medicine	Respiratory System – ESCI	1.8	-
Aerospace	Engineering, Aerospace – SCIE	2.6	Q1
Agriculture	Agronomy – SCIE	3.6	Q1
AgriEngineering	Agricultural Engineering – ESCI	2.8	-
Agronomy	Agronomy – SCIE	3.7	Q1
	Plant Sciences – SCIE	3.7	Q2
Algorithms	Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence – ESCI	2.3	-
	Computer Science, Theory & Methods – ESCI		
Animals	Agriculture, Dairy & Animal Science – SCIE	3.0	Q1
	Veterinary Sciences – SCIE		
Antibiotics	Pharmacology & Pharmacy – SCIE	4.8	Q1
	Infectious Diseases – SCIE		Q2
Antibodies	Immunology – ESCI	4.7	-
Antioxidants	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – SCIE	7.0	Q1
	Chemistry, Medicinal – SCIE		
	Food Science & Technology – SCIE		
Applied Sciences	Physics, Applied – SCIE	2.7	Q2
	Engineering, Multidisciplinary – SCIE		
	Chemistry, Multidisciplinary – SCIE		Q3
	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary – SCIE		
Applied System Innovation	Computer Science, Information Systems – ESCI	3.8	-
	Engineering, Electrical & Electronic – ESCI		
	Telecommunications – ESCI		
Arts	Humanities, Multidisciplinary – ESCI	0.5	-
Atmosphere	Environmental Sciences – SCIE	2.9	Q3
	Meteorology & Atmospheric Sciences – SCIE		
Atoms	Physics, Atomic, Molecular & Chemical – ESCI	1.8	-
Audiology Research	Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology – ESCI	1.7	-
Axioms	Mathematics, Applied – SCIE	2.0	Q2
Batteries	Electrochemistry – SCIE	4.0	Q2
	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary – SCIE		Q3
	Energy & Fuels – SCIE		
Behavioral Sciences	Psychology, Multidisciplinary – SSCI	2.6	Q2
Beverages	Food Science & Technology – ESCI	3.5	-
Big Data and Cognitive Computing	Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence – ESCI	3.7	-
	Computer Science, Information Systems – ESCI		
	Computer Science, Theory & Methods – ESCI		
Bioengineering	Engineering, Biomedical – SCIE	4.6	Q2

Journal name	JCR™ Category	2022 JIF	JIF Quartile
Biology	Biology – SCIE	4.2	Q2
Biomedicines	Pharmacology & Pharmacy – SCIE		Q1
	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – SCIE	4.7	Q2
	Medicine, Research & Experimental – SCIE		
Biomimetics	Engineering, Multidisciplinary – SCIE	4.5	Q1
	Materials Science, Biomaterials – SCIE		Q2
Biomolecules	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – SCIE	5.5	Q1
Biosensors	Chemistry, Analytical – SCIE		Q1
	Instruments & Instrumentation – SCIE	5.4	Q2
	Nanoscience & Nanotechnology – SCIE		
Brain Sciences	Neurosciences – SCIE	3.3	Q3
Buildings	Construction & Building Technology – SCIE	3.8	Q2
	Engineering, Civil – SCIE		
Cancers	Oncology – SCIE	5.2	Q2
Cardiogenetics	Cardiac & Cardiovascular Systems – ESCI	0.6	-
Catalysts	Chemistry, Physical – SCIE	3.9	Q2
Cells	Cell Biology – SCIE	6.0	Q2
Ceramics	Materials Science, Ceramics – ESCI	2.8	-
	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary – ESCI		
ChemEngineering	Engineering, Chemical – ESCI	2.5	-
Chemistry	Chemistry, Multidisciplinary – ESCI	2.1	-
Chemosensors	Chemistry, Analytical – SCIE		
	Electrochemistry – SCIE	4.2	Q2
	Instruments & Instrumentation – SCIE		
Children	Pediatrics – SCIE	2.4	Q2
C-Journal of Carbon Research	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary – ESCI	4.1	-
Clean Technologies	Engineering, Environmental – ESCI		
	Environmental Sciences – ESCI	3.8	-
	Green & Sustainable Science & Technology – ESCI		
Climate	Meteorology & Atmospheric Sciences – ESCI	3.7	-
Clinics and Practice	Medicine, General & Internal – ESCI	2.3	-
Clocks & Sleep	Clinical Neurology – ESCI	3.1	-
	Neurosciences – ESCI		
Coatings	Materials Science, Coatings & Films – SCIE		Q2
	Physics, Applied – SCIE	3.4	Q3
	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary – SCIE		
Colloids and Interfaces	Chemistry, Physical – ESCI	2.4	-
Computation	Mathematics, Interdisciplinary Applications – ESCI	2.2	-
Computers	Computer Science, Interdisciplinary Applications – ESCI	2.8	-
Condensed Matter	Physics, Condensed Matter – ESCI	1.7	-
Cosmetics	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – ESCI	3.3	-
	Dermatology – ESCI		

