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The global COVID-19 pandemic has presented us all with challenges of unprecedented proportions. In 2020, we were humbled by the commitment of key workers around the world, who put their own health on the line daily, taking care of the sick, ensuring basic supplies, and keeping society functioning. Their dedication during the pandemic inspired us at MDPI to maintain our high level of care and service to our customers during 2020, even during lockdowns and with, at times, fewer opportunities for face-to-face meetings between team members.

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to all the authors, reviewers and academic editors who continue to invest their time and energy in the cause of scientific and academic progress, despite the restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

Offering the Best Service to the Scientific Communities of the World

MDPI’s focus on offering the best service to the scientific communities of the world remains unchanged. The past year once again proved that making research results freely and immediately available to as wide an audience as possible is of the utmost importance. This strengthened our efforts and reaffirmed our commitment to serve researchers by delivering important scientific insights faster than was ever previously possible.

To continuously ensure a smooth editorial process, and to avoid delays in view of the high number of articles submitted, we welcomed aboard more than 1700 new colleagues in 2020. We are pleased at this achievement, given the very difficult conditions posed by the lockdowns in all countries. The median time from submission to first decision remains short, at around three weeks. We take this as a sign that the editorial process is as efficient as it can be, while upholding the high quality of peer review.
Growth of Submissions and Published Papers

In 2020, the number of papers submitted to MDPI journals increased by 42% versus the previous year. The number of peer-reviewed papers we published grew by 52%, to over 160,000 articles. In total, 57% of submitted articles did not meet our editors’ high standards in terms of quality and were consequently rejected for publication.

The portfolio of journals published by MDPI continues to expand, both through the acquisition of journals from other publishers and institutions and through the initiation of new journals ourselves. The transition to the open access model remains as important as ever in academic publishing. By partnering with us, learned societies and research institutions can achieve this transition in the most cost-effective and financially sustainable way.

Last year, thirteen titles from other publishers and societies joined our portfolio of journals, and more than fifty new MDPI-initiated journals released their first issue.

In 2020, 9 journals were indexed in Science Citation Index Expanded (Clarivate), 27 in Scopus, and 8 in PubMed. At present, MDPI publishes more than 300 journals. In total, 160 of our journals are covered in the Web of Science (Clarivate), 82 of which are indexed in Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), the most selective of the Web of Science indices. Overall, 96% of articles published in MDPI journals are made available in the Web of Science. Of our journals, 160 are indexed in Scopus and 72 in PubMed.

Conferences and Webinars

Our Scientific Events division also had a prolific year in spite of the travel impediments, holding two in-person conferences early in the year. Of these, I would like to highlight “Viruses 2020 – Novel Concepts in Virology”,

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one of the first pre-pandemic debates on the newly emerged COVID-19 virus. Our team worked tirelessly to organize two virtual conferences, 30 e-conferences and 86 webinars to continue to facilitate scientific exchange in the absence of in-person conferences and seminars. Please read our full report for more details of our achievements in 2020.

25th Anniversary of MDPI

This year marks the 25th anniversary of MDPI. We are extremely proud of what we have achieved in our first quarter-century.

As we reflect on 25 years of open access publishing, we can pride ourselves on having attained an established position as an academic publisher. We have grown in confidence and developed expertise in important areas that will help us continue to deliver a high level of service to academic communities. This comes together with an increased responsibility to provide reliable scientific content to all our readers and an excellent experience to our customers: authors, reviewers and academic editors.

Our 25th anniversary is an important milestone for us all at MDPI and a great opportunity to celebrate our past achievements, highlight our capabilities, and forge our path ahead. Looking into the future, our mission remains unaltered: to foster open scientific exchange in all forms, across all disciplines, and to pioneer positive change in publishing.

2021 is a crucial year for the transition to the open access model, especially in the current economic conditions. MDPI is ready to contribute further to this transition, by helping institutions and learned societies around the world, as well as publishers, to adopt the open access model in a sustainable and successful way.

We wish you all a healthy and successful 2021!
About MDPI

Being a pioneer in academic open access publishing, MDPI has been focused on serving and strengthening the scientific community since 1996. In 2020, MDPI journals continued to have considerable impact in the open access publications market. Our purpose is to provide a valuable service to the academic community.

Authors publishing with MDPI journals in 2020 were affiliated with institutions based in the following regions of the world:

- Europe – 42.7%
- East Asia (incl. China) – 24.1%
- North America – 14.2%
- Other regions – 19.0%

Our mission is to foster scientific exchange in its various forms, across all scientific disciplines. The driving principles behind everything that we do are the following:

Accessibility

We offer access to science and the latest research that is free to readers. All of our content is published in open access format and distributed under a Creative Commons License, which means free distribution and the right to share and re-use published articles.

