

IJPRT 2011 Summary Report

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2011 marks the 4th year of International Journal of Pavement Research and Technology (IJPRT) since the publication of the first issue in January 2008. It was in the year of 2011 that IJPRT started to be archived by Scopus (Elsevier B.V.) – the largest abstract and citation database of research literature. The Journal's website at www.ijprt.org.tw keeps providing free online access to articles published in the Journal.

Publication

In the year of 2011, 6 issues consisting of a total of 48 articles were published, including 45 technical papers and 3 technical notes. These articles were authored by researchers from 14 countries around the world. Of the 48 articles published, 9 (or 19%) were produced by researchers from more than one country, indicating a trend for international collaboration in the pavement society.

Submission and Reviewing

Manuscripts submitted to IJPRT for possible publication add up to 74 in total this year. Authors from 21 countries all over the world contributed. Among them, 35 papers have been accepted, 36 were rejected or returned, and 3 are still under revision or re-reviewing as of mid-May 2012. The percentage of manuscript acceptance is estimated to be 50+% for the year. 135 reviewers from 29 different countries participated in the review of manuscripts. IJPRT has been very efficient in the review processes. Of the manuscripts subjected to reviewing, 94% of them were provided with review comments within 3 months, and 69% of the accepted papers were decided and officially accepted in 4 months.

In cooperation with the International Conference on Road and Airfield Pavement Technology (ICPT), selected quality papers presented in the 7th ICPT meeting (August 2011; Bangkok, Thailand) will be published in IJPRT. And such cooperation will continue for the 8th ICPT Conference to be held in Taipei, Taiwan in July 2013.

Paper Awards

The second biennial Best Paper Awards were selected from 92 papers published in 2010-2011 by the 5-member Journal Paper Awards Committee led by Dr. Shin-Che Huang of Western Research Institute. The two award winning papers are:

- Mechanistic Design of Silent Asphalt Mixtures by Marinus Huurman, Lian Tong Mo, and Milliyon Fekade Woldekidan – published in Vol. 3, No.1 issue; a cash prize of \$2,000 will be awarded to this winning paper.
- Development of a New Design Methodology for Structural Airfield Mats by Carlos Gonzalez and Timothy W. Rushing – published in Vol. 3, No. 3 issue; this runner-up paper will be awarded a cash prize of \$1,000.

Information at SCImago Journal & Country Rank

The SCImago Journal & Country Rank (SJR) is a portal that includes the journals and country scientific indicators developed from the information contained in the Scopus database. Fig. 1 shows the total number of citations and journal's self-citations received by IJPRT published articles. Fig. 2 depicts the evolution of citations per document to IJPRT articles. More information reported by SJR on IJPRT can be found online at: <http://www.scimagojr.com/journalsearch.php?q=19700186886&tip=sid&clean=0>

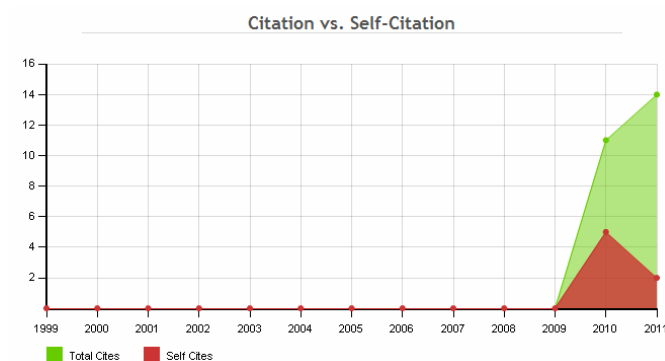


Fig. 1. Total number of citations and self-citations (Source: SJR).

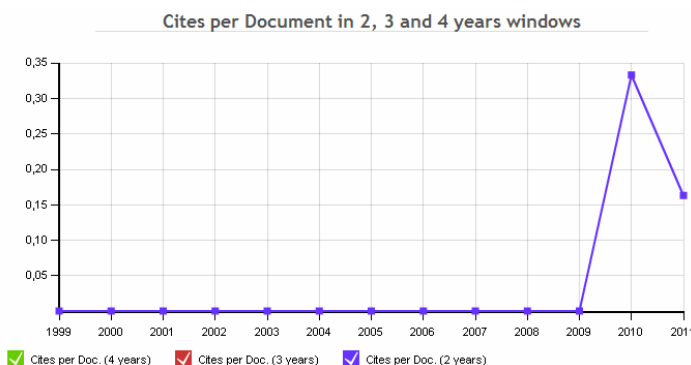


Fig. 2. Citations per document to IJPRT articles (Source: SJR).