# 2022 Annual Report

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# A Message to the MDPI Scholarly Community

2022 marked a special year for MDPI as we surpassed one million total articles published. This landmark was reached thanks to the immeasurable support, over the years, of more than 600,000 expert reviewers, 66,000 editorial board members and 6750 hard-working colleagues across MDPI's global offices.

For the fifth year in a row, MDPI was the publisher with the largest number of open access articles published. The annual growth rate exceeded 50 percent annually, on average, over the same timespan (Key Figures, page 5).

The scholarly publication market is constantly changing, which creates a wealth of opportunities for innovative service providers. Our attention to authors' needs, the simplicity of our processes and the overall level of service provided continue to be the key drivers of MDPI's publication growth.

## **Collaborative approaches**

We owe a debt of gratitude to the experts who belong to our journal communities. All final published articles contain information about the Academic Editor(s) in charge of taking the editorial decisions on an article, based on at least two qualified peer review reports. Over the past year, more than 1.4 million peer review reports were collected by the journals' editorial assistants, informing the Editors' decision making.

Open access publishing as we practice it at MDPI helps reduce the institutional budgets allocated to publishing and, in particular, to accessing research, enabling the redirecting of funds to support other academic activities. The majority of funders and ministries of education are committed to a publishing world of "immediate open access only" just a couple of years from now. As our partners on this journey, it is our pleasure to provide institutions with solutions.

## Scientific findings in the public eye

Increasing the visibility of scientific research is our goal. Our top five journals between them collected more than 10,000 mentions in news outlets last year. In 2023, we expect more than 100 million users on our websites. Open access publishing also simplifies discoverability in research databases, such as PubMed and Web of Science. In June 2022, the following journals received a first Journal Impact Factor in the Journal Citation Reports (Clarivate): *Axioms, Batteries, Behavioral Sciences, Bioengineering, Biomimetics, Drones, Fire, Inorganics, Journal of Intelligence, Journal of Functional Biomaterials, Lubricants, Systems,* and *Tropical Medicine and Infectious Disease.* Eleven of these journals were immediately ranked in the upper half of the Impact Factor distribution within their subject categories (Journal Database Coverage, page 13).

Last year, more than one thousand new colleagues joined the MDPI workforce. Our editorial staff receive on-the-job training aligned with our journals' needs and editorial processes (People & Culture, page 21).

## Providing a forum of exchange

The conference platform Sciforum is dedicated to the organization of scientific events. It is used for hosting MDPI-organized events as well as external ones. 2022 saw the return of in-person events towards the end of the global pandemic. We expect hybrid events which offer an option to attend remotely to persist in 2023 and beyond, despite a rebound in travel activity (Scientific Events and Conferences, page 35).

The 2023 World Sustainability Forum is the tenth anniversary edition of the conference series. It is a 24-hour event which is held in three locations (Singapore, Basel in Switzerland and Toronto in Canada) as well as online. At the event, the MDPI Sustainability Foundation will announce the winners of the Emerging Sustainability Leader Awards and World Sustainability Awards (Sustainability Initiatives, page 32).

We are grateful for your continued trust and support. As we look ahead to another year of growth and opportunities, we are more committed than ever to our mission to support scientists worldwide.

Sincerely, MDPI Management

# One Million Articles published since 1996

- 2.7 Million Authors
- 4.0 Billion Article Views and Downloads
- 8.5 Million Citations

# 2022 Key Figures

#### 295,186

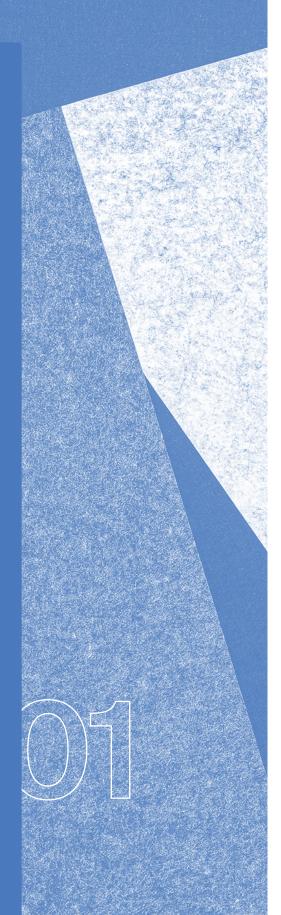
peer-reviewed articles published in 2022

#### > 50% annual growth rate, on average since 2017, in number of published articles

5-6 weeks median time taken from submission to publication

### 36%

waived share of total APC, on average



# Editorial

303.2

240.5

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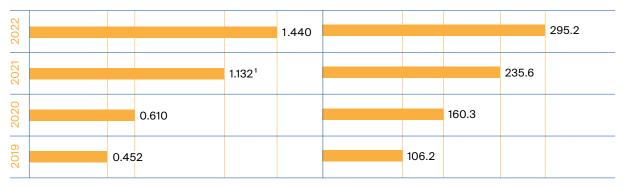
# Peer review reports received (millions)

Submissions received (thousands)

## Peer-reviewed articles published (thousands)

165.2

Total articles published (thousands)

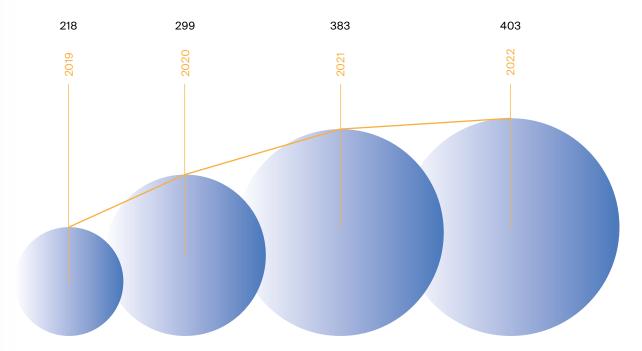


<sup>1</sup> An earlier version understated the number of peer review reports in 2021 by incorrectly not counting reports received during the second and later rounds of peer review.

