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Annual Meeting Update on *International Journal of Construction Education and Research (IJCER)*: Prepared (and presented) by Clifton Farnsworth and Mehmet Ozbek

Journal Highlights and other interesting statistics (annual report available upon request):

1. The journal's CiteScore from last year (May 2023) was a record high of 3.9, up from a previous high of 2.9 (in 2022). In the Building and Construction category, the IJCER ranked 64 out of 200 journals (68th percentile). The Journal also ranked 333 out of 1,469 journals in the Education category (77th percentile). With only two more months remaining before the value is finalized for the year, the CiteScore tracker is projecting a similar value as last year. (*Information from Scopus website.*)



2. Usage also continues to be one of our most important metrics. 2023 downloads tallied 33,132 full text views, compared to 29,152 from the previous year, a 14% increase.
3. Volume 19 (calendar year 2023) of the IJCER included 24 different published articles (not counting the editorials). This is the minimum number of articles paid for under the current contract. Although page count is no longer a contract consideration, we continue to encourage a maximum manuscript length of about 20 pages (inclusive of references, figures, and tables).
4. There are 13 published papers digitally published on the IJCER website awaiting to be assigned to a print issue (volume/number). With a higher number of articles being published annually, the backlog of articles is shrinking. Although this ultimately decreases the time from journal acceptance and online availability to volume/issue assignment (print version), we are now at a more practical backlog and would like to see the numbers of papers being accepted and published each quarter equalize. The oldest accepted paper not yet assigned to an issue is from March 2023.



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5. Within the ScholarOne review system, there are 36 total papers at some point in the publication process, including 11 that have surpassed the first round of peer-review and are currently in the revision stage.
6. One strategy for ensuring that a sufficient number of articles is accepted each year for publication is to promote and support special issues. The editorial team is currently working on a call for a special issue on research methodologies for construction education-focused studies. We are hoping to publish this special issue in October, 2024 to commemorate 20th anniversary (Volume 20) of the Journal. The special issue announcement will be made at the 60th ASC International Conference.
7. The editorial team continues to explore adjusting the process for submittal formatting to the standard Taylor and Francis submittal guidelines, which is significantly easier for authors to follow and for us to enforce (e.g., double spacing, simple headings, etc.). We are looking to switch to a word count to ensure that articles still meet a reasonable maximum publication length.
8. We are working to speed up time to publication, and especially working to speed up the time of first reviews by our associate editor team.
9. We transitioned to the new editorial team in January 2024. Mehmet E. Ozbek is now serving as the new journal editor-in-chief, and Caroline Clevenger replacing Mehmet Ozbek as Managing Editor. Ben Bigelow has completed a very lengthy run as an associate editor and was replaced by James Smith. The full list of our editorial team is shown below.

Journal Staff:

Current Editorial Staff:

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