Cryptography	Computer Science, Information Systems – ESCI	1.6	-
	Computer Science, Theory & Methods – ESCI		
Crystals	Crystallography – SCIE	2.7	Q2
	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary – SCIE	2.7	Q3
Current Issues in Molecular Biology	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – SCIE	3.1	Q3
Current Oncology	Oncology – SCIE	2.6	Q3
Data	Computer Science, Information Systems – ESCI	2.6	-
	Multidisciplinary Sciences – ESCI		
Dentistry Journal	Dentistry, Oral Surgery & Medicine – ESCI	2.6	-
Dermatopathology	Dermatology – ESCI	1.9	-
Diagnostics	Medicine, General & Internal – SCIE	3.6	Q2
Diseases	Medicine, Research & Experimental – ESCI	3.7	-
Diversity	Biodiversity Conservation – SCIE	2.4	Q2
	Ecology – SCIE	2.4	Q3
Drones	Remote Sensing – SCIE	4.8	Q2
Econometrics	Economics – ESCI	1.5	-
Economies	Economics – ESCI	2.6	-
Education Sciences	Education & Educational Research – ESCI	3.0	-
Electronics	Engineering, Electrical & Electronic – SCIE	2.9	Q2
	Physics, Applied – SCIE		Q3
	Computer Science, Information Systems – SCIE		
Energies	Energy & Fuels – SCIE	3.2	Q3
Entropy	Physics, Multidisciplinary – SCIE	2.7	Q2
Environments	Environmental Sciences – ESCI	3.7	-
Epigenomes	Genetics & Heredity – ESCI	2.5	-
European Journal of Investigation in Health Psychology and Education	Psychology, Clinical – ESCI	3.2	-
Fermentation	Biotechnology & Applied Microbiology – SCIE	3.7	Q2
Fibers	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary – ESCI	3.9	-
Fire	Forestry – SCIE	3.2	Q1
	Ecology – SCIE		Q2
Fishes	Fisheries – SCIE	2.3	Q2
	Marine & Freshwater Biology – SCIE	2.3	Q2
Fluids	Physics, Fluids & Plasmas – ESCI	1.9	-
Foods	Food Science & Technology – SCIE	5.2	Q1
Forecasting	Multidisciplinary Sciences – ESCI	3.0	-
Forests	Forestry – SCIE	2.9	Q1
Fractal and Fractional	Mathematics, Interdisciplinary Applications – SCIE	5.4	Q1
Future Internet	Computer Science, Information Systems – ESCI	3.4	-
Galaxies	Astronomy & Astrophysics – ESCI	2.5	-