# 17 days Time from submission to first decision (median)

# 38 days Time from submission to publication (median)

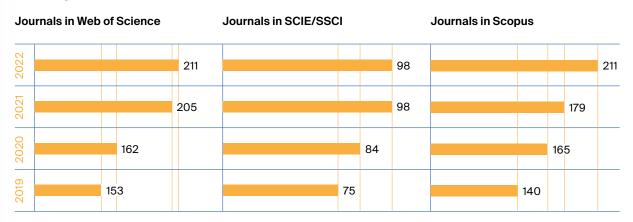
# Number of journals



# Subject categories covered, share of articles published

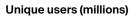
17.2%	Chemistry & Materials Science	8.3%	Public Health & Healthcare
14.6%	Environmental & Earth Sciences	7.0%	Physical Sciences
14.2%	Biology & Life Sciences	5.2%	Computer Science & Mathematics
13.9%	Engineering	3.1%	Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities
13.4%	Medicine & Pharmacology	3.1%	Business & Economics

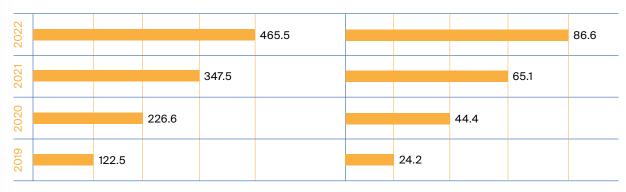
# Indexing



# Access

### Page views on mdpi.com (millions)





# **MDPI** Reach

# Social media

MDPI and its journals are active across a range of social media platforms to disseminate the latest research, provide news and insights, and support research communities.

# Twitter,

<u>LinkedIn,</u> Facebook, Instagram, WeChat

### Article mentions

MDPI articles were mentioned on social media more than one million times in 2022. In total, articles published in MDPI journals have been mentioned 2,991,191 times.

### MDPI papers featured in the news

Throughout 2022, 111,965 MDPI research papers were mentioned in prominent new outlets such as National Geographic, The Washington Post, Forbes, The Guardian, BBC, CNN, Time, and Harvard Business Review.

# Weeks in which MDPI papers received the most mentions in the news

MDPI papers were mentioned over 500 times in a period of 19 weeks in 2022; six of those weeks reached over 750 mentions. The week commencing 12 December 2022 saw MDPI papers receive more than 1000 mentions in the news.

# Countries where news stories featuring MDPI papers appeared the most

The United States was the top country to feature MDPI papers cited in its news, followed by the United Kingdom, India, Australia, and Spain. Germany, Russia, China, Canada, and Italy complete the top 10 countries to feature MDPI papers in their news outlets.

### MDPI journals with the most news mentions

- International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health–3509 mentions
- Nutrients-2698 mentions
- International Journal of Molecular Sciences— 1701 mentions
- Journal of Clinical Medicine-1131 mentions
- Viruses-1111 mentions

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# Science News

# A selection of MDPI articles mentioned in news outlets

The Washington Post "A quake may have uncovered 30 new dinosaur tracks in Alaska" (Article | Geosciences paper)

Time "Why Disconnecting From Your Phone Is So Good for You—and How to Do It" (Article | *JERPH* paper)

Forbes "The Heavy Lifting Of T Cells In Immunocompromised Covid-19 Patients" (Article | Viruses paper)

National Geographic "How drones are revolutionizing our understanding of sharks" (Article | *Drones* paper)

Harvard Business Review "We Need Trauma-Informed Workplaces" (Article | *Behavioral Sciences* paper)

# Awards Granted to Scholars in 2022

We strive to support and encourage junior researchers early on as they set out in their careers. Awards are an important part of the research landscape and play a vital role in helping early-career researchers to build their reputation and establish themselves in their field.

Travel Awards are an example of how to provide young researchers with valuable networking opportunities, allowing them to connect with other researchers in their field at academic conferences and build relationships that can be beneficial for their future careers. Awards can therefore provide young researchers with muchneeded financial support, which can be used to fund their research or help with the costs associated with attending conferences and other events.

#### Supporting early-career researchers

In 2022, MDPI journals presented a total number of 394 Awards, some of them with more than one winner. The total prize sum amounted to just under 580,000 Swiss francs (CHF).

The majority of the awards were dedicated to young researchers at relatively early stages in their careers. This included 66 of the above-mentioned 'Travel Awards' (with two winners each), 60 'Young Investigator' Awards, supporting research projects and conference attendance, as well as 51 'Best PhD Thesis' Awards.

Additionally, 113 'Best Paper' Awards were given by our journals. The selection committees were tasked with identifying the most impactful and novel research and review articles published in their journal within a given year.

We will continue to support promising talents through our awards.





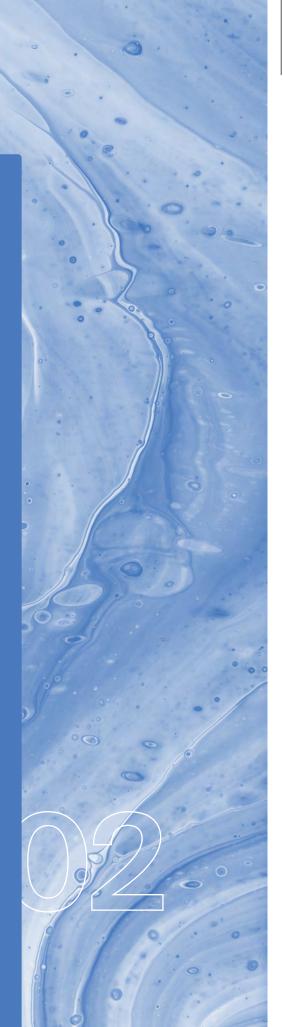
# 394 Awards Granted

- 60 Young Investigator Awards
- 66 Travel Awards
- **113** Best Paper Awards
- 81 Outstanding Reviewer Awards
- 51 Best PhD Thesis Awards
- 23 Other Awards

# Indexing

95% Share of publications covered in Web of Science (Clarivate)

Journals that received an Impact Factor in 2022



# Journal Database Coverage

Providing free access to all of our content is one of MDPI's core values. The discoverability of scientific publications is a key factor for authors to make an impact and gain influence within the academic community. Therefore we strive for maximum visibility of all published work.

MDPI aims to continuously expand coverage of our publications within leading multidisciplinary databases, such as Web of Science, Scopus, EBSCO and ProQuest. Coverage of our journals within as many scope-specific databases as possible ensures the dissemination of our authors' publications to the most relevant scientific communities. Important scopespecific databases include those of the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) (PubMed Central (PMC), PubMed, and MEDLINE), Engineering Village, Chemical Abstracts (CAS), Food Science and Technology Abstracts (FSTA), and many more.

