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ПОЗАДИНА: Еволуирачкиот пејзаж на научната комуникација, поттикнат од отворената наука, дигиталното објавување, интегритетот на истражувањето, вештачката интелигенција и новите рамки за евалуација, создаде можности и предизвици за академското објавување. За да се справи со овие случувања и да се зајакне квалитетот, видливоста и одржливоста на научното објавување во Северна Македонија, ИЗБОР за сите македонски списанија е основан како мултидисциплинарно, рецензирано списание со отворен пристап.

ЦЕЛ: Да се презентира мисијата, обемот, уредничката рамка, тематскиот фокус и моделот на објавување на ИЗБОР за сите македонски списанија и да се истакне неговата улога во промовирањето на извонредноста во научното објавување, отворената наука и научната комуникација на национално и меѓународно ниво.

МЕТОДИ: Овој уреднички преглед ги опишува целите на списанието, уредничките политики, тематските делови, категориите на публикации, процесот на рецензија и моделот на континуирано објавување. Ја сумира стратешката рамка на списанието за поддршка на уреднички практики засновани на докази, интегритетот на истражувањето, објавувањето со отворен пристап, дигиталните иновации, библиометриските истражувања, градењето капацитети и интернационализацијата на македонските научни списанија.

РЕЗУЛТАТИ: Списанието обезбедува мултидисциплинарна платформа што опфаќа шест тематски делови поврзани со научно објавување, уредувачко управување, интегритет на истражувањето, библиометрија, дигитално објавување, научна комуникација и развој на списанија. Усвојува модел на континуирано објавување со ригорозна рецензија од колеги и поддржува објавување на македонски и англиски јазик за подобрување на националната дисеминација и меѓународната видливост. Со промовирање на принципите на отворена наука, уредувачка транспарентност, методолошка строгост и соработка меѓу истражувачите, уредниците, библиотекарите, издавачите и креаторите на политики, списанието има за цел да го зајакне националниот истражувачки екосистем и да го подобри глобалното препознавање на македонските научни списанија.

ЗАКЛУЧОК: ИЗБОР за сите македонски списанија претставува важна иницијатива за унапредување на научното објавување во Северна Македонија. Преку својата посветеност на отворен пристап, интегритет на истражувањето, уредувачка извонредност и мултидисциплинарна соработка, списанието се стреми да поттикне иновации во научната комуникација, да поддржи одржлив развој на списанијата и да ја зголеми меѓународната видливост и влијание на македонското истражување.



IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals: A National Platform for Advancing Scholarly Publishing and Open Science

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Abstract

BACKGROUND: The evolving landscape of scholarly communication, driven by open science, digital publishing, research integrity, artificial intelligence, and new evaluation frameworks, has created opportunities and challenges for academic publishing. To address these developments and strengthen the quality, visibility, and sustainability of scholarly publishing in North Macedonia, IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals has been established as a multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed, open-access journal.

AIM: To present the mission, scope, editorial framework, thematic focus, and publishing model of IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals and to outline its role in promoting excellence in scholarly publishing, open science, and scientific communication at both national and international levels.

METHODS: This editorial overview describes the journal's objectives, editorial policies, thematic sections, publication categories, peer-review process, and continuous publication model. It summarizes the journal's strategic framework for supporting evidence-based editorial practices, research integrity, open-access publishing, digital innovation, bibliometric research, capacity building, and the internationalization of Macedonian scientific journals.

RESULTS: The journal provides a multidisciplinary platform encompassing six thematic sections related to scholarly publishing, editorial management, research integrity, bibliometrics, digital publishing, scientific communication, and journal development. It adopts a continuous publication model with rigorous peer review and supports publication in Macedonian and English to enhance national dissemination and international visibility. By promoting open science principles, editorial transparency, methodological rigor, and collaboration among researchers, editors, librarians, publishers, and policymakers, the journal aims to strengthen the national research ecosystem and improve the global recognition of Macedonian scientific journals.

CONCLUSION: IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals represents an important initiative for advancing scholarly publishing in North Macedonia. Through its commitment to open access, research integrity, editorial excellence, and multidisciplinary collaboration, the journal seeks to foster innovation in scientific communication, support sustainable journal development, and increase the international visibility and impact of Macedonian research.

The establishment of a new scholarly journal represents more than the introduction of another publication venue; it reflects the development of an intellectual infrastructure that supports the creation, evaluation, dissemination, and preservation of scientific knowledge. The inaugural issue of **IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals** marks such an important milestone for the Republic of North Macedonia. Conceived as a multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed, open-access journal, *IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals* is dedicated to strengthening scholarly publishing,

promoting open science, and enhancing the quality, visibility, and international recognition of Macedonian scientific journals.

The contemporary scholarly communication ecosystem is undergoing profound transformation. Open science initiatives, digital publishing technologies, research integrity frameworks, persistent identifiers, artificial intelligence, and evolving evaluation metrics have fundamentally changed the way scientific knowledge is produced, disseminated,

and assessed. These developments present significant opportunities while simultaneously creating new challenges for editors, publishers, researchers, academic institutions, libraries, and policy makers. In this context, *IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals* has been established as a scientific forum that facilitates dialogue among all stakeholders involved in scholarly communication and contributes to the continuous improvement of academic publishing in North Macedonia.

The primary mission of **IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals** is to serve as both a national and an international platform for promoting excellence in scholarly publishing. The journal seeks to enhance the visibility, quality, accessibility, and sustainability of Macedonian scientific journals by disseminating evidence-based research and best practices in editorial management and scientific communication. Equally important is its commitment to the principles of open science, ensuring unrestricted access to scientific knowledge while supporting transparency, reproducibility, responsible research practices, and equitable dissemination of scholarly outputs.