Games	Economics – ESCI		
	Mathematics, Interdisciplinary Applications – ESCI	0.9	-
	Social Sciences, Mathematical Methods – ESCI		
Gastroenterology Insights	Gastroenterology & Hepatology – ESCI	2.9	-
Gastrointestinal Disorders	Gastroenterology & Hepatology – ESCI	0.7	-
Gels	Polymer Science – SCIE	4.6	Q1
Genealogy	Ethnic Studies – ESCI		
	Family Studies – ESCI	0.8	-
	Sociology – ESCI		
Genes	Genetics & Heredity – SCIE	3.5	Q2
Geosciences	Geosciences, Multidisciplinary – ESCI	2.7	-
Geriatrics	Geriatrics & Gerontology – ESCI	2.3	-
Healthcare	Health Policy & Services – SSCI		Q2
	Health Care Sciences & Services – SCIE	2.8	Q3
Hematology Reports	Hematology – ESCI	0.9	-
Heritage	Humanities, Multidisciplinary – ESCI		
	Multidisciplinary Sciences – ESCI	1.7	-
Horticulturae	Horticulture – SCIE	3.1	Q1
Humanities	Humanities, Multidisciplinary – ESCI	0.3	-
Hydrology	Water Resources – ESCI	3.2	-
Infectious Disease Reports	Infectious Diseases – ESCI	3.2	-
Informatics	Computer Science, Interdisciplinary Applications – ESCI	3.1	-
Information	Computer Science, Information Systems – ESCI	3.1	-
Infrastructures	Construction & Building Technology – ESCI		
	Engineering, Civil – ESCI	2.6	-
	Transportation Science & Technology – ESCI		
Inorganics	Chemistry, Inorganic & Nuclear – SCIE	2.9	Q2
Insects	Entomology – SCIE	3.0	Q1
International Journal of Financial Studies	Business, Finance – ESCI	2.3	-
International Journal of Molecular Sciences	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – SCIE	5.6	Q1
	Chemistry, Multidisciplinary – SCIE		Q2
International Journal of Neonatal Screening	Genetics & Heredity – ESCI	3.5	-
	Pediatrics – ESCI		
International Journal of Turbomachinery Propulsion and Power	Engineering, Aerospace – ESCI		
	Engineering, Mechanical – ESCI	1.4	-
Inventions	Engineering, Multidisciplinary – ESCI	3.4	-
ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information	Geography, Physical – SCIE		Q2
	Computer Science, Information Systems – SCIE	3.4	Q3
	Remote Sensing – SCIE		
Journal of Cardiovascular Development and Disease	Cardiac & Cardiovascular Systems – SCIE	2.4	Q3
Journal of Clinical Medicine	Medicine, General & Internal – SCIE	3.9	Q2
Journal of Composites Science	Materials Science, Composites – ESCI	3.3	-

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Journal of Developmental Biology	Developmental Biology – ESCI	2.7	-
Journal of Functional Biomaterials	Engineering, Biomedical – SCIE	4.8	Q2
	Materials Science, Biomaterials – SCIE		
Journal of Fungi	Microbiology – SCIE	4.7	Q2
	Mycology – SCIE		
Journal of Imaging	Imaging Science & Photographic Technology – ESCI	3.2	-
Journal of Intelligence	Psychology, Multidisciplinary – SSCI	3.5	Q2
Journal of Low Power Electronics and Applications	Engineering, Electrical & Electronic – ESCI	2.1	-
Journal of Manufacturing and Materials Processing	Engineering, Manufacturing – ESCI	3.2	-
	Engineering, Mechanical – ESCI		
	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary – ESCI		
Journal of Marine Science and Engineering	Engineering, Marine – SCIE	2.9	Q1
	Engineering, Ocean – SCIE		Q2
	Oceanography – SCIE		
Journal of Personalized Medicine	Health Care Sciences & Services – SCIE	3.4	Q2
	Medicine, General & Internal – SCIE		
Journal of Sensor and Actuator Networks	Telecommunications – ESCI	3.5	-
Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research	Business – SSCI	5.6	Q2
Journal of Xenobiotics	Toxicology – ESCI	6.0	-
Land	Environmental Studies – SSCI	3.9	Q2
Languages	Language & Linguistics – ESCI	0.9	-
	Linguistics – ESCI		
Laws	Law – ESCI	1.2	-
Life	Biology – SCIE	3.2	Q2
Logistics	Management – ESCI	3.8	-
	Operations Research & Management Science – ESCI		
Lubricants	Engineering, Mechanical – SCIE	3.5	Q2
Machine Learning and Knowledge Extraction	Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence – ESCI	3.9	-
	Computer Science, Interdisciplinary Applications – ESCI		
	Engineering, Electrical & Electronic – ESCI		
Machines	Engineering, Mechanical – SCIE	2.6	Q2
	Engineering, Electrical & Electronic – SCIE		Q3
Magnetochemistry	Chemistry, Inorganic & Nuclear – SCIE	2.7	Q2
	Chemistry, Physical – SCIE		Q3
	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary – SCIE		
Marine Drugs	Chemistry, Medicinal – SCIE	5.4	Q1
	Pharmacology & Pharmacy – SCIE		
Materials	Metallurgy & Metallurgical Engineering – SCIE	3.4	Q2
	Physics, Applied – SCIE		
	Physics, Condensed Matter – SCIE		
	Chemistry, Physical – SCIE		
	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary – SCIE		

