

# **Truth and lies about Open Ukrainian Citation Index (OUCI)**

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# Open Ukrainian Citation Index

- The project of the State Scientific and Technical Library of Ukraine for create a new search engine and a citation database, based on the metadata of publishers that use Cited-by Crossref and support the Initiative for Open Citations (I4OC).

# Be careful! Fake



«Open Ukrainian Citation Index  
it's a new scientometric  
indicator... This is something  
similar to Ukrainian h-index»

**NO.**



- **Open Ukrainian Citation Index (OUCI)** is a search engine and a citation database that come from all publishers that use the Crossref's Cited-by service and supports the Initiative for Open Citations

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«OUCI it's a local database of Ukrainian journals... OUCI will monitor only citations of Ukrainian journals»

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«OUCI it's an analogue of local foreign reference bases, such as the РИИЦ»

**NO.**



- Understanding the importance of the functioning of the national reference databases, we believe that the national databases of citations reflect scientific communication insufficiently
- Therefore, **we refused to follow this approach from the very beginning**, and the OUCI database contains metadata for from all publishers that use the Crossref's Cited-by service and supports the Initiative for Open Citations



# Be careful! Fake



«OUCI it's a tool to evaluate the quality of scientific journals that allows for a variety of *cheating*»

**NO.**



- The OUCI is intended to simplify the **search** for scientific publications, to attract editorial attention to the problem of completeness and quality of the **metadata** of Ukrainian scholarly publications, and will allow bibliometrics to freely **study** the relations between authors and documents from various disciplines, in particular in the field of social sciences and humanities

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«OUCI it's a tool to hide plagiarism and spread pseudoscience»

**NO.**



- According to the principle of the OUCI, in the future every position of the list of used literature should ideally contain a DOI. Therefore, the OUCI search engine, on the contrary, **facilitates the process of verifying the sources** used during writing

# Be careful! Fake



«Why create the OUCI if the Google Scholar indexes the majority of scientific papers and citations?»

**NO.**



- Unlike commercial databases, Google Scholar better encompasses scholarly literature in different languages, but its database is **non-transparent**, the system indexes unrated documents and citations, and its computer algorithm is not shielded from manipulation
- The OUCI database contains metadata for scientific publications having received their DOI from Crossref and takes into account citations between publications (DOI to DOI), so the determined inaccuracies, or the metadata of publications without proper review **can be removed from the search results**

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«The OUCI metrics can be used for miscalculations and manipulations»

**NO.**



- There are many examples of improper use of metrics in Ukraine and in the world, but the **problem is not in the databases or in the tools, but in people** who don't understand and misinterpret scientometrics
- Initiatives such as the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA), the Leiden Manifesto, and Metric Tide call for the responsible use of science metrics indicators, and we recommend respecting these principles



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«The commercial databases, such as Scopus and Web of Science, conduct rigorous selection of publishers. Instead, the OUCI doesn't plan to introduce criteria for the choice of publishers. Therefore, the OUCI is bad»

**NO.**



- We are working **to build a new fair infrastructure** where anyone interested in wide spreading scientific knowledge can present their publications to the community, develop expert judgment skills and access scientific citations to explore the links between documents

If you carefully review the lists of published literature in the Scopus databases or the Web of Science Core Collection, you will note that they refer to many scientific publications not included in Scopus and / or the Web of Science Core Collection but used in the process of writing. Accordingly, the mere fact of being or not being included in certain reference databases, cannot serve as a criterion for the scientific nature of the publication

However, for the convenience of OUCI users who are accustomed to relying on expert findings from other resources, we plan to offer filters for the interface that will allow you to search for documents only among publishers presented in Scopus, Web of Science, PubMed, DOAJ, etc.

# Be careful! Fake



«The vast majority of Ukrainian-language scientific journals are of poor quality. You don't have to index them»

**NO.**



- Freedom of speech and free expression of views and convictions are guaranteed by the Constitution of Ukraine. To develop domestic scientific potential and to create a space of high-quality public communication of scientists, the list of scientific professional editions of Ukraine is used
- The OUCI developers are convinced that reviewing manuscripts by scientists who are experts in the same field as the evaluated publication) is **the best mechanism** for quality control of scientific research
- We believe that the proposal not to index Ukrainian scholarly publications is the same nonsense as forbidding Ukrainian authors to submit preprints on ArXiv.org

