Erratum

The correct version of the first page of the "Introduction" in: R. BARRE, Clustering Research Fields for Macro-Strategic Analysis: A Comparative Specialization Approach *Scientometrics*, Vol. 22, No. 1 (1991) 95-112 is as follows:

Introduction

One essential aspect of strategic analysis is to identify relative strengths and weaknesses of the actors. Thus when we want to carry out a strategic analysis of national science policy, we need to look at the relative scientific specializations of different countries.² The classical way of doing this is to calculate an index by comparing the international contribution of the country in a given field to its contribution to all fields. This contribution is measured by the number of publications. We will adopt this method here.

Thus we will construct a series of n values for each country, one value for each of the n scientific fields treated. These n values constitute a characteristic vector of national strengths and weaknesses. To borrow a term from economics that has recently been extended to the field of technology, we will speak of the "Revealed Scientific Advantages" (RSA) vector,³ in the sense that this vector represents the relative advantages revealed by publication figures.