Mathematical and Computational Applications	Mathematics, Interdisciplinary Applications – ESCI	1.9	-
Mathematics	Mathematics – SCIE	2.4	Q1
Medicina	Medicine, General & Internal – SCIE	2.6	Q3
Membranes	Chemistry, Physical – SCIE	4.2	Q2
	Engineering, Chemical – SCIE		
	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary – SCIE		
	Polymer Science – SCIE		
Metabolites	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – SCIE	4.1	Q2
Metals	Metallurgy & Metallurgical Engineering – SCIE	2.9	Q2
	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary – SCIE		Q3
Methods and Protocols	Biochemical Research Methods – ESCI	2.4	-
Microbiology Research	Microbiology – ESCI	1.5	-
Micromachines	Chemistry, Analytical – SCIE	3.4	Q2
	Instruments & Instrumentation – SCIE		
	Physics, Applied – SCIE		
	Nanoscience & Nanotechnology – SCIE		Q3
Microorganisms	Microbiology – SCIE	4.5	Q2
Minerals	Geochemistry & Geophysics – SCIE	2.5	Q2
	Mineralogy – SCIE		
	Mining & Mineral Processing – SCIE		
Molbank	Chemistry, Organic – ESCI	0.6	-
Molecules	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – SCIE	4.6	Q2
	Chemistry, Multidisciplinary – SCIE		
Multimodal Technologies and Interaction	Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence – ESCI	2.5	-
	Computer Science, Cybernetics – ESCI		
	Computer Science, Information Systems – ESCI		
Nanomaterials	Physics, Applied – SCIE	5.3	Q1
	Chemistry, Multidisciplinary – SCIE		
	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary – SCIE		Q2
	Nanoscience & Nanotechnology – SCIE		
Neurology International	Clinical Neurology – ESCI	3.0	-
Non-Coding RNA	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – ESCI	4.3	-
	Genetics & Heredity – ESCI		
Nursing Reports	Nursing – ESCI	2.4	-
Nutrients	Nutrition & Dietetics – SCIE	5.9	Q1
Particles	Astronomy & Astrophysics – ESCI	1.4	-
	Physics, Nuclear – ESCI		
	Physics, Particles & Fields – ESCI		
Pathogens	Microbiology – SCIE	3.7	Q2
Pediatric Reports	Pediatrics – ESCI	1.1	-
Pharmaceuticals	Chemistry, Medicinal – SCIE	4.6	Q2
	Pharmacology & Pharmacy – SCIE		

