

Introducing the Arabic Citation Index

**The first local language citation
index for the Arabic region, hosted
on the Web of Science™**

Funded by the government of Egypt, the Arabic Citation Index (ARCI) will introduce an Arabic interface for the Web of Science, providing access to bibliographic information and citations to scholarly articles from expertly curated Arabic journals and other the Web of Science content.

**ARCI is built by and hosted
on the Web of Science.**

ARCI will make Arabic scholarly content more accessible, connecting it to more than 1.7 billion cited research references (dating back to 1864) and the highest quality, peer-reviewed scholarly content from across the globe.

Local language citation indexes: bridging the gap between local scientific output and global impact

A local language citation index makes regional content and citation analysis available through a local language interface and search function. In the case of the regional databases already successfully launched in partnership with the Web of Science, each is supported by the world's most trusted publisher-independent global citation database, the Web of Science.

Local language citation indexes provide access to local language content, helping researchers to collaborate with a wider audience. They also help to provide visibility for the public funding process and enhance visibility on the global academic map, bridging the gap between local scientific output and global impact.

With creation of ARCI, an Arabic language interface will be built for the whole Web of Science platform. ARCI will be searchable in English and in Arabic, becoming one of only the nine global languages for which user interfaces in the Web of Science are available.

Benefits of the Arabic Citation Index

The benefits of ARCI are substantial. The indexing of Arabic publications will provide local scientific communities with the ability to contribute to national, regional, and international research efforts – facilitating collaboration and extending the Arabic academic footprint.

As part of this initiative, the Web of Science platform will include an Arabic language interface to help drive usage of local content, as well as providing access to the highest-quality, peer-reviewed content from around the world.

Arabic Citation Index will also offer:

- Enhanced Arabic journal visibility and quality,
- Greatly increased visibility and influence of Arabic science on the global arena,
- Indexation of an Arabic publication in ARCI on the Web of Science platform can greatly increase its chances to be cited worldwide,
- The ability to identify critical Arabic research,
- Access to the highest-quality, peer-reviewed international content,
- Language interface in English and Arabic,
- Regional competitive support and
- Greater funding opportunities.

The Web of Science platform

The Web of Science is the world's most trusted publisher-independent global citation database. Guided by the legacy of Dr Eugene Garfield, inventor of the world's first citation index, the Web of Science is the most powerful research engine, delivering institutions, funders, and researchers with best-in-class publication and citation data for confident discovery, access, and assessment.

The Web of Science platform connects regional (including ARCI), specialty, data, and patent indexes to the Web of Science Core Collection™, the world's only true citation index. This comprehensive platform helps users to track ideas across disciplines and time from over 1.7 billion cited references from over 161 million records.

Our comprehensive and complete data gives you confidence across the research workflow

- **Selectivity:** Publisher-neutrality ensures an unbiased view of the quality and impact of our collection and data.
- **Structure:** 60 years of curated essential, accurate and consistent data indexing.
- **Certainty:** Every article from every journal has been indexed creating a trusted network.

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How are journals selected for the Arabic Citation Index?

| ARCI Triage | ARCI Editorial Evaluation |
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| ✓ Journal title | ✓ Scholarly content |
| ✓ Publisher | ✓ Statement of journal scope |
| ✓ URL (online journals) | ✓ Content relevance |
| ✓ Content access | ✓ Language quality |
| ✓ DOI/pagination | ✓ Cited references |
| ✓ Timelines/volume | ✓ Editorial board structure |

The regional journals covered in ARCI will be selected by a newly established Editorial Board. This board will be neutral and will have representation from other Arab League member countries. Board members will provide regional insights and subject knowledge.

The guiding principles of journal selection for the Arabic Citation Index are based on traditional scholarly publishing standards and the research norms of the region. All titles considered for the ARCI must have an ISSN and will receive a preliminary review or triage to confirm format, ISSN's and accessibility of the content.

Next the journal is reviewed to confirm that it is scholarly, with clear journal scope or mission, article abstracts, cited references, a clear relationship between the journal's scope and its content, quality of article language consistent with scholarly communications and an editorial board that is reflective of the field of the journal.

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