Speed

We publish quickly to ensure the latest research is rapidly disseminated, using thorough and precise editorial work. A first decision is provided to authors in approximately 20 days; once accepted, papers are published in 5–10 days.
Service

We aim to provide a service that supports scholars and their work. By offering a range of different options, including journal publication at mdpi.com, early publication at Preprints.org, and conferences on Sciforum, we support scientific communities worldwide to make a positive impact on research.

Flexibility

In a changing and evolving publishing environment, we are constantly adapting and developing new tools and services. By listening to feedback from authors, editors, and readers, we can make changes to better meet the needs of research communities and keep MDPI relevant.

Simplicity

All of our tools and services can be found in one place and prioritize user-friendliness. Simple processes keep our editorial process highly efficient and cost effective.

Sustainability

In addition to being a key theme in our journals, we support sustainability by ensuring the long-term preservation of published papers and the future of science through partnerships, sponsorships, and awards.

Diversity and Inclusion

We are committed to creating and maintaining an environment that respects diversity. Our focus is on eliminating barriers to participation, extending equal opportunities across all stakeholders, and ensuring that our practices and policies promote equitable treatment and do not allow, condone, or result in discrimination.
Key Figures

Submissions Received
- 2017: 82.1 K
- 2018: 165.5 K
- 2019: 269.1 K
- 2020: 381.1 K

Articles Published
- 2017: 35.9 K
- 2018: 67.3 K
- 2019: 106.2 K
- 2020: 165.2 K

Peer-Review Reports Received
- 2017: 171.7 K
- 2018: 337.3 K
- 2019: 451.9 K
- 2020: 610.3 K

Median Time—Submission to Publication
- 2017: 35 days
- 2018: 39 days
- 2019: 50 days
- 2020: 39 days

Median Time—Submission to First Decision
- 2017: 25 days
- 2018: 20 days
- 2019: 19 days
- 2020: 19 days

Journals Published
- 2017: 190
- 2018: 203
- 2019: 218
- 2020: 299

Academic Editors
- 2017: 23,522
- 2018: 43,140
- 2019: 67,207
- 2020: 84,200
Publication by Subject Area

- Biology & Life Sciences 31.4%
- Environmental & Earth Sciences 15.4%
- Chemistry & Materials Science 13.0%
- Physical Sciences 11.3%
- Engineering 10.0%
- Public Health & Healthcare 7.0%
- Medicine & Pharmacology 5.3%
- Computer Science & Mathematics 4.7%
- Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities 1.6%
- Business & Economics 0.3%

Journals Covered by the Web of Science Core Collection *

- 2020: 152 journals
- 2019: 137 journals
- 2018: 127 journals
- 2017: 110 journals

Journals Covered by SCIE

- 2020: 80 journals
- 2019: 70 journals
- 2018: 54 journals
- 2017: 37 journals

Journals Covered by Scopus

- 2020: 163 journals
- 2019: 134 journals
- 2018: 111 journals
- 2017: 86 journals

* Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, Emerging Sources Citation Index, Arts & Humanities Citation Index

Access to MDPI.com

- 2017: 52.1M Page Views, 22.2M Sessions, 12.1M Users
- 2018: 88.2M Page Views, 36.4M Sessions, 18.3M Users
- 2019: 122.5M Page Views, 50.5M Sessions, 24.2M Users
- 2020: 226.6M Page Views, 96M Sessions, 44.4M Users
Financial Data 2020

- For 299 journals, Article Processing Charges (APCs) in 2020 ranged from CHF 300 to 2300 (CHF, Swiss francs).
- The average APC based on list price was approximately CHF 1710. An invoice is issued for peer reviewed articles and only after acceptance for publication.
- The average (net) cost to authors across all journals and including papers published at no cost was CHF 1180 per paper.
- The average waiver rate across all MDPI journals was 31%, in relation to an average APC of CHF 1710.
- We provided discounts to authors affiliated with our institutional members of 10% or more 1), and granted discounts for e-conferences held at Sciforum 2).
- In 2020, MDPI sponsored more than 624 academic events 3) and 130 awards for junior researchers.

To show further transparency, MDPI published a detailed breakdown of how APCs are used. In calculating these values, we have followed recommendations from the Fair Open Access Alliance, an organization that promotes sustainable and transparent scholarly open access publishing. This also makes MDPI fully compliant with the requirements of Plan S, a key funder initiative to promote open access.