Pharmaceutics	Pharmacology & Pharmacy – SCIE	5.4	Q1
Pharmacy	Pharmacology & Pharmacy – ESCI	2.2	-
Philosophies	History & Philosophy Of Science – ESCI	0.9	-
	Philosophy – ESCI		
Photonics	Optics – SCIE	2.4	Q3
Physics	Physics, Multidisciplinary – ESCI	1.6	-
Plants	Plant Sciences – SCIE	4.5	Q1
Polymers	Polymer Science – SCIE	5.0	Q1
Processes	Engineering, Chemical – SCIE	3.5	Q2
Prosthesis	Materials Science, Biomaterials – ESCI	3.4	-
Proteomes	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology – ESCI	3.3	-
Publications	Information Science & Library Science – ESCI	3.8	-
Quantum Beam Science	Instruments & Instrumentation – ESCI	1.4	-
	Materials Science, Characterization & Testing – ESCI		
	Quantum Science & Technology – ESCI		
Quaternary	Geosciences, Multidisciplinary – ESCI	2.3	-
Recycling	Green & Sustainable Science & Technology – ESCI	4.3	-
Religions	Religion – AHCI	0.8	-
Remote Sensing	Geosciences, Multidisciplinary – SCIE	5.0	Q1
	Environmental Sciences – SCIE		Q2
	Imaging Science & Photographic Technology – SCIE		
	Remote Sensing – SCIE		
Reports	Medicine, General & Internal – ESCI	0.9	-
Resources	Green & Sustainable Science & Technology – ESCI	3.3	-
Risks	Business, Finance – ESCI	2.2	-
Robotics	Robotics – ESCI	3.7	-
Safety	Public, Environmental & Occupational Health – ESCI	1.9	-
Scientia Pharmaceutica	Pharmacology & Pharmacy – ESCI	2.5	-
Sensors	Chemistry, Analytical – SCIE	3.9	Q2
	Engineering, Electrical & Electronic – SCIE		
	Instruments & Instrumentation – SCIE		
Separations	Chemistry, Analytical – SCIE	2.6	Q3
Smart Cities	Engineering, Electrical & Electronic – ESCI	6.4	-
	Urban Studies – ESCI		
Social Sciences	Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary – ESCI	1.7	-
Societies	Sociology – ESCI	2.1	-
Soil Systems	Soil Science – ESCI	3.5	-
Sports	Sport Sciences – ESCI	2.7	-
Stats	Mathematics, Interdisciplinary Applications – ESCI	1.3	-
	Statistics & Probability – ESCI		
Surfaces	Chemistry, Physical – ESCI	2.0	-
	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary – ESCI		
Surgical Techniques Development	Surgery – ESCI	<0.1	-

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Sustainability	Environmental Sciences – SCIE	3.9	Q2
	Environmental Studies – SSCI		
	Green & Sustainable Science & Technology – SCIE		Q3
	Green & Sustainable Science & Technology – SSCI		
Symmetry	Multidisciplinary Sciences – SCIE	2.7	Q2
Systems	Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary – SSCI	1.9	Q2
Technologies	Engineering, Multidisciplinary – ESCI	3.6	-
Thalassemia Reports	Hematology – ESCI	0.3	-
Tomography	Radiology, Nuclear Medicine & Medical Imaging – SCIE	1.9	Q3
Toxics	Toxicology – SCIE	4.6	Q1
	Environmental Sciences – SCIE		Q2
Toxins	Toxicology – SCIE	4.2	Q1
	Food Science & Technology – SCIE		Q2
Tropical Medicine and Infectious Disease	Parasitology – SCIE	2.9	Q2
	Tropical Medicine – SCIE		Q3
	Infectious Diseases – SCIE		
Universe	Astronomy & Astrophysics – SCIE	2.9	Q2
	Physics, Particles & Fields – SCIE		
Urban Science	Environmental Sciences – ESCI	2.0	-
	Environmental Studies – ESCI		
	Geography – ESCI		
	Regional & Urban Planning – ESCI		
	Urban Studies – ESCI		
Vaccines	Immunology – SCIE	7.8	Q1
	Medicine, Research & Experimental – SCIE		
Vehicles	Engineering, Mechanical – ESCI	2.2	-
	Transportation Science & Technology – ESCI		
Veterinary Sciences	Veterinary Sciences – SCIE	2.4	Q1
Vibration	Engineering, Mechanical – ESCI	2.0	-
	Mechanics – ESCI		
Viruses	Virology – SCIE	4.7	Q2
Water	Environmental Sciences – SCIE	3.4	Q2
	Water Resources – SCIE		
World Electric Vehicle Journal	Engineering, Electrical & Electronic – ESCI	2.3	
	Transportation Science & Technology – ESCI	-	

MDPI Books' 10th Anniversary

After one decade in the scholarly open access business, MDPI Books continued focusing on reach and accessibility in 2023. Our focus remains the same: we disseminate high-quality academic publications in various book formats.