Besides enhancing the discoverability of our content, MDPI also ensures the long-term digital preservation of all its titles via CLOCKSS and the Swiss National Library (Helveticat). Moreover, we are actively partnering with various stakeholders to include our journals within country-specific journal ranking lists. We also deposit papers in relevant institutional repositories, which is often required by funders or institutions for authors to publish with a journal.

## Expanding the coverage of our journals

In 2022, 42 journals were accepted for coverage within the leading multidisciplinary databases of Web of Science and Scopus. This means a total of 211 of MDPI's journals were covered in Scopus by the end of the year, while 211 were indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection. In particular, 98 of our journals were covered within the leading high-impact databases of Web of Science–Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) and Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI). These journals received an Impact Factor in June 2022, of which 86% had increased their Impact Factors from the previous year. Thirteen journals received their first Impact Factor in the same release. Starting from the 2023 release of the Journal Citation Reports, Journal Impact Factors will be assigned to journals in all indexes within the Web of Science Core Collection, and therefore 211 MDPI journals will receive an Impact Factor in the June 2023 release.

# **Journal Metrics**

# A-B

Journal	2021 Journal Impact Factor (JIF)	Quartile	Category in Journal Citation Reports (JCR)
Actuators	2.523	Q2 Q3	Instruments & Instrumentation Engineering, Mechanical
Aerospace	2.660	Q1	Engineering, Aerospace
Agriculture	3.408	Q1	Agronomy
Agronomy	3.949	Q1	Agronomy Plant Sciences
Animals	3.231	Q1	Agriculture, Dairy & Animal Science Veterinary Sciences
Antibiotics	5.222	Q1 Q2	Pharmacology & Pharmacy Infectious Diseases
Antioxidants	7.675	Q1	Food Science & Technology Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Chemistry, Medicinal
Applied Sciences	2.838	Q2	Engineering, Multidisciplinary Physics, Applied Chemistry, Multidisciplinary
		Q3	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary
Atmosphere	3.110	Q3	Meteorology & Atmospheric Sciences Environmental Sciences
Axioms	1.824	Q2	Mathematics, Applied
Batteries	5.938	Q2	Electrochemistry Energy & Fuels Materials Science, Multidisciplinary
Behavioral Sciences	2.286	Q3	Psychology, Multidisciplinary
Bioengineering	5.046	Q2	Engineering, Biomedical
Biology	5.168	Q1	Biology
Biomedicines	4.757	Q2	Medicine, Research & Experimental Pharmacology & Pharmacy Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Biomimetics	3.743	Q2 Q3	Engineering, Multidisciplinary Materials Science, Biomaterials
Biomolecules	6.064	Q2	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology



Journal	2021 Journal Impact Factor (JIF)	Quartile	Category in Journal Citation Reports (JCR)
Biosensors	5.743	Q1	Chemistry, Analytical Instruments & Instrumentation
		Q2	Nanoscience & Nanotechnology
Brain Sciences	3.333	Q3	Neurosciences
Buildings	3.324	Q2	Construction & Building Technology Engineering, Civil
Cancers	6.575	Q1	Oncology
Catalysts	4.501	Q2	Chemistry, Physical
Cells	7.666	Q2	Cell Biology
Chemosensors	4.229	Q1	Instruments & Instrumentation
		Q2 Q3	Chemistry, Analytical Electrochemistry
Children	2.835	Q2	Pediatrics
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Coatings	3.236	Q2	Materials Science, Coatings & Films Physics, Applied
		Q3	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary
Crystals	2.670	Q2	Crystallography
		Q3	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary
Current Issues n Molecular Biology	2.976	Q3	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Current Oncology	3.109	Q3	Oncology
Diagnostics	3.992	Q2	Medicine, General & Internal
Diversity	3.029	Q2	Biodiversity Conservation Ecology
Drones	5.532	Q2	Remote Sensing
Electronics	2.690	Q3	Engineering, Electrical & Electronic Computer Science, Information Systems Physics, Applied
Energies	3.252	Q3	Energy & Fuels
Entropy	2.738	Q2	Physics, Multidisciplinary

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Journal	2021 Journal Impact Factor (JIF)	Quartile	Category in Journal Citation Reports (JCR)
Fermentation	5.123	Q2	Biotechnology & Applied Microbiology
Fire	2.726	Q2 Q3	Forestry Ecology
Fishes	3.170	Q1 Q2	Marine & Freshwater Biology Fisheries
Foods	5.561	Q1	Food Science & Technology
Forests	3.282	Q1	Forestry
Fractal and Fractional	3.577	Q1	Mathematics, Interdisciplinary Applications
Gels	4.432	Q1	Polymer Science
Genes	4.141	Q2	Genetics & Heredity
Healthcare	3.160	Q2	Health Policy & Services (SSCI) Health Care Sciences & Services (SCIE)
Horticulturae	2.923	Q1	Horticulture
Inorganics	3.149	Q2	Chemistry, Inorganic & Nuclear
Insects	3.139	Q1	Entomology
International Journal of Environmental Research	4.614	Q1	Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (SSCI)
and Public Health		Q2	Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (SCIE) Environmental Sciences (SCIE)
International Journal of Molecular Sciences	6.208	Q1 Q2	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Chemistry, Multidisciplinary
ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information	3.099	Q2 Q3	Geography, Physical Computer Science, Information Systems Remote Sensing
Journal of Cardiovascular Development and Disease	4.415	Q2	Cardiac & Cardiovascular Systems
Journal of Clinical Medicine	4.964	Q2	Medicine, General & Internal
Journal of Functional Biomaterials	4.901	Q2	Engineering, Biomedical Materials Science, Biomaterials