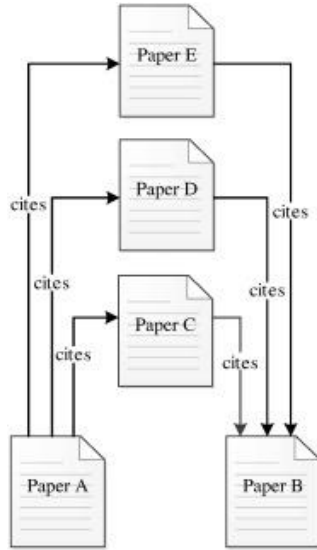
- If you know publishers that do not properly peer review but put out articles as scientific works, please contact the editor-in-chief, founder, publisher, members of the editorial board, and colleagues in your field with the requirement not to support this publisher!

Once again about the **Open  
Ukrainian Citation Index**,  
but now very, very seriously...

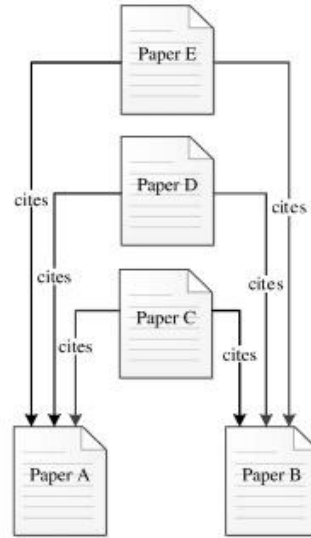
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**THE INITIATIVE  
FOR OPEN CITATIONS?**

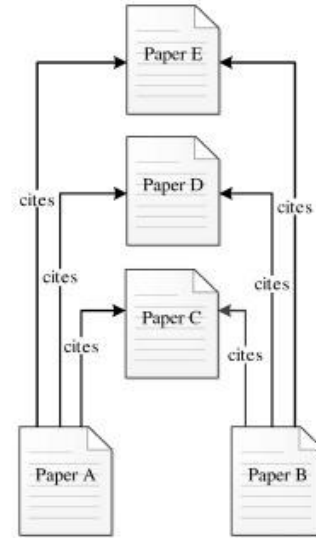
# Citation analysis is important



**A** Citation relationship



**B** Co-citation relationship



**C** Bibliographic coupling



# Algorithms are difficult to work with scientific citations

Scientists can use the IEEE style,

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or Harvard – Cite them Right 9<sup>th</sup> edition,

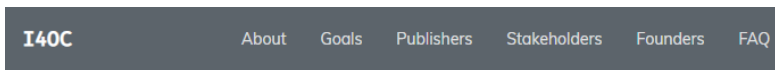
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...but not:

- <Author ID>, <Publication ID>, <Object Identifier>, <Publisher identifier>, <Date (of publication/access)>, and specific location (such as page number, etc.)\*

\* Todd A Carpenter's idea: <https://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2014/11/06/why-are-publishers-and-editors-wasting-time-formatting-citations/>

# Initiative for Open Citations



## Initiative for Open Citations

The Initiative for Open Citations **I4OC** is a collaboration between scholarly publishers, researchers, and other interested parties to promote the unrestricted availability of scholarly citation data.

<https://i4oc.org>

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# Founding organizations



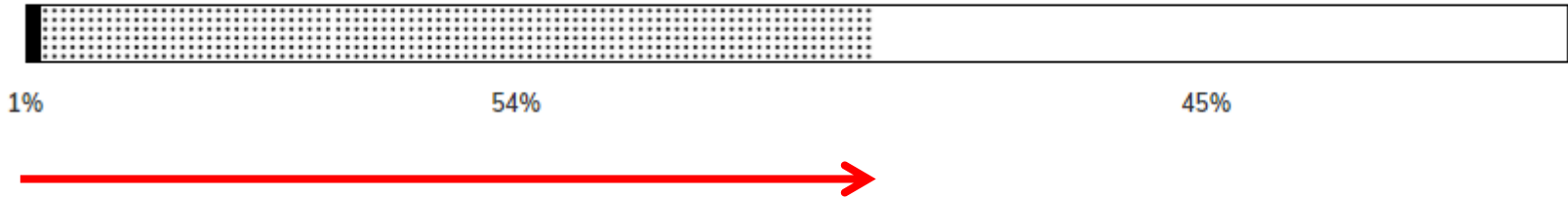
# Building on open citations



# The top-publishers who have chosen to deposit and open up citation data

- American Geophysical Union;
- Association for Computing Machinery;
- BMJ;
- Cambridge University Press;
- Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press;
- EMBO Press;
- Royal Society of Chemistry;
- SAGE Publishing;
- Springer Nature;
- Taylor & Francis;
- Wiley...