As a fully **open-access journal**, *IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals* aligns its editorial policy with internationally recognized principles of scholarly publishing. Open access not only increases the accessibility and impact of scientific literature but also facilitates collaboration among researchers, institutions, and scientific communities regardless of geographical or economic barriers. Through unrestricted availability of published articles, the journal contributes to knowledge transfer, innovation, and evidence-based decision-making while supporting the broader objectives of global open science initiatives.

A distinctive feature of *IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals* is its multidisciplinary orientation. Although the journal primarily addresses issues related to scholarly publishing and scientific communication, it welcomes contributions originating from all scientific disciplines, including medical and health sciences, natural sciences, engineering and technology, agricultural sciences, social sciences, humanities, arts, and interdisciplinary research. This broad scope recognizes that high-quality scholarly publishing is a shared responsibility across all academic fields and that advances in editorial practice benefit the entire research ecosystem.

The journal particularly encourages original scientific contributions that improve understanding of contemporary publishing practices and promote innovation in scientific communication. Accordingly, *IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals* welcomes **original research articles, professional articles, review articles, editorials, invited articles, case reports, guidelines or standards, and thematic issues**. In addition, the journal publishes systematic and narrative reviews, perspectives, technical reports, bibliometric studies, policy analyses, and short communications

that contribute to evidence-based development of scholarly publishing. This diversity of publication categories enables the journal to address both theoretical and practical aspects of scientific communication while responding to the needs of editors, reviewers, authors, librarians, publishers, and research administrators.

The scientific profile of *IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals* is reflected in its six thematic sections, each representing an essential component of modern scholarly communication.

The section **Scholarly Publishing and Open Science** explores contemporary developments in scientific publishing, open-access models, research transparency, sustainable publishing practices—including Diamond Open Access—and national and international policies supporting open science. By encouraging research in these areas, the journal contributes to the implementation of internationally accepted standards for accessible and responsible dissemination of scientific knowledge.

The section **Journal Editorial Management and Research Integrity** focuses on editorial governance, peer-review systems, publication ethics, editorial quality assurance, plagiarism prevention, and responsible research conduct. Given the increasing importance of research integrity in maintaining public confidence in science, the journal emphasizes rigorous editorial standards and ethical publishing practices as fundamental principles of scientific excellence.

The section **Bibliometrics, Indexing, and Research Evaluation** provides a forum for studies examining bibliometric indicators, scientometric methodologies, journal performance, research assessment, accreditation processes, and strategies for improving international visibility through indexing and abstracting services. Such analyses are essential for understanding the evolving landscape of scholarly publishing and for supporting evidence-based editorial decision-making.

Rapid advances in digital technologies have transformed academic publishing, making technological innovation another important area of interest. Accordingly, the section **Digital Publishing and Information Technologies** addresses electronic publishing platforms, journal management systems, metadata standards, DOI implementation, persistent identifiers, digital preservation, and the growing application of artificial intelligence in editorial workflows and scholarly communication. These developments contribute significantly to improving efficiency, discoverability, interoperability, and long-term preservation of scientific literature.

Recognizing that excellence in scientific publishing depends upon continuous education and professional development, the section **Scientific Communication and Capacity Building** encourages contributions addressing academic writing, scientific

reporting, publication quality, library publishing services, institutional repositories, information management, and educational initiatives for editors, reviewers, authors, and publishers. Capacity building remains essential for strengthening national publishing infrastructures and fostering a culture of research excellence.

Finally, the section **National and International Journal Development** examines strategies for the modernization, sustainability, collaboration, and internationalization of scholarly journals. Topics include institutional and university publishing initiatives, society journals, independent publishing models, and approaches that enhance editorial quality and global scientific impact. Through this section, *IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals* seeks to become an important catalyst for the continued development of Macedonian scholarly journals within the international publishing landscape.

The journal operates according to the **Open Volume (Continuous Publication)** model, publishing accepted manuscripts immediately after completion of the editorial and peer-review process. Two publication cycles are maintained annually: the first issue extends from January to July, while the second covers the period from July to December. This publishing model enables rapid dissemination of scientific findings while preserving the structure of regular journal issues. Articles are published either in **Macedonian with English metadata** or in **English with Macedonian metadata**, thereby supporting both national scientific communication and international discoverability.

Scientific quality remains the principal criterion for publication in *IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals*. Editorial decisions are based upon methodological rigor, originality, scientific relevance, and contribution to the advancement of scholarly publishing and scientific communication. All submitted manuscripts undergo rigorous peer review conducted by independent experts, ensuring compliance with

internationally accepted standards of scientific quality, publication ethics, and editorial transparency.

The Editorial Board envisions *IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals* as more than a publication outlet. It is intended to become a collaborative platform connecting researchers, editors, reviewers, librarians, publishers, universities, professional associations, and policymakers who share a common commitment to improving scholarly publishing in North Macedonia. By facilitating interdisciplinary dialogue, promoting best editorial practices, and encouraging innovation in scientific communication, the journal aims to strengthen the national research ecosystem while increasing the international visibility and impact of Macedonian scientific journals.

As we present this inaugural issue, we express our sincere appreciation to the authors, reviewers, editorial board members, and institutional partners whose expertise and commitment have made the establishment of *IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals* possible. Their contributions represent the foundation upon which the journal will continue to grow and evolve.

We invite the scientific community to actively participate in this initiative by submitting high-quality manuscripts, engaging in constructive peer review, and contributing to the continuous advancement of scholarly publishing. Through collective effort, adherence to the highest standards of scientific integrity, and commitment to open science, **IZVOR for all Macedonian Journals** aspires to become a leading reference journal for scholarly publishing and scientific communication in North Macedonia and an internationally recognized contributor to the global dialogue on research quality, editorial excellence, and open science.

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