Welding in the World—update 2021

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In 2020, Volume 64 of *Welding in the World* published 179 papers and over 2100 pages of fundamental and applied research associated with materials joining and allied technologies. The distribution of papers published in 2020, arranged by Technology Area, is shown in the accompanying figure. This includes papers from a special edition on Additive Manufacturing that was published in August.

Over 450 papers were submitted to the journal in 2020. The acceptance rate for these papers was 42% and average time to

first decision was ~50 days. As shown in the chart below, the journal impact continues to increase based on both impact factor (IF) and CiteScore, with an anticipated IF of 2.0 expected for 2020. The number of paper downloads increased dramatically in 2020 to over 150,000, up 39% from 2019. Also, the time from paper submission to online publication was reduced to ~210 days. Further improvements are anticipated in 2021 with a goal of reducing time to online publication to 150 days.

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Starting in 2020, *Welding in the World* increased to 12 issues per year to accommodate the large number of papers that are being submitted and to allow more special issues and topical collections to be published. Despite the challenges created by the cancellation of the Annual Assembly in Singapore and the reliance on virtual working unit meetings, paper submission to WitW remained strong despite the drop in recommended papers. Also in 2020, a simplified keyword system was introduced that is now more closely linked to the profiles of reviewers in the Editorial Manager system. This change has facilitated the assignment of papers to the most appropriate reviewers.

In July 2020, Prof. Américo Scotti (Brazil/Sweden) replaced Prof. John Norrish from Australia who served as Interim Editor from July 2019. Professor Scotti's expertise is in the areas of welding processes and process modeling.

The Editorial Board currently consists of 39 members and assists the Editors with the pre-screening of open submission papers and the overall execution of the peer review process. There are now approximately 140 Principal Reviewers for WitW. The members of the Editorial Board are listed on the inside cover of the journal on the journal website. Principal reviewers who reviewed papers in 2020 are listed below.

The editors wish to thank all who contribute to the continued success 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. Over the last 5 years, the twofold increase in the number of papers published annually has required a tremendous effort by both the peer review panel and production staff.

Welding in the World—performance data

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Papers recommended by IIW WUs	130	131	115	130	126	135	156	80
Open submission papers submitted	—	49	172	278	256	305	380	420
Papers published	82	84	90	114	120	120	160	179
Pages published	945	923	932	1296	1296	1350	1902	2168
Total cites	114	205	327	521	807	829	939	1,556
CiteScore	0.61	0.89	0.93	1.26	1.52	1.62	2.60	~3.40
Downloads	29,815	37,657	43,250	59,093	73,820	83,649	111,022	154,897
Science Citation Index (SCI) Impact Factor	0.424	0.746	0.861	0.948	1.206	1.278	1.589	~2.0

There is no updated data for Citescore or Impact Factor

Principal reviewers for WitW in 2020

Shaju ALBERT
M. AMIRTHALINGAM
Sudarsanam Suresh BABU
Margarita BAEVA
Zuheir BARSOUM
Jean Pierre BERGMANN
Eliot BIRO
Arun Kumar BHADURI
Carl CROSS
Bruno DE MEESTER
Jorge DOS SANTOS
Amitava DE
Thomas DUPUY
Stephan EGERLAND
Norbert ENZINGER
Majid FARAJIAN
Carolyn FINK
Christof GERRITSEN
Gregor GOETT

Constantinos GOULAS
David GREWELL
Andrey GUMENYUK
André HÁLSIG
Stefan HEILMANN
Yoshinori HIRATA
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Sven JUETTNER
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Doug KAUTZ
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Damjan KLOBCAR
Damian KOTECKI

Arne KROMM
Veli KUJANPAA
Wenya LI
Hong LI
Tiesong LIN
John LIPPOLD
Stephen LIU
Xun LIU
Yuzhang LIU
Mauro MADIA
Milan MARONEK
Cécile MAYER
Peter MAYR
Geoff MELTON
Tobias MENTE
Anthony MURPHY
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Thomas NITSCHKE-PAGEL
Zengxi PAN

Boyd PANTON
Matthias PELKNER
Andreas PITTNER
Gerhard POSCH
Antonio RAMIREZ
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Ian RICHARDSON
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Volker SCHOEPPNER
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Claus THOMY
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Jari TUOMINEN
Asun VALIENTE BERMEJO
Vincent VAN DER MEE

Pedro VILAÇA
Petri VUORISTO
Guntram WAGNER
Elin WESTIN
Rebecca WHEELING
Stefanie WIESNER
Peer WOIZESCHKE
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