

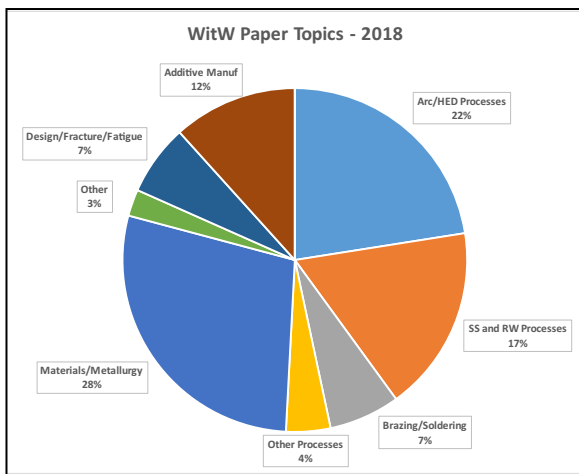


Welding in the world – update 2018

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In 2018, *Welding in the World* published 6 issues that contained 120 papers and over 1300 pages of fundamental and applied research associated with materials joining and allied technologies. The distribution of papers published in *Welding in the World* in 2018, arranged by Technology Area is shown in the accompanying figure.



Over 400 papers were submitted to *Welding in the World* in 2018. Of this number, 103 papers were recommended by IIW Working Units and ~300 papers were submitted via open submission. Approximately 20% of the open submission papers were approved by the Editorial Board and forwarded into the peer review system.

In 2018, the role of the Editorial Board was greatly expanded to assist with the pre-screening of open submission papers and to streamline the peer review process. Currently, there are

over 35 members of the Editorial Board, as listed on the inside cover of this issue.

All the indicators of the journal's quality and performance continued to increase significantly in 2018. The Impact Factor now stands at 1.206 and is expected to increase to ~1.4. It is projected that there will be ~82,000 paper downloads in 2018, an increase of 11% from 2017.

The Editors wish to thank all who contribute to the quality of the journal including authors, working unit chairs and co-chairs, principal reviewers and members of the review panel, the Editorial Board, the IIW managing editor and staff, and the support staff at Springer. The tremendous growth in the number of papers submitted to *Welding in the World* over the last four years has required tremendous effort by both the peer review panel and production staff.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Papers recommended by IIW Working Units	130	131	115	130	126	127
Open submission papers submitted	–	49	172	278	256	~300
Papers published	82	84	90	114	120	120
Total Cites	114	205	327	521	807	829
CiteScore	0.61	0.89	0.93	1.26	1.52	–
Downloads	29,815	37,657	43,250	59,093	73,820	~82,000
Science Citation Index (SCI) Impact Factor	0.424	0.746	0.861	0.948	1.206	~1.4

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