

Publications in psychology (Lithuania)

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EUROPE



Publications/Journals

- ◆ Lithuania is a rather small country
- ◆ Thus, there are only few journals in psychology available for publications
- ◆ There are some other journals from other disciplines that are accepting studies for publications in psychology



Publications/Journals

- ◆ There are three journals in psychology
- ◆ There are some other journals in other social sciences (7 or 8)



Accessibility

- ◆ All the printed journals available in Lithuania are distributed by the universities where they are published
- ◆ All the articles of three psychology journals are online for free
- ◆ While some social sciences or medical journals where psychologists publish do not have a free access online



Accessibility

- ◆ Some of these journals could be found in PsychINFO, Index Copernicus, or EBSCO (Academic search complete) data basis
- ◆ Thus, it seems that in one way or another all the journals are available online for students and scholars at the universities



Language

- ◆ The main language for publications in psychology is Lithuanian
- ◆ However, it is possible to submit articles to all the journals in psychology in Lithuanian and English
- ◆ It seems that researchers in psychology prefer to write in Lithuanian



Language

- ◆ As one of the reasons to publish in Lithuanian - there is no requirement from the universities to publish in English
- ◆ Although every published article has an abstract in English or sometimes also in other languages such as German or French



Review

- ◆ Review process in Lithuania is not very different from peer-review process in international journals
- ◆ Scholars could submit their studies for publication any time when they want
- ◆ Authors are welcome to submit various studies
- ◆ All the authors should follow author's guidelines for submitting a study
- ◆ Only few journals accepted APA format, while other journals have their own format



Review

- ◆ Quite seldom there could be a special issue of certain journal available for certain studies
- ◆ On the average the review process could take around 3 to maximum 4 months



Reviewers

- ◆ There are reviewers from other countries such as US, England, Poland, and others
- ◆ Reviewers from other countries get to review around five percent of all submitted publications
- ◆ All the reviewers (from Lithuania or from other countries) should have a PhD in social sciences



Reviewers

- ◆ All the reviewers are getting to review studies that are close to their own scientific interest
- ◆ Around 20% of all submitted publications are rejected after the review process
- ◆ Of course, this percent could vary according to the journal



Time lag

- ◆ It could take about 6 months from the submission to publication
- ◆ There could be two reviews
- ◆ The first review could take 3 months and then author has a chance to improve if the article is not rejected

◆ Sometimes there is the second review that could take maximum one or two month



Impact

- ◆ All the psychology journals existing in Lithuania do not have an impact factor
- ◆ Scholars from Lithuania cite various articles published in Lithuanian journals
- ◆ But it is not possible for scholars from other countries to cite Lithuanians' studies because of the language
- ◆ Only 10 percent of all publications in Lithuania are in English, citations internationally occur quite seldom



Topics

- ◆ Various
- ◆ Most of the studies published in Lithuanian – psychophysics, experimental psychology, assessment



Cost

- ◆ The publishing cost is much higher, sometimes three or four times, than a subscription rate
- ◆ The price difference is covered by the universities where these journals are published
- ◆ Journals do not charge authors for publications or there are no author's fees



Reputation

- ◆ Some of the psychology journals available in Lithuania are very new journals, thus they do not have any reputation among psychology scholars yet
- ◆ Even though there are not many scientific journal is psychology in Lithuania, some of them already have a good reputation among researcher in Lithuania
- ◆ Some universities in Lithuania encourage their researchers to publish not only in Lithuanian, but also in international journals



Reputation

- ◆ Young scholars prefer to publish in Lithuanian
- ◆ Language issue
- ◆ Time issue
- ◆ Many think that their studies are not reaching international standards



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What is missing?

- ◆ Knowledge what is going on in other European countries
- ◆ Many journals do not appear in international data basis
- ◆ Thus, those publications are not known
- ◆ Languages – some journal do not present abstracts in English
- ◆ If they do, some abstracts do not appear in international data basis



What is missing?

- ◆ Information about all the existing European journals
- ◆ Abstracts
- ◆ Not all scholars publish in international journals



Thank you

