EDITORIAL

Acta Informatica Medica as an Official EFMI Journal - One of the Leading Journals in the Field of Medical Informatics in Europe

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There is no journal in the Balkans that covers the area of medical informatics (1). By searching scimagojr.com, the term “medical informatics” is not in options, and by clicking on the term “health informatics” there are no journals in the Balkans, the Mediterranean countries or Eastern Europe. Acta Informatica Medica is the last journal in this geographic area covering the field of Medical informatics.

During Medical Informatics of Europe (MIE 2018) Conference held in Gothenburg, Sweden, from 24 to 26th April of the 2018 at EFMI Council meeting, the journal Acta Informatica Medica became official journal of the European Federation for Medical Informatics, which represents a reward for hard work since the establishment of the journal in the Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) – established by Izet Masic and Zoran Ridjanovic.

Acta Informatica Medica (open access journal publishing original articles, professional articles, reviews, viewpoints, and case studies, covering issues in Medical/Health/Biomedical informatics; journal is the official organ of the Society for Medical Informatics of Bosnia and Herzegovina and European Federation for Medical Informatics) has become the first journal from the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is recognized as the official journal of a European association. This does not apply only to medicine, but also to science in a broader sense.

Acta Informatica Medica is a peer-reviewed international quarterly journal published by Academy of Medical Sciences of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The International Editorial Board, together with the Bosnian and Herzegovinian

forces, continues to raise the rating of the journal. The term medical informatics, after years of dubiousness with the term of health informatics, simply came to the edge of contact with the term Biomedical Informatics, so simply journal must open to new trends.

By spreading the scope of medical informatics, or more precisely biomedical informatics, the scope of journal is wider, all because (bio)medical informatics is part of every field of medicine. In collaboration of the international Editorial Board, 77 reviewers, technical team, under Editor supervision, Acta Informatica Medica published 59 papers in four issues in 2017 (62.7% of the original). Acceptance rate has decrease trend during the years, reaching 28.7% in 2017 (Figures 2-5).

The Google Scholar h5 index for Acta Informatics Medica for the period 2012-2016 is 17 and the h5 median 24. Scimagojr.com H index (for 2016) for Acta Informatica Medica is 10, while scimagojr.com index (SJR) is 0.251, showing a trend of growth year after year.

The journal is abstracted and indexed by Pubmed, PubMed Central, Europe PubMed Central, Scopus, EMBASE, EBSCO, Index Copernicus, Ulrich's Periodicals Directory, Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research–GFMER, CAB abstracts, Global Health, HINARI, ProQuest, NewJour, ISC Master Journals List, Genamics JournalSeek, WorldCat, NLM Catalog, VINITI of RAS, CrossRef, Google Scholar, Catalyst, DynaPresse, ScopeMed, Kubon and Sagner OPAC.

Journal follows all rules, propositions and recommendations of ICJME,

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Official EFMI Journals

European Journal For Biomedical Informatics

The European Journal for Biomedical Informatics reacts on the great European need to share the information in the multilingual and multicultural European area. The journal publishes peer-reviewed papers in English and other European languages simultaneously. This opens new possibilities for faster transfer of scientific-research pieces of knowledge to large international community of biomedical researchers, physicians, other health personnel and citizens.

More information can be found at: [European Journal for Biomedical Informatics](#)

International Journal of Medical Informatics

provides an international medium for dissemination of original results and interpretative reviews concerning the field of medical informatics. The Journal emphasizes the evaluation of systems in healthcare settings.

The scope of journal covers:

- Information systems, including national or international registration systems, hospital information systems, departmental and/or physician's office systems, document handling systems, electronic medical record systems, standardization, systems integration etc.;
- Computer-aided medical decision support systems using heuristic, algorithmic and/or statistical methods as exemplified in decision theory, protocol development, artificial intelligence, etc.
- Educational computer based programs pertaining to medical informatics or medicine in general;
- Organizational, economic, social, clinical impact, ethical and cost-benefit aspects of IT applications in health care.

More information can be found at: [International Journal for Medical Informatics](#)

Methods of Information in Medicine

Good medicine and good healthcare demand good information.

Since the journal's founding in 1962, *Methods of Information in Medicine* has stressed the methodology and scientific fundamentals of organizing, representing and analyzing data, information and knowledge in biomedicine and health care. Covering publications in the fields of biomedical and health informatics, medical biometry, and epidemiology, the journal publishes original papers, reviews, reports, opinion papers, editorials, and letters to the editor. From time to time, the journal publishes articles on particular focus themes as part of a journal's issue.

More information can be found at: [Methods of Information in Medicine](#)

Acta Informatica Medica

Acta Informatica Medica (Acta Inform Med) is a peer-reviewed, open access journal publishing original articles, professional articles, reviews, viewpoints, and case studies, covering issues in Medical and Health informatics.

The journal is the official organ of the Society for Medical Informatics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, European Federation for Medical Informatics (EFMI) and published by the Academy of Medical Sciences of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Issues are published quarterly in March, June, September, and December.

Specific scope of interests of the journal relates to System and System analysis, Medical documentation, Electronic health records, Clinical decision-making, Artificial intelligence, Expert systems, Science editing, E-learning in medicine, On-line biomedical databases, Information and Communication technologies, Health information systems.

More information can be found at: [Acta Informatica Medica](#)

Figure 1. Acta Informatica Medica as an official journal of the European Federation for Medical Informatics (2)

Figure 2. Number of Acta Informatica Medical issues during the years

Figure 3. Acceptance rate of Acta Informatica Medica during the years

COPE, WAME, and also recommendations of Sarajevo Declaration on integrity and visibility scholarly journals (3)

The Editorial Board holds the ethical standards of publishing at its maximum, and tries to encourage young authors (as well as authors from Underdeveloped countries) to publish, reducing the already low publishing fee costs (if compared with other journals).

The long-term goal is to cancel the publication fee and leave an open access model of the journal. The Student Editorial Board is set up as an imperative in year 2018 (the journal wants to be available to PhD students for publishing their theses, or as a place where they can propose a new idea or some new project, and obtain a proctor for realization through the magazine). The promotion of the Acta Informatica Medica during the EFMI congress aims to establish the journal as a good and journal with high quality, and will aim to impose

Figure 4. Number of articles in Acta Informatica Medica during the years

Figure 5. Distribution of articles according to type in Acta Informatica Medica during the years

the author to publish his paper in field covered by the journal. The inclusion of the Acta Informatica Medica in the Web of Science family is set as an imperative and represents main and long-term goal of the Editorial Board.

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