
Editorial

Serb J Sports Sci: We are still growing !

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Dear friends from Serbia and around the world,

I received the invitation to write this editorial with great pleasure, as a great honor but also a great responsibility. Presenting and representing *SJSS* is a big responsibility for me and I hope I will rise to the occasion.

A few years ago I received a message from the editor of a new journal. I had begun trying to present my work outside Brazil, and I recognized an opportunity. At the time, I could not envisage what was about to happen to *SJSS* in such a short time! I submitted my paper and recommended to a few compatriots to do the same. Something told me it was a great investment. Some of them seemed skeptical, but today many are looking up to *SJSS* to publish their work. The journal became a great "window" in which to exhibit research in sports sciences.

When reading the previous editorials (by distinguished colleagues before me) and the statistics, we can observe consistent growth. This is the result of an ethical and serious endeavor of the editors and the staff of the journal. It's nice to see. I believe that in future the impact of the publications in *SJSS* will be as high as that of the more traditional scientific journals in sports science. The keynote: it is not in distant future! As I said, this growth has to do with ethics, integrity and hard work. But it also has to do with Love! In the conversation with the editor-in-chief, we can see how *SJSS* is important to him like a *family*. Like the father (head of the household), he treats everyone with love, but is strict when necessary. Thus, the journal can continue to grow as well as its *family*. This is also beautiful to see!

Despite its name, *Serbian Journal*, it is international. The last few years have seen the publication of articles from almost all continents: Europe (Greece, Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Germany, Italy, Portugal, UK, Spain, France, Macedonia, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Turkey); Americas (Brazil, USA); Asia (India, Japan, Thailand, Iran); Oceania (Australia, New Zealand); Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Nigeria). OK, the Antarctic is missing, I know, but does anyone know of a consistent production of sports science coming from there? Excluding this little joke, the diverse origin of the work shows the internationalization of *SJSS*. If the goal was to become a regional journal, the editors have failed, it is now a global reality.

I can also point out that some of the leading researchers in sports sciences are present among the authors. I do not feel free to mention them lest I may forget someone and that would be bad. But we cannot fail to highlight some young researchers who, in the near future, will be the new generation of sports science leaders. They are scattered around the world, and *SJSS* has this feature, inclusion. It is important to encourage new talent and experts. A democratic and open journal does that.

Moreover, being a journal that provides the content for free, it brings scientific quality to everyone. In *SJSS*, the young students who begin the journey of discovery have an ally. The mature readers who need continual education and recycling of knowledge have a friend. All, without exception, can benefit from it.

Finally, there is still something for *SJSS* to become a leader, but I know it has been thought of by its *family*. What remains will soon be reached, those who bet on *SJSS* and join the *family* will be awarded.

As we say in Brazil,

Big hug!

Marco Machado

Figure 1. SJSS first author by countries for 2007 – 2011

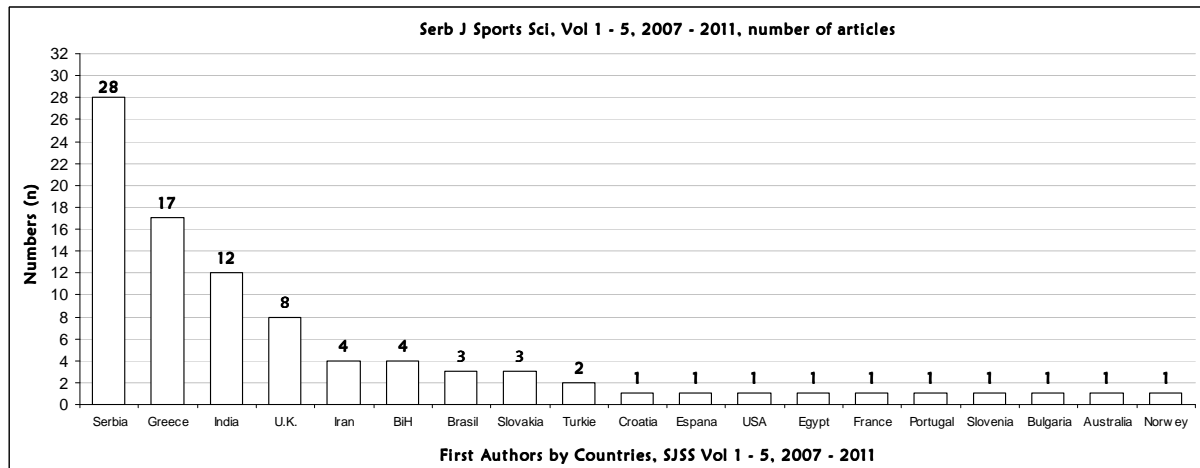
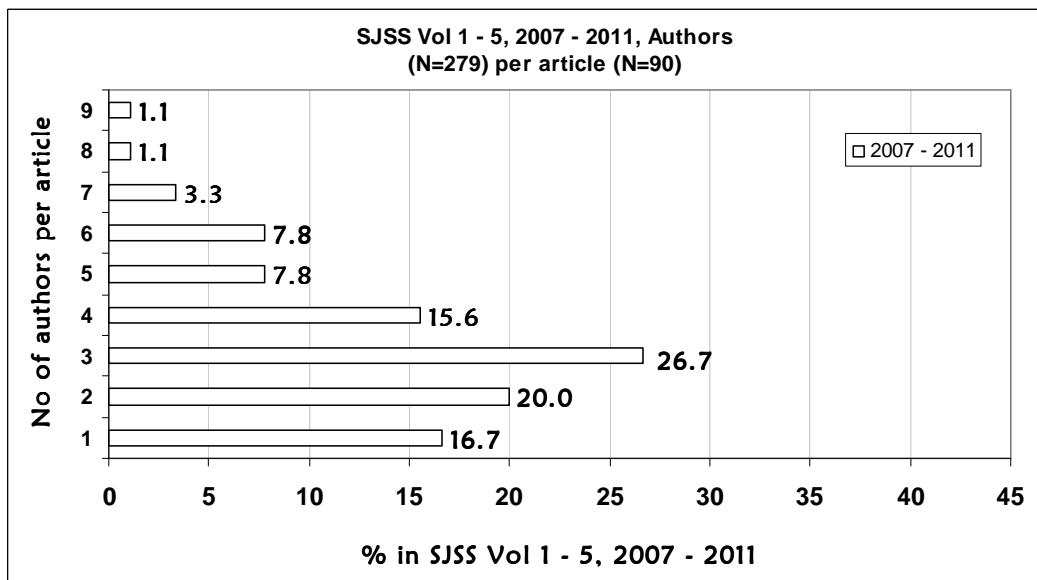


Figure 2. SJSS authors per article 2007 - 2011



SJSS facts:

- from 1st Januar 2011 until 15th December 2011 the site had 26.496 visitors and 69.931 page views (2.64 pages/visit);
- these readers came from 150 countries including the United States (19.20% visitors), United Kingdom (14.19%), India (9.76%), Serbia (9.22%), Australia (4.62 %), Greece (3.03 %), Canada (2.99%), Malaysia (2.04%), Iran (2.02%), Brazil (1.71%), Germany (1.42%), and many others;
- rejection rate was 56.25 % (in 2009 – 22.00%, in 2010 – 58.00%);
- the average duration of a rejection was 42±40 days, of a successful submission (from submission to acceptance) was 97±68 days, while the average time until publication was 147±108 days.

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