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<th>Service functions</th>
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<td>2. Journal Publication</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>79%</td>
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<td>3. Editorial Fees</td>
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<td>6. Discounts and Waivers</td>
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<td>7. Surplus</td>
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Total publication fee per article (CHF) | CHF 2000 | CHF 1000 |
MDPI develops and maintains its own electronic submission and peer-review website. We also run several platforms to offer different types of services for scholars.

- **Preprints.org**: a multidisciplinary preprint platform where authors can publish their articles free of charge.

- **Scilit.net**: a comprehensive and free database for scientists using a new method to collate data and index scientific material.

- **Sciforum.net**: an event-planning platform that supports open science by offering the opportunity to host and participate in academic conferences.

- **Sciprofiles.com**: a scholarly networking platform to support scientific communication and exchanges.

- **Triaging**: filtering of papers upon submission by internal staff and Editorial Board members.

- **Organization of Peer-review**: MDPI provides a high degree of assistance to Academic Editors so that they can only focus on editorial decisions. We employ in-house editors to invite reviewers, collect review reports, communicate with authors and reviewers, correspond with authors about revisions, etc.

- **Production**: Including copy-editing, typesetting, copy-editing XML PDF conversion, and language editing. MDPI provides English editing by native English speakers for all accepted papers, included in the APC.

- **Proofreading**: corresponding with authors to approve the final text and requesting any missing information.

- **Other Editorial Assistance**: handling any questions and requests for support before submission, during the editorial and peer-review processes, or postpublication.
• **Journal Management and Development:** The in-house Managing Editors track the key performance indicators of each journal, monitor competing journals and the trends in the field. They also provide reports and hold discussions with the Editor-in-Chief and the Editorial Board.

• **Indexing and Archiving:** MDPI has a team dedicated to indexing relations who advise on the eligibility of a journal for application to be indexed in over 80 databases. Our team communicates closely with the contact persons at the different databases and receives regular updates on the status of applications. We dedicate time to keep ourselves up to date on any changes in the evaluation criteria or application procedure.

• **Long Term Preservation:** MDPI supports the long-term preservation of all its articles in CLOCKSS. 5)

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**Editorial Fees**

MDPI pays travel grants or stipends to Academic Editors and a share of revenue to the societies whose journals it publishes.

**Marketing and Communication**

MDPI allocates part of its income to the promotion of journals and articles through the sponsorships of conferences, scholarly society events, and other promotional activities, as well as a series of awards to support researchers.

**General**

- Management and administration includes cost related to salaries of non-editorial staff and other business costs. They include all the fees paid by MDPI for membership in publishing organizations: STM Association, OASPA, SSP, as well as services such as Publons. Most membership fees are based on the level of income or size of the publisher.

- Taxes.
• MDPI supports the activities of the MDPI Sustainability Foundation, including coordinating the World Sustainability Forum and World Sustainability Awards.

• MDPI is a debt-free company and is not repaying loans or investments.

Discounts and Waivers

MDPI waives the fees for approximately 30% of its content every year. We are committed to supporting the transition of all research to full open access, so offer APC waivers or discounts to some authors. In addition, we waive and offer discounts from 15% (of the total APC in a journal), in our most established journals, up to 100% in our new journals or humanities journals. Although we display an APC on the website, in many social sciences and humanities journals, we waive between 70% and 100% of papers; we display an APC in order to demonstrate to authors that there is a cost for publication. Even some of our well-established indexed journals waive 30% of publishing costs per year.

Members of societies 6) affiliated to an MDPI journal benefit from a discount as well as authors affiliated to institutions participating in our Institutional Open Access Program 7).

For journals in fields with low levels of funding, where authors typically do not have funds available, APCs are typically waived and cross-subsidized from fields for which more APC funding is available. For authors from low- and middle-income countries, waivers or discounts may be granted on a case-by-case basis. Applications submitted before article submission are assessed by the Managing Editor based on the quality of the research article and the authors’ ability to pay.

6) www.mdpi.com/societies
7) www.mdpi.com/ioap
Journal Development in 2020

This table shows all of the titles that were included in the most recent edition of the Journal Citation Reports, published by Clarivate in June 2020. Eighteen of our journals received a first Journal Impact Factor, in recognition of the high impact the published research has within the respective fields. Overall, 25 journals were ranked among the top 25% of journals in at least one of the categories in which they are covered. The growth of research output within our flagship journals is accompanied by a growing impact on the science of our day. Almost one in four articles published in a fully open access journal and covered in the Web of Science was published in an MDPI title.