# J-M

Journal	2021 Journal Impact Factor (JIF)	Quartile	Category in Journal Citation Reports (JCR)
Journal of Fungi	5.724	Q1 Q2	Mycology Microbiology
Journal of Intelligence	3.176	Q2	Psychology, Multidisciplinary
Journal of Marine Science and	2.744	Q1	Engineering, Marine
Engineering		Q2	Oceanography Engineering, Ocean
Journal of Personalized Medicine	3.508	Q2	Medicine, General & Internal Health Care Sciences & Services
Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research	5.318	Q2	Business
Land	3.905	Q2	Environmental Studies
Life	3.251	Q2	Biology
Lubricants	3.584	Q2	Engineering, Mechanical
Machines	2.899	Q2	Engineering, Mechanical
			Engineering, Electrical & Electronic
Magnetochemistry	3.336	Q2	Chemistry, Inorganic & Nuclear
		Q3	Chemistry, Physical Materials Science, Multidisciplinary
Marine Drugs	6.085	Q1	Chemistry, Medicinal
			Pharmacology & Pharmacy
Materials	3.748	Q1	Metallurgy & Metallurgical Engineering
		Q2	Physics, Applied
		02	Physics, Condensed Matter
		Q3	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary Chemistry, Physical
Mathematics	2.592	Q1	Mathematics
Medicina	2.948	Q3	Medicine, General & Internal
Membranes	4.562	Q1	Polymer Science
		Q2	Engineering, Chemical
			Materials Science, Multidisciplinary Chemistry, Physical
Metabolites	5.581	Q2	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Metals	2.695	Q2	Metallurgy & Metallurgical Engineering
		Q3	Materials Science, Multidisciplinary

# M-S

Journal	2021 Journal Impact Factor (JIF	Quartile )	Category in Journal Citation Reports (JCR)	
Micromachines	3.523	Q2	Instruments & Instrumentation Physics, Applied Chemistry, Analytical	
		Q3	Nanoscience & Nanotechnology	
Microorganisms	4.926	Q2	Microbiology	
Minerals	2.818	Q2	Mining & Mineral Processing Mineralogy Geochemistry & Geophysics	
Molecules	4.927	Q2	Chemistry, Multidisciplinary Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	
Nanomaterials	5.719	Q1 Q2	Physics, Applied Chemistry, Multidisciplinary Materials Science, Multidisciplinary Nanoscience & Nanotechnology	
Nutrients	6.706	Q1	Nutrition & Dietetics	
Pathogens	4.531	Q2	Microbiology	
Pharmaceuticals	5.215	Q1 Q2	Pharmacology & Pharmacy Chemistry, Medicinal	
Pharmaceutics	6.525	Q1	Pharmacology & Pharmacy	
Photonics	2.536	Q3	Optics	
Plants	4.658	Q1	Plant Sciences	
Polymers	4.967	Q1	Polymer Science	
Processes	3.352	Q2	Engineering, Chemical	
Remote Sensing	5.349	Q1	Geosciences, Multidisciplinary Imaging Science & Photographic Technology	
		Q2	Remote Sensing Environmental Sciences	
Sensors	3.847	Q2	Instruments & Instrumentation Chemistry, Analytical Engineering, Electrical & Electronic	
Separations	3.344	Q2	Chemistry, Analytical	



Journal	2021 Journal	Quartile	Catagory in Journal Citation Departs (JCD)
Journal	Impact Factor (JIF)	Quartile	Category in Journal Citation Reports (JCR)
Sustainability	3.889	Q2	Environmental Sciences (SCIE)
		00	Environmental Studies (SSCI)
		Q3	Green & Sustainable Science & Technology (SCIE)
		Q4	Green & Sustainable Science & Technology (SSCI)
Symmetry	2.940	Q2	Multidisciplinary Sciences
Systems	2.895	Q2	Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary
Tomography	3,000	Q3	Radiology, Nuclear Medicine & Medical Imaging
Toxics	4.472	Q2	Toxicology
			Environmental Sciences
Toxins	5.075	Q1	Toxicology
		Q2	Food Science & Technology
Tropical Medicine and	3.711	Q1	Tropical Medicine
Infectious Disease		Q2	Parasitology
		Q3	Infectious Diseases
Universe	2.813	Q2	Astronomy & Astrophysics
		Q3	Physics, Particles & Fields
Vaccines	4.961	Q2	Immunology
			Medicine, Research & Experimental
Veterinary Sciences	2.518	Q2	Veterinary Sciences
Viruses	5.818	Q2	Virology
Water	3.530	Q2	Water Resources
		Q3	Environmental Sciences

# People & Culture

6750 employees worldwide

1000+ new hires (net) in 2022

20 offices in Europe, Asia, and North America





During the past few years, MDPI has grown exponentially, both in the number of employees and the number of peer-reviewed publications. However, growth in numbers is not our only benchmark. We are also committed to personal growth and developing our employees' skills.

Promoting learning and knowledge is at the heart of everything we do. That is true for our products, but also for our people. Many of our new employees are recent graduates who completed their Bachelor's or Master's degrees, or obtained a PhD, shortly before joining MDPI. Most new employees are assigned a tutor or a buddy who helps them understand our company, their tasks and the publishing industry as a whole.

# In-house training system for editorial and production departments

That's just the starting point. On top of that, all employees receive on-the-job training, tailored to the services MDPI provides, as well as to the specific office or department within our company. In 2022, our training department conducted over 2000 in-person courses with an average of 55 attendants and more than 600 online courses with an average of 85 attendants. In addition to that, we provided training videos and other self-study materials. These courses and training materials enabled numerous colleagues to take the next step in their professional journeys. Over 4500 internal certifications proved that many of our editors and publishers were ready for new tasks and responsibilities this year.

As a highly experienced market leader in open access publishing, we encourage everyone at MDPI to be the best version of themselves. Training and certification are only the beginning in supporting our bright talents. During 2022, as well as in previous years, the majority of open management positions were filled through internal promotions. This was the case for almost all journal management positions, but also for positions within centralized and supporting business functions.

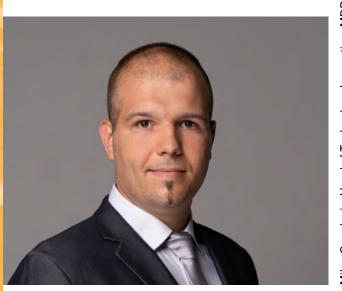
## New and ambitious talent

Nevertheless, we are also always looking for fresh, promising minds who aspire to make science accessible to all, like we do. If you want to be part of our journey, we want to be a part of yours. You can find out more about our open positions and your possible future at careers.mdpi.com.

