Welding in the World Update

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In 2019, *Welding in the World* published 6 issues containing 160 papers and over 1900 pages of fundamental and applied research associated with materials joining and allied technologies. The distribution of papers published in *Welding in the World* in 2019, arranged by Technology Area, is shown in Fig. 1.

Over 500 papers were submitted to *Welding in the World* in 2019. The acceptance rate for these papers was 35% and time to first decision was 113 days. As shown in Table 1, the journal impact continues to increase based on both Impact Factor and CiteScore, with an anticipated IF of 1.4 expected for 2019. The number of paper downloads increased dramatically in 2019 to 111,000, up 74% from 2018.

Starting in 2020, *Welding in the World* will increase to 12 issues per year to accommodate the large increase in papers

that are being submitted and to allow more special issues and topical collections to be published. The Editorial Board has now been increased to over 40 members in order to assist the Editors with the pre-screening of open submission papers and to streamline the peer review process. These members are listed on the inside cover of this issue.

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 4 years has required tremendous effort by both the peer review panel and production staff.

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Fig. 1 Distribution of papers published in *Welding in the World* in 2019

Table 1 Journal statistics and impact based on both Impact Factor and CiteScore

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Papers recommended by IIW WUs	130	131	115	130	126	126	156
Open submission papers submitted	–	49	172	278	256	285	380
Papers published	82	84	90	114	120	120	160
Pages published	945	923	932	1296	1296	1350	1902
Total cites	114	205	327	521	807	829	939
CiteScore	0.61	0.89	0.93	1.26	1.52	1.62	NA
Downloads	29,815	37,657	43,2507	59,093	73,820	63,835	111,022
SCI Impact Factor	0.424	0.746	0.861	0.948	1.206	1.278	~1.4

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