MDPI Books published its first Open Access Reprint *From the Renaissance to the Modern World* in 2013. Over the past ten years, MDPI Books has experienced a notable increase in both the volume and nature of published Reprints. As of December 2023, our catalogue includes a total of 7369 Reprints, with 1811 of them added in the year 2023.

Market Outreach Increased

Another big announcement for our MDPI Books Department is the implementation and focus on measurability and performance indicators throughout 2023. Firstly, we increased our overall external scholarly communication on open access peer-reviewed books, meaning that we increased the amount of external newsletters to stakeholders, blog and content outputs, as well as social media relevant and targeted communication. Secondly, we started tracking all of our key performance indicators in digital marketing reports and dashboards.

Published Open Access Books & Reprints in 2023

MDPI Books released eleven original books in 2023, four of which were monographs, six of which were edited books, and one of which was a conference poster book.

At MDPI Books, it typically takes 6-12 months to publish an open access book from manuscript submission to publication.*

The top 5 subject fields of published Reprints in 2023 were “Engineering” (30%), “Biology & Life Sciences” (19%), “Medicine & Pharmacology” (12%), “Chemistry & Materials Science” (11%) and “Environmental & Earth Sciences” (11%).

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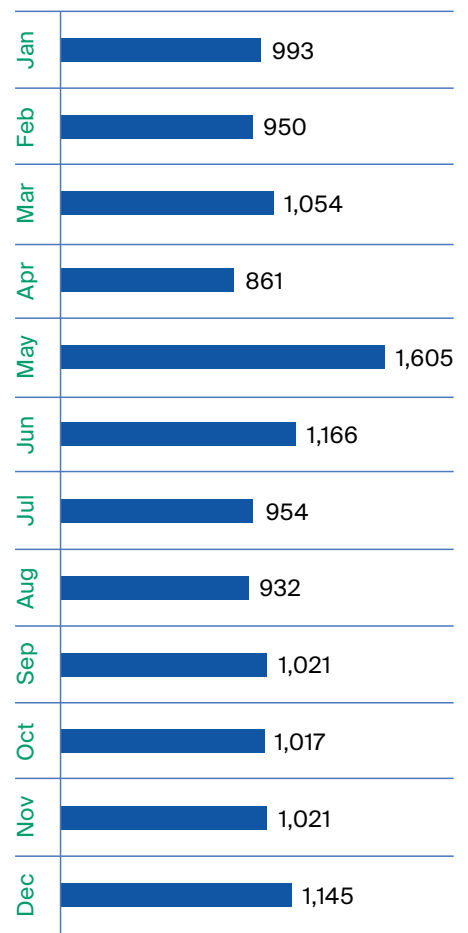
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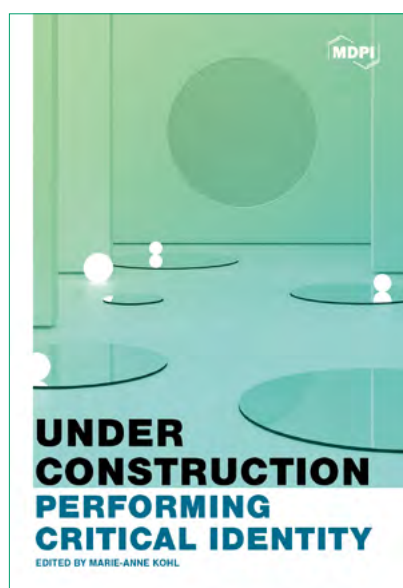
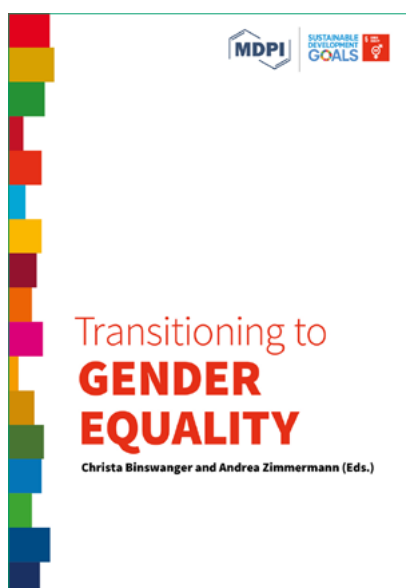
MDPI Books Milestone

