

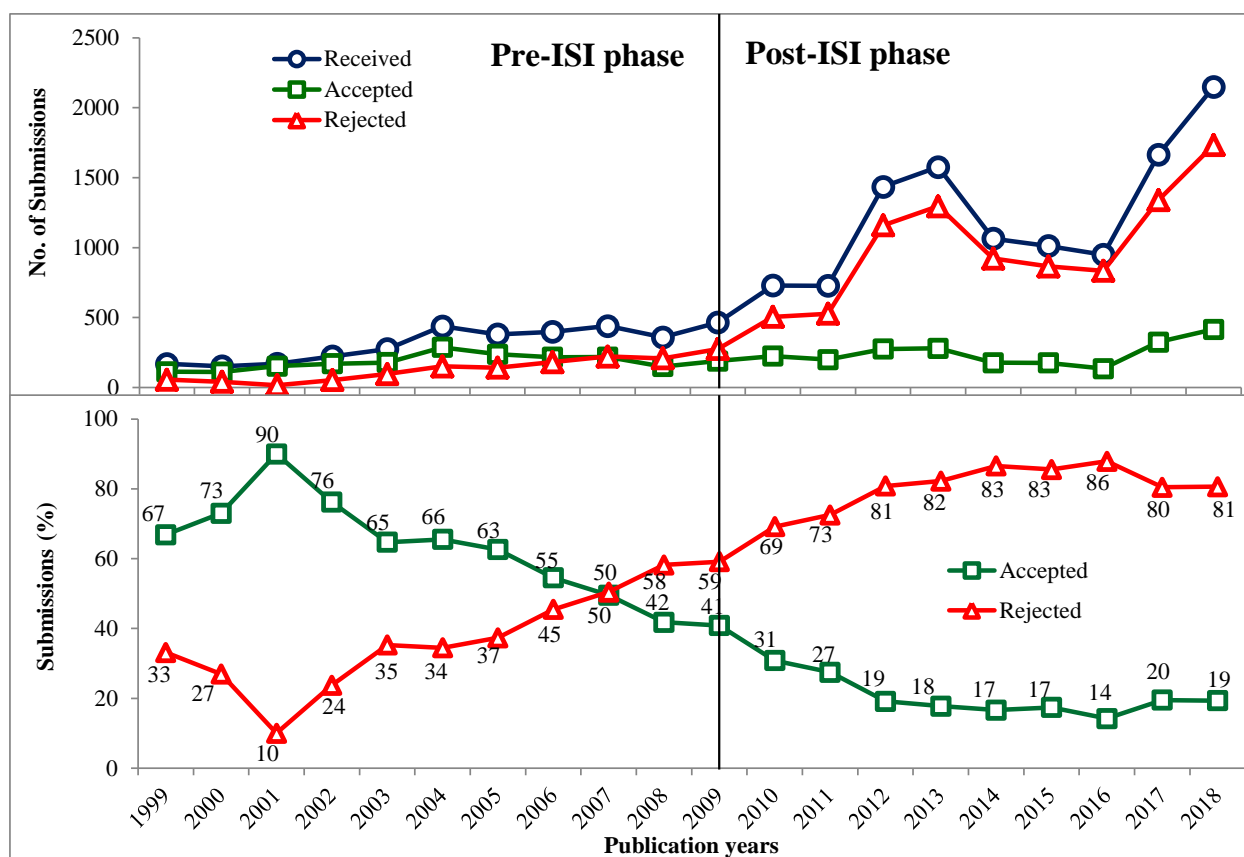


**Editorial**

**Iter Vitae of International Journal of Agriculture and Biology**

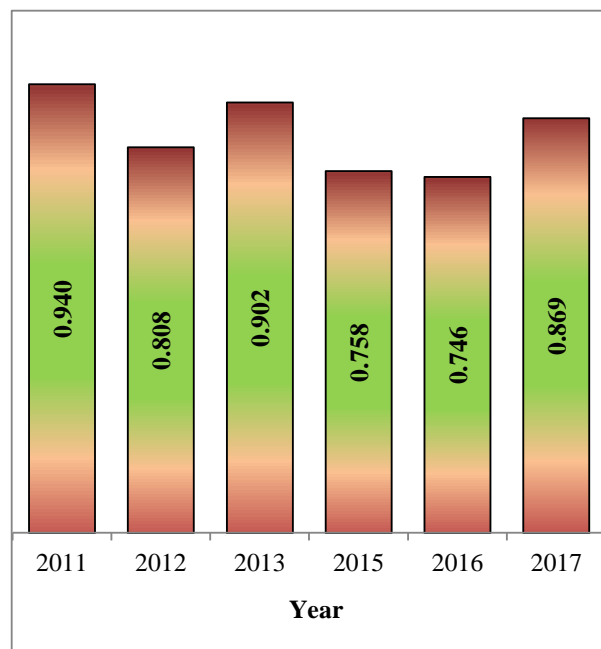
The issue in hand is first issue of volume 21 of International Journal of Agriculture and Biology, abbreviated as IJAB ([www.fspublishers.org](http://www.fspublishers.org)). The IJAB started its *iter vitae* in 1999 as quarterly publication open to international audience in the domain of Agriculture and Biology and related disciplines (multidisciplinary). The IJAB was given the status of bimonthly publication in 2004 and then monthly publication in 2018. From 2019 the IJAB management plans to publish two volumes per year (each volume comprising six issues). Since the time of inception, the IJAB has maintained high standards of regular publication in both soft (published ahead of time) and hard (in limited numbers) forms. The audience of IJAB is highly respected and preliminary decision on manuscripts is provided within a week, while average manuscript decision time is eight to ten weeks after in-depth blind review process.