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<th>Journals covered in SCIE or SSCI (Web of Science) as of 31 Dec 2020</th>
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<td>Instruments &amp; Instrumentation</td>
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<td>Antibiotics</td>
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<td>281</td>
<td>3.893</td>
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<td>3.332</td>
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<td>Neurosciences</td>
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<td>Cancers</td>
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* Data according to Journal Citation Reports 2019 Edition (Clarivate), released in June 2020
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<td>1895</td>
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<td>Food Science &amp; Technology</td>
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In 2020, MDPI continued its efforts to intensify collaborations with learned societies and associations of specialists, which led to two promising new partnerships and numerous affiliations, as well as a few invitations to tenders.

We established a partnership with the University of Talca to publish the *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research*, which they used to self-publish, as from Volume 16 Issue 3 (2021). Additionally, the European Society of Dermatopathology (ESDP) chose to partner with MDPI to publish the society journal *Dermatopathology* from June 2020.

MDPI is proud to see the difference it can make on a transferred title after only two years of publication. One exemplary journal is *Medicina*, which is owned by the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences and was previously published by Elsevier. *Medicina* (Volume 57 (2021), Impact Factor 1.205) significantly increased its number of published papers in the first years with MDPI, starting from about 50 articles in the year before it was run from our platform. Over 100 papers were published in 2018, the first year with MDPI, and more than 700 articles were published in both 2019 and 2020. This is only possible because of the large number of submissions received, since the rejection rate has been above 65% for the last three years. The processing time decreased significantly, to an average of 38 days from submission to online publication. Moreover, full text and abstract views have almost doubled in the past six months, reaching over 100,000 total page views each.

**Affiliations and Partnerships**

- Total Affiliations/Partnerships: 129
  - Thereof Affiliations: 115
  - Thereof Partnerships: 14
- New Affiliation Agreements in 2020: 33
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Sciforum is a platform for scientists that offers the possibility to participate in, as well as to organize, conferences. Two in-person conferences were organized at the start of the year. However, the escalation of the pandemic brought a halt to the conference team’s plans of hosting and organizing any further in-person conferences. We had to quickly adapt to this ever-changing situation and we concentrated on developing the virtual aspects of our events. Thus, in April we started with our first webinars, and are happy to say that they are still going strong whilst covering a broader range of topics. In 2020, 51 webinars were organised, which attracted a total of 6639 registrations.

Although hosting online conferences was not new to Sciforum, in 2020 live sessions were introduced, elevating the quality of our e-conferences by making them more dynamic and engaging. We organized 30 e-conferences (+ 2 external), 10 of which held a total of 35 live sessions reaching 1975 registrations. Two virtual conferences were also organized, reaching nearly 650 attendees in total. As opposed to e-conferences that can last up to a month, virtual conferences last only a few days, and are packed with talks from morning to evening.

2021 is expected to be a challenging year. We are focusing on organizing e-conferences (12 already planned), virtual conferences (4 already planned) and webinars (40 already planned), with a hope of perhaps being able to hold a couple of in-person conferences later in the year if the situation allows.

In-person Conferences

- **F3-2: 2nd Edition of Fighting Fake Facts**
- **Viruses 2020 – Novel Concepts in Virology**

If you are interested in organizing a conference, please contact:
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6th International Electronic Conference on Medicinal Chemistry
3rd International Electronic Conference on Geosciences
The 2nd International Online Conference on Crystals
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1st International Electronic Conference on Plant Science
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1st International e-Conference on Antioxidants in Health and Disease
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1st International Electronic Conference on Catalysis Sciences
1st International Electronic Conference - Futuristic Applications on Electronics
1st International Electronic Conference on Food Science and Functional Foods

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5th International Electronic Conference on Water Sciences
1st International Electronic Conference on Applied Sciences
1st International Electronic Conference on Nutrients
2nd International Online-Conference on Nanomaterials

Cells 2020
The 1st International Electronic Conference on Biosensors
7th International Electronic Conference on Sensors and Applications
1st International Electronic Conference on Actuator Technology: Materials, Devices and Applications
1st International Electronic Conference on Biomolecules
1st International Electronic Conference on Genes
24th ECSOC

The 1st International Electronic Conference on Animals—Global Sustainability and Animals: Science, Ethics and Policy
Nanomaterials Asia-Pacific Academic Forum

Nitric Oxide: Physiology, Pharmacology, and Therapeutic Applications
MDPI Webinars in 2020

51 stand-alone webinars (per journal)
6639 registrations

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