Indexed in Web of Science Book Citation Index

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1) *Self-Representation in an Expanded Field: From Self-Portraiture to Selfie, Contemporary Art in the Social Media Age* by editor Ace Lehner

2) *Towards Socially Integrative Cities: Perspectives on Urban Sustainability in Europe and China* by editors Bernhard Müller, Jian Liu, Jianming Cai, Paulina Schiappacasse, Hans-Martin Neumann and Baojun Yang.



3) *Transitioning to Gender Equality* by editors Christa Binswanger and Andrea Zimmermann

4) *Under Construction: Performing Critical Identity* by editor Marie-Anne Kohl.

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The 10th World Sustainability Forum

The World Sustainability Forum (WSF) is a biennial MDPI event focused on sustainability. Marking its tenth anniversary in 2023, WSF became the Conference team's most ambitious project to date. In a groundbreaking first, the event spanned 24 hours across three locations with virtual access facilitated by Everywow, a Swiss video and film production agency.

On 14 September 2023, distinguished scholars were brought together from across the world in a marathon of knowledge exchange that commenced in Singapore, continued in Basel, and culminated in Toronto. The event delved deep into critical sustainability topics, spanning from social engagement to innovative city development strategies.

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MDPI Sustainability Foundation: Recognizing Excellence in Sustainability Research

The MDPI Sustainability Foundation supports researchers through two sustainability-focused awards:

1. The World Sustainability Award, amounting to USD 100,000, is given to senior researchers.
2. The Emerging Sustainability Leader Award, valued at USD 20,000, sponsored by the journal Sustainability, is presented to early-career researchers.

The ceremony of the MDPI Sustainability awards took place during the 10th World Sustainability Forum.

2023 World Sustainability Award was presented to the following researchers:

1. Professor Michael R. Templeton from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Imperial College London
2. Professor Tom Lyon from the Ross School of Business and the School of Environment and Sustainability at the University of Michigan
3. Dr. Krithi K. Karanth from the Centre for Wildlife Studies in Bangalore

The winner of ESLA was carefully selected among three candidates who presented

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of MDPI Conference attendees were very satisfied with the treatment from the Conference Teams.

their excellent research during the award ceremony, by a distinguished committee comprising of previous ESLA awardees. The first prize for the ESLA award was assigned to Dr. Youjin Kim, from the Catholic University of Korea and Jeon Buk National University. The outstanding runners-up of the ESLA award were Dr. Julia Lohmann from the Universität Augsburg and Dr. Bahareh Kamranzad from the University of Strathclyde.

MDPI Spain Summit

The MDPI Conference team organized the MDPI Spain Summit, a two-day event, whose aim is to facilitate an open and fruitful discussion and provide networking opportunities amongst Editorial Board Members and MDPI.

With 16 Editors-in-Chief and 20 Editorial Board Members in attendance, the event featured presentations on open access, MDPI, and publishing market trends in Spain. We were able to gather feedback and have open conversations around manuscript quality, the peer-review process, and journal development, as well as accreditation agencies.

The MDPI Spain Summit was a great success, prompting us to transform it into a recurring event, to be hosted in diverse locations.

2023 In-Person Events



Genes 2023 – Single-Cell Genomics Moving Forward

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Swiss Sustainability Forum: Sustainability in Swiss Tourism

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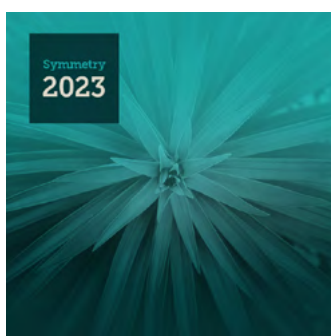
The 1st International Conference on Antioxidants: Sources, Methods, Health Benefits and Industrial Applications

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