# People of MDPI

"When I finished my Medical Doctor's degree and joined MDPI in mid-July this summer, I didn't know much about the publishing industry. But now, thanks to internal training, I am a Section Managing Editor for the Diagnostics journal. As the saying goes, "The road ahead is vast, and everything can be expected". I'm learning more about publishing every day and will continue to strive to contribute to the prosperity of the enterprise."





Milos Cuculovic, Head of Technology Innovation, MDPI

"As a senior manager crossing different roles within the company for 11 years, I am extremely grateful to MDPI for the support in allowing me to pursue my PhD degree that I successfully defended in 2022. Their investment in employee development has been invaluable in helping me to continue my education and expand my knowledge and skills, benefiting both myself and the company."

# Ambition, Integrity, Innovation, People

#### Ambition

We set ambitious goals, aiming to drive the change towards a fully open access publishing environment.

#### Integrity

We foster a work environment in which employees are dedicated to serving the scientific community in a reliable and transparent way.

#### Innovation

We embrace new ways of thinking and partner with scholars and institutions to pioneer change in academic publishing.

#### People

The strength of our company is in our people and in the contribution every single individual makes to our shared success. We care about and invest in people's professional development to provide the best service to our customers.

# Institutional & Society Partnerships

>900

institutional partnerships 15 society journals published

18 new affiliation agreements with scholarly societies in 2022



# Institutional Open Access Program

Building upon an incredibly successful year in 2021, 2022 was a year to further strive for growth, stability and innovation via institutional partnerships. With over 900 participating institutions from around the world, it is really encouraging to work alongside so many different institutions globally in order to simplify the administration and processing of APCs, as well assisting libraries and institutions with the monitoring of APC expenditure, publishing behaviors and data collection.

# National consortia support open access publishing

We are delighted to continue our ongoing collaborations with a number of national consortia, such as Jisc Libraries (UK), Bibsam (Sweden), Sikt (Norway), KEMOE (Austria), Helmholtz (Germany), CSAL (Switzerland) and BnL (Luxembourg), and we are hopeful that 2023 will prove to be another fruitful and insightful year working side by side with our consortium partners, as well as open and continue discussions with potential new consortium partners from around the world. Ultimately, the establishment and extension of such national level consortium agreements is of utmost importance, so as to help enable researchers represented by consortia to publish their quality research as open access.

Aside from consortia, individual agreements between MDPI and institutions remain a focal point, particularly in those geographical regions where we can support the development and uptake of open science, open research, and open access publishing. It has been really encouraging to see a number of institutions join our open access program as new members from around the world, with new members in the Americas, Europe, Asia and Australasia. A full list of participants and additional information can be found on our website.

Throughout 2022, one of the key focal points was to attend events, conferences and symposiums throughout the industry. The Institutional Partnerships team was well represented at key industry events such as UKSG, LIBER and ALPSP, as well as institutionally hosted conferences such as LundOnline and OAT22. Such events enabled the team to meet our partners face to face, share developments and discuss potential future means of collaboration and partnerships.

Another new element to the department was the establishment of an Open Access Training and Education team, whose sole focus would be to coordinate outreach to our institutional partners and assist with any training and educationally focussed needs. These could vary from sessions for early career researchers on the different flavours of open access, to a more general webinar detailing how to write a literature review, or engage in the peer review process. With a number of these sessions having been run over the past year, each one tailored to the partnering institutions' needs, this is a really exciting and promising initiative.

www.mdpi.com/ioap

# Society Partnerships & Journal Acquisitions

As a pioneer in open access publishing with more than 25 years of experience, MDPI is interested in helping societies who would like to venture into the world of open access. We currently support close to 190 learned societies and organizations, with levels of cooperation ranging from affiliations between societies and journals to publishing journals on behalf of societies. Find out more at mdpi.com/societies.

In 2022, MDPI continued its efforts to intensify collaborations with learned societies and associations of specialists, which led to 18 new affiliation agreements and two publishing agreements. We launched the journal *International Medical Education* (IME) with the Academic Society for International Medical Education (ASIME) and took over the publication of *Advances in Respiratory Medicine* (ARM), owned by the Polish Respiratory Society (PTCHP). At the moment, we publish 15 journals on behalf of societies and institutions. See the full list of collaborations at mdpi.com/societies\_partnership.

In addition, three journals were acquired, namely the International Journal of Plant Biology, Hematology Reports, and Surgical Techniques Development. For a full list of transferred and acquired journals, visit mdpi.com/about/journals-transferred.

#### What we offer

# Publish your existing open access journal with MDPI, or transition a subscription journal to open access

MDPI can act as your publishing partner and collaborate with you to make your open access journal a success. You will benefit from over 25 years' experience in running open access journals and the full support of our editorial and production teams, while maintaining full control over editorial decisions and content.

#### Establish a new journal

We have started close to 400 open access journals in all disciplines and can bring this experience to launching your own journal. Our editorial staff will handle all of the technical aspects of the setup and support you in finding those all-important first manuscripts.

#### Affiliate with an MDPI journal

You can offer your society members the benefits of open access publishing without having to set up a full publishing operation, by affiliating with an existing MDPI journal. Society members enjoy a discount on the Article Processing Charges of the affiliated journal and MDPI will handle all aspects related to publishing.

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# Case study—launching a new journal with MDPI



The International Journal of Geo-Information (IJGI), owned by the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS), was newly launched with MDPI in 2012. It has since expanded

continuously, with over 600 articles published in 2022. It received its first Impact Factor in 2015 and the current Impact Factor is 3.099.

IJGI	2022	2021	2020	2019
Journal Impact Factor (Web of Science)	released in 2023	3.099	2.899	2.239
CiteScore (Scopus)	released in 2023	5.0	4.6	3.8

Dr. Wolfgang Kainz, Editor-in-Chief of *IJGI*, describes the following major benefits for societies which collaborate with MDPI: a) having a broad platform to publish scientific papers related to the scope of the society, b) having the MDPI web environment to efficiently handle submissions, and last but not least c) a financial benefit through payments by MDPI to the society which results in a win-win situation for both parties.

According to Dr. Kainz, there are several benefits to launching an open access journal: "Open access journals aim at rapid publication which is in the interest of scientists to quickly see their work published." Further, "a clear benefit of publishing open access is to attract many publications from research projects since many grant organizations require that results from funded research must be published open access."