The contents indexing of IJAB can be placed into two major phases; pre-ISI (up to 2008) and post-ISI (from 2009). The number of submissions never exceeded 500 during pre-ISI phase. However, during post-ISI phase, there was a consistent increase in the number of submissions, reaching as high as more than 2100 in the year 2018. With an escalation in the number of submissions, there was a concomitant rejection of submissions. The rejection rate of manuscripts, up to 60% during pre-ISI phase, increased to 80% during post-ISI phase. The IJAB published Review Articles, Full Length Articles and Short Communications. As per post-ISI data, the IJAB has so far published 40 Review Articles, 1940 Full Length Articles and 99 Short Communications and 3 corrigenda. Since 2015, all the published articles are accessible via Digital Object Identifier (DOI: 10.17957/IJAB).



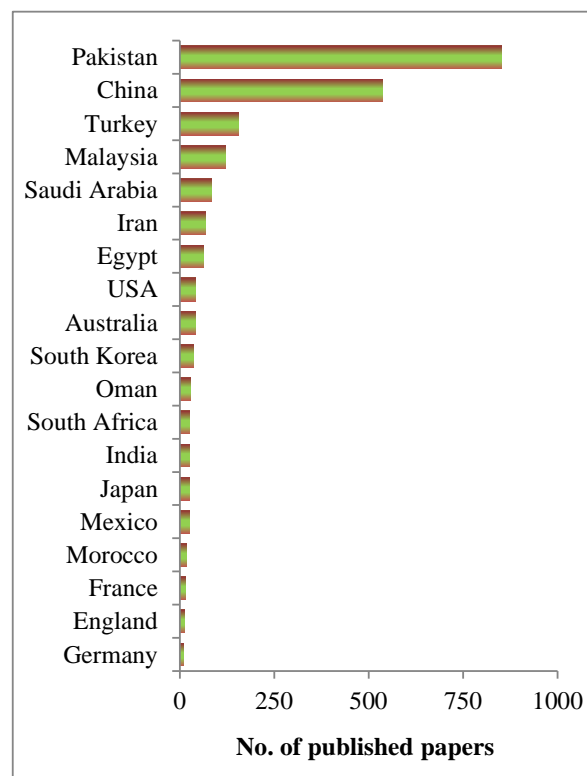
**Fig. 1:** Extent of acceptance and rejection of submission in IJAB from 1999 to date

The IJAB got first-ever impact factor (IF) in 2011, which remained more than 0.700 in all releases of IF (Fig. 2). Although the IF for 2018 has not been released thus far, we expect that it will remain over 0.700. As per ISI data, the current citations of IJAB are ~8000 from ~2100 published items, while the *h*-index is 24, which is better than many multidisciplinary journals.



**Fig. 2:** Impact factor of IJAB in different releases of ISI Web of Science (Source: <https://clarivate.com/products/incites/>)

Attraction to global audience is an important facet of any publication source. It is satisfying to report that IJAB owns a very wide global audience. As per data available at Thomson-ISI Web of Knowledge (<http://wcs.webofknowledge.com>), the papers have been published from more than 100 countries of the world spread over different continents. Continent Asia having highest populace is the top-notch in publishing the largest number of papers in IJAB (Fig. 3).



**Fig. 3:** Some countries/regions wise publication of papers in IJAB (Source: ISI Web of Science; [http://wcs.webofknowledge.com/RA/analyze.do?product=WOS&SID=C4BrGTOGrTjVozKZvrl&field=CU\\_CountryTerritory\\_CountryTerritory\\_en&yearSort=false](http://wcs.webofknowledge.com/RA/analyze.do?product=WOS&SID=C4BrGTOGrTjVozKZvrl&field=CU_CountryTerritory_CountryTerritory_en&yearSort=false))

In the end, we are thankful to authors for publishing their high-quality work and supporting IJAB. Like ever, IJAB management will keep on serving the global life scientists' community with full zeal and enthusiasm.

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