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## Editorial

### Welcome to the *Journal of Informetrics*

Welcome to the first issue of the first volume of *Journal of Informetrics*. The foundation of this new journal has been in your editor's mind for almost two decades! In recent years, the growth in numbers of informetricians, relevant research, websites and journal articles, have all evidenced the need for a journal devoted to informetrics.

Welcome, first of all, to the readers of this new journal. As detailed in the two special issues on informetrics of the journal *Information Processing and Management*, the remit of *Journal of Informetrics* is wide (Egghe, 2005, 2006). The journal's scope encompasses all quantitative aspects of the measurement of information, including, of course, e-information. All submitted papers should be of high quality and must contain aspects of mathematical models and/or universally interesting data.

I would like to welcome and congratulate the authors of papers in this first issue, as well as future authors within *Journal of Informetrics*. This journal cannot be a success without the valuable contributions of readers. We hereby invite you cordially to submit a research paper, short note or a review. We can also consider occasional publication of special issues which include updated and expanded papers presented at conferences, subject to acceptance following rigorous peer review.

Thanks also to the many expert reviewers of the papers in this issue as well as in forthcoming issues. I know that reviewing is a painstaking job but it is one that brings benefits to authors, reviewers, the community and science as a whole, underpinning the success of our efforts. We are currently expanding our roster of potential reviewers, and I would be delighted to hear directly from those willing to act as a reviewer for the journal. I am also especially grateful to all of the members of the editorial board of *Journal of Informetrics* for accepting the invitation to join the editorial team, and actively supporting the journal.

Finally, it is most gratifying to know that the inception of *Journal of Informetrics* is fully supported by the entire informetrics community, including editors of related journals. All these journals have their own scope and complement each other; with the ongoing growth of the field at large authors have an excellent choice of journals to submit their research findings.

It is my sincere hope and intention that *Journal of Informetrics* significantly contributes to the development of the science of "*Informetrics*", including other -metrics subfields such as bibliometrics, scientometrics and webometrics.

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Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Informetrics*

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