# Case study-transferring a society's journal to MDPI



MDPI also welcomes journals previously published by other publishers. The journal *Dermatopathology*, owned by the European Society of Dermatopathology (ESDP), was transferred to MDPI in 2020. *Dermatopathology* is covered

in PubMed/PMC (NLM) and in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (Web of Science, Clarivate). It will receive its first Impact Factor in 2023.

Prof. Dr. Gürkan Kaya, Editor-in-Chief since the journal's initial launch in 2014, sees the following benefits for a society to collaborate with MDPI:

"I think societies collaborating with MDPI get a good visibility via the website of their society journal supported by MDPI. The members of the European Society of Dermatopathology (ESDP) have easy access to the articles published by the society's journal *Dermatopathology*, thanks to the well-designed and well-operated web platform of MDPI. Members also benefit from discounts in case of publication. MDPI is also open to new ideas to help the societies; for example, we are currently planning to organize a webinar on several topics in dermatopathology to create a teaching environment for the members of the ESDP. These aspects are very encouraging and motivating for the current and new members of our society."

Prof. Kaya states the rapidity of publishing articles as the main advantage of publishing open access. He further highlights the devoted work of the Editorial Office and the close collaboration between them and the Editor-in-Chief.

## Affiliation Agreements in 2022

Canadian Leukemia Study Group (CLSG) signed an affiliation agreement with *Current Oncology*.

Italian Scientific Society of Hospital Internal Medicine– Federazione delle Associazioni dei Dirigenti Ospedalieri Internisti (FADOI) signed an affiliation agreement with *Journal of Clinical Medicine (JCM)*.

Society for Microbial Ecology and Disease (SOMED) signed an affiliation agreement with *Microorganisms*.

Vestibology Italian Society–Società Italiana di Vestibologia (VIS) signed an affiliation agreement with *Audiology Research*.

Academy of Surgical Research (ASR) signed an affiliation agreement with *Surgeries*.

International Society for the Measurement of Physical Behaviour (ISMPB) signed an affiliation agreement with *Sensors*.

Eurekas Community signed an affiliation agreement with *Axioms*.

SOHO Italy signed an affiliation agreement with *Hematology Reports*.

Federation of European Laboratory Animal Science Associations (FELASA) signed an affiliation agreement with *Animals* and *Biology*.

North American Thermal Analysis Society (NATAS) signed an affiliation agreement with *Polymers*.

Spanish Group for Cancer Immuno-Biotherapy–Grupo Español de Terapias Immuno-Biologicás en Cáncer (GETICA) signed an affiliation agreement with *Cancers* and *Journal of Clinical Medicine (JCM)*. UK Magnetics Society (UKMagSoc) signed an affiliation agreement with *Magnetics*.

European Academy for Molecular Hydrogen Research in Biomedicine (EAMHR–H2 Academy) signed an affiliation agreement with *Antioxidants*.

European Society for Transcultural and Interdisciplinary Dialogue (ESTIDIA) signed an affiliation agreement with *Languages*.

Swiss Union of Laboratory Medicine (SULM) signed an affiliation agreement with *Diagnostics*.

Italian Longevity League (ILL) signed an affiliation agreement with *Journal of Ageing and Longevity (JAL)*.

European Network of Sport Education (ENSE) signed an affiliation agreement with *Education Sciences* and *Sports*.

Italian Society of Food Sciences–Società Italiana di Scienze dell'Alimentazione (SISA) signed an affiliation agreement with Foods, Nutrients, and International Journal of Molecular Sciences (IJMS).

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## 45%

of articles and reviews published in 2022 are related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

# Sustainability Initiatives

The sustainability initiatives at MDPI come in various forms. As an open access publisher, we make a large amount of environment-related content available to the public, encompassing all of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as defined by the United Nations. The relevant content is collected in <u>our new</u> <u>SDG Hub</u>.

Moreover, we are joining efforts with other publishers towards the promotion of diversity and inclusion, and we are launching new titles with scopes related to sustainability topics. One of our teams is also organizing the World Sustainability Forum (WSF), including the early-career and senior researcher awards that are presented at the conference.

# RSC–Joint Commitment for Action on Inclusion and Diversity

The Joint Commitment is an initiative set up by the Royal Society of Chemistry's publishing arm to try and provide the industry with the tools to achieve a higher rate of inclusion and diversity across the field of academic research. The initiative now has a membership of over 50 publishers across multiple disciplines.

To date, the group have developed minimum standards for what information needs to be collected in order to begin achieving greater diversity in publishing. The group is now focusing on ways in which to implement the data by setting general baselines and targets, and finding ways to ensure these accurately represent the wants and needs of the academic community and of the fields which the journals represent.

Members of the Joint Commitment working group are organized into sub-groups, each focusing on a specific point of action. An MDPI representative is a member of the sub-committee on Setting Baselines and Targets, which is working to help create the framework on which to implement the policies developed by the Joint Commitment.

# Sustainability-related journals

MDPI has launched 14 journals specialized in sustainability-related topics over the course of the past 15 years. The first journal we established on the subject, entitled *Sustainability*, has published more than 29,000 articles on SDGs, and these articles have been cited over 240,000 times (data according to InCites as at 7 December 2022). More recently, MDPI launched journals focused on specific environmental issues, including, but not limited to, the following subjects:

- renewable energy
- waste and resource management
- environmental pollution
- biodiversity conservation

These journals provide a platform for researchers to publish new insights to tackle environmental issues. The timeline with a full list of these journals is shown on the right-hand page.

Sharing free-to-read content on environmental issues allows researchers from underfunded institutions to easily access the latest scientific research. Thus, the 2022 International Open Access Week focused on Climate Justice, aimed to promote the "sharing of knowledge with the advancement of policy changes and the importance of social issues affecting people around the world".

Take as an example the journals *Climate* and *Atmosphere*, which have a clear focus: atmospheric pollution and its influence on climate processes. In addition, the journals *Environments*, *Sustainability*, *Water, Remote Sensing* and *IJERPH* publish content on climate change.

These aforementioned journals have published over 35,000 articles in relation to SDG 13: Climate Action. More information about the week <u>can be accessed</u> <u>here</u>.

# Where to find a wide range of free SDG content

In 2020 the SDG Publishers Compact was launched, aiming to accelerate the goals by promoting published content that will help inform, develop, and inspire action within the scope of SDGs. In 2021, MDPI became a signatory of the SDG publishers compact, and this past year, MDPI launched the MDPI SDG Hub as part of our commitment to the compact.

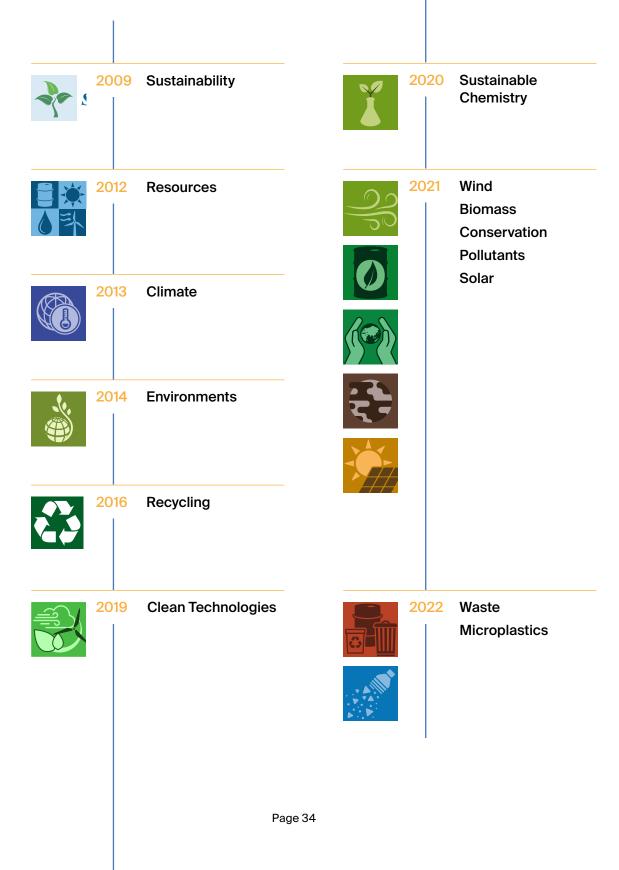
We are classifying recent research within the scope of each SDG and adding them to our SDG Hub at <u>mdpi.com/sdg</u>. There, thousands of goal-related papers can be accessed. In addition, we are financially supporting the publication of selected papers of authors from underrepresented communities in science on SDG subjects, by waiving publication charges. More information about the supported publications and detailed sustainability practices at MDPI is shown in the report under each Goal page.

# MDPI's financial contribution towards sustainability

The WSF is a biannual conference focused on sustainability organized by MDPI. Our efforts towards sustainability go beyond the theoretical world and we financially support researchers through the two sustainability-focused awards given at the WSF: 1) the 100,000 USD World Sustainability Award, given to senior researchers; and 2) the 20,000 USD Emerging Sustainability Leader Award, funded by the journal *Sustainability*, given to early career researchers. The next awards will take place with the WSF23 on 14 September 2023. For more information on how to apply, please visit <u>mdpi-foundation.org</u>.

MDPI also financially supports charity organizations by making donations to the International Red Cross, Médecins Sans Frontières and the World Wide Fund for Nature. The funds come from the honorarium of the Editors-in-Chief (EiCs) that are unable to receive monetary contributions for their collaboration. As a result, MDPI transferred 42,600 CHF to charities in 2022.

# Sustainability-Related Journals



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# Scientific Events & Conferences



The year 2022 saw the return of the "new" normal—for the Sciforum Conference Team, this meant a return to in-person conferences, without renouncing the online format that had emerged and developed throughout the pandemic.

#### In-person events

The Sciforum Conference Team held five in-person conferences spread around Europe-from Poland through to Spain, stopping by in Italy. Four of these conferences were co-organized with external stakeholders, such as societies or universities. For example, the 9th International Symposium on Sensor Science (I3S 2022), our longest-running series this year, was co-organized with the Photonics Society of Poland and the Warsaw University of Technology, and brought together 88 researchers to discuss the latest research and trends in Sensor Science. The 4th International Conference on Materials: Advanced and Emerging Materials (ICM 2022) was internally organized by MDPI and the journal Materials, and held in Barcelona. Touching upon various aspects of materials science and material engineering, it saw 111 participants meet and exchange on these topics.

#### **Online events**

E-conferences were not forgotten, with 28 organized over the year. Our e-conferences are divided into two types of formats: virtual (similar to an in-person event and held over three days) and online (held over two or four weeks, with short live sessions). <u>Viruses 2022:</u> <u>At the Leading Edge of Virology Research</u> was one of the six virtual events organized. Held exclusively online this year, Viruses is one of our most successful event series. This year's edition received a total of 185 registrations. We're looking forward to seeing as many, if not more, in our next edition, planned to take place in person in 2024.

Webinars were still an integral part of the Sciforum Conference Team's activities. As opposed to our virtual events, webinars are short, 2-hour events with a handful of speakers talking on a specific topic. The number of webinars increased yet again this year—reaching a total of 164 webinars, divided amongst 56 journals. Along with our e-conferences, webinars allow for a more global involvement; indeed, webinar attendees joined from over 130 countries.

#### Sciforum services

The Sciforum Conference Team not only organizes MDPI events but also offers its services to scholars interested in organizing their own events. Indeed, this year, the Sciforum Team supported 14 scholars in their event organization—be it for webinars, virtual events, or in-person conferences.

The VTEC community entrusted Sciforum with the organization of their <u>Virtual Meeting</u> for the second time running. The Sciforum platform and services were also provided to the <u>International Symposium</u> on Remote Sensing, co-organized by the Remote Sensing Society of Japan (RSSJ), the Chinese Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (CSPRS), and the Korean Society of Remote Sensing (KSRS).

For those scholars who have the time to handle the full organization of their events, there is the possibility of using solely the Sciforum platform. Five external organizers used this option, such as the organizers of the Third International Conference on Fire Behavior and Risk (ICFBR 2022).

#### What's next?

2023 will be a busy year for the Sciforum Conference Team. The 10th World Sustainability Forum (WSF2023) is currently being organized. We're marking this special anniversary by holding a 24-hour hybrid event spread across 3 locations (Singapore, Basel CH, Toronto CA), as well as online. As usual, WSF2023 will also host the ceremony of the 2023 World Sustainability Award and the Emerging Sustainability Leader Award. Six other inperson conferences are already scheduled. Online events will still take place, considering they allow for a more global participation. The Sciforum Conference Team will also continue to improve the platform and its services on offer, to better support the scientific community.

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1. Polymers 2022–New Trends in Polymer Science: Health of the Planet, Health of the People. May 2022, Turin

2. The 4th International Conference on Materials: Advanced & Emerging Materials. October 2022, Barcelona, Spain





3. The 4th International Symposium on Frontiers in Molecular Science: Biochemistry, Molecular Biology & Druggability of Proteins. September 2022, Florence, Italy.

4. The 9th International Symposium on Sensor Science. Demonstration of a sensor. June 2022, Warsaw, Poland.



# **MDPI** Books

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#### Milestones 2022

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- 10th anniversary of Reprint<sup>1</sup> Service
- 11 open access books<sup>2</sup> published in 2022
- Highlights from our Originals
  1) <u>The Healthiest Diet for You: Scientific Aspects</u>, by Artemis P. Simopoulos
  2) <u>Five Insights for Avoiding Global Collapse</u>, by Gaya Herrington
- Expanded funding opportunities with Knowledge Unlatched
- Additional indexing: Better discoverability of our titles through inclusion in the ExLibris Group's database

#### A look back at 2022

2022 marked another exciting chapter in our journey in strengthening and expanding our library of scholarly open access books. This year, we are proud to have added three new series volumes, five monographs, and three edited books to our collection. With our growing portfolio, we aim to promote the concept of open access books to a wider readership.

The quality of submissions has been improving and there are some exciting projects on the horizon. We aspire to work with recognized authors from reputable institutions. From responses to invitations to work with us, we anticipate some exciting growth in the books program.

As the open access book industry matures, we aim to adopt new services specifically for books that are being developed, such as metrics and better searchability and discoverability. To this end, we are continuously expanding the coverage of our titles in leading book databases. In the sphere of online accessibility, we increased page views of <u>our website</u> by over 70% in 2022 in comparison to 2021, now totaling 2.9 million.

MDPI Books users in 2022 came from these top five countries:

United States	71,950 users
India	53,524 users
Germany	32,465 users
China	21,059 users
United Kingdom	17,549 users

In collaboration with our authors and editors, we are expanding our efforts to help them to promote their work effectively with campaigns that include blogs, interviews, video abstracts or recorded book launches. To learn more about our marketing content, <u>watch the video</u> about the MDPI book, discussing aspects related to SDG 5: Transitioning to Gender Equality, and read the two blog posts, <u>Blog Post 1</u> and <u>Blog Post 2</u>.

MDPI Books is committed to providing a personalized and attentive service to all of our clients. We are constantly expanding our services, such as our recently added figure editing and book indexing options. This allows us to provide a tailored publishing experience for each of our clients. Furthermore, we have professionalized our production process by implementing updated LaTeX templates. This allows us to maintain high standards of quality and consistency in all of our work.

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Loriano Ballarin, Baruch Rinkevich and Bert Hobmayer, Book Editors

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#### Adam Staron, Book Editor

Exercise Prescription in Cardiac Rehabilitation: A Practical Approach to Early Mobilization and Exercise Training by Adam Staron, Jadwiga Wolszakiewicz and Meteb AlSulaimi (Eds.)

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Over the past decade, we have published a total of 5590 Reprints, with 1661 of those being published in 2022 alone. We are grateful to have served our guest editors and authors for the past 10 years and look forward to continuing to provide high-quality Reprints for many more years to come.

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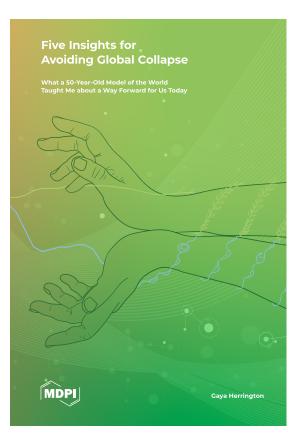
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# **Author Services**



It has been another hugely successful year for Author Services. In 2022, Author Services continued to consolidate and build upon its offered language-editing services: Standard, Rapid, and Specialist.

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In March of 2022, we also enjoyed a website redesign, again with our submitting authors in mind. It is now much easier to see what we offer and how to make a submission. Simplicity, along with efficiency, is a core value that MDPI and Author Services share with submitting authors.

In addition to efficiency and simplicity, the quality of our language-editing services continued to be our uncompromised, number one priority in 2022. The number of fully trained English editors increased by 75% to accommodate the growing popularity of Author Services. Each English editor we recruit undergoes rigorous testing and individual training to ensure they are up to MDPI's highest standards. This bigger pool of talented, fully trained English editors means a wider selection of editors producing the highest-quality edits.

Flexibility is another MDPI core value in alignment with Author Servicers. Our current editing options allow authors to select an English editing service that is right for them, whether their work is time-sensitive and they require a rapid turnaround or they prefer more comprehensive feedback on their work. These editing options will be expanded upon in 2023 to offer customers even greater choice, and to ensure that Author Services remains dynamic and relevant in response to authors' needs. Watch this space!

With flexibility in mind—and to improve coordination and customer service—we expanded the Author Services team in 2022, appointing a dedicated Manager and Coordinators from our Manchester and Toronto offices. This means we are more available than ever to respond to authors' queries and requests. The newly appointed Manager and Coordinators oversee an international team of English editors, which allows us to be editing papers 24 hours a day. In 2023, the team will continue to grow as Author Services strives to become a truly flexible and accessible 24/7 service for our customers.

Author Services' growing popularity is demonstrated by the number of submissions we have received. As an example, in December, we saw a year-on-year increase of 90% in the number of submissions! This significant growth speaks volumes of the simple but effective changes that have been made to Author Services over the last 18 months. It has been a steady evolution that will continue in 2023 and beyond.

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# The driving principles behind everything that we do

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We aim to publish papers quickly to ensure the latest research is rapidly disseminated, using thorough, precise editorial work. By assisting editors and reviewers throughout the peer-review process, a first decision is provided to authors in under 32 days; once accepted, papers are published in 7–10 days.

#### 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.

### High-Quality 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.net, 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 our research community and keep MDPI relevant.

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