# How many citations are open today?

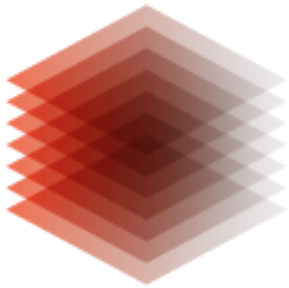


As of February 2019, the fraction of publications with open references has grown from 1% to 55% out of 43.2 million articles with references deposited with Crossref

# Important international initiatives



- **OPEn Research Analytics, OPERA** (<https://deffopera.dk>) aims at establishing open and advanced research analytics practices and systems at Danish universities and in the Danish landscape of research analytics stakeholders;



- **Reference Implementation of Open Scientometric Information, ROSI** (<https://tib.eu/rosi-project>) – new views and visualisations of open bibliometrics and alternative metrics are being developed and their impact on researchers investigated.

# Cited-by Crossref



- Cited-by helps members find out who is citing their content, display the counts, and link to the citing content. Members tell us what works their papers are referencing by giving us that information as metadata when they register content.

<https://www.crossref.org/services/cited-by/>



# To support the Initiative for Open Citations



<https://support.crossref.org/hc/en-us/requests/new>

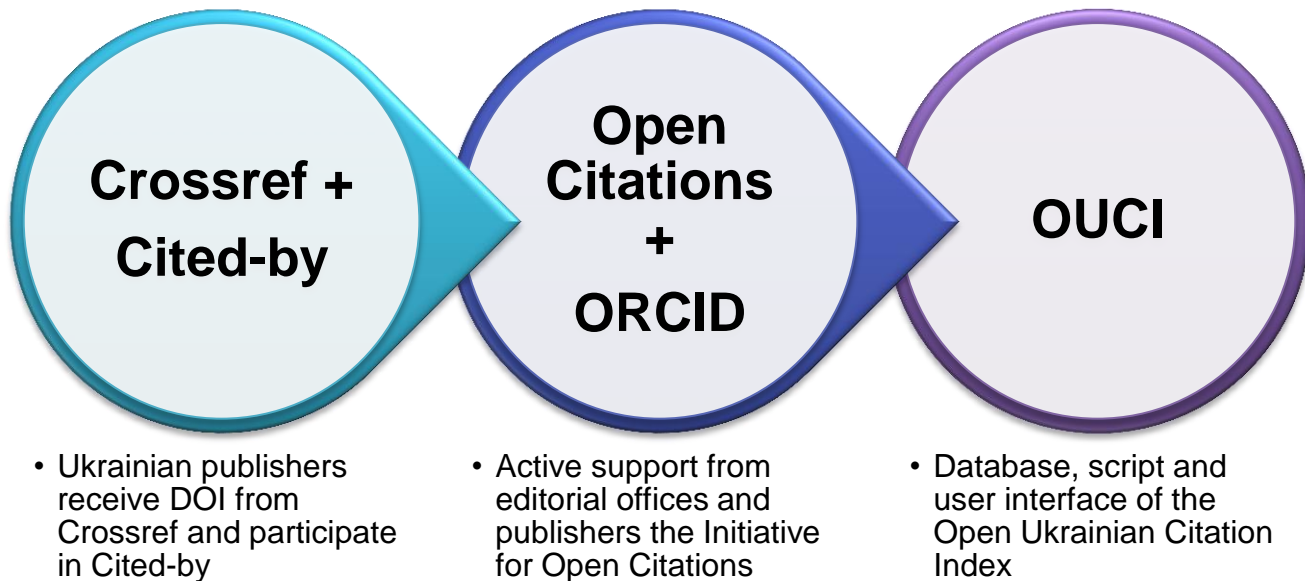
Dear Sir/Madam

My name is xx from \*Crossref Member name\* (\*prefix\*) as a contact for Crossref in my institution.

I would like to ask you to make the open reference is openly available for all users.

Best Regards

# Open Ukrainian Citation Index (OUCI)



# Improved presentation of Ukrainian journals

- Dimensions,
- Lens.org,
- 1findr,
- Scilit,
- Crossref  
OpenCitations Index...



# ORCID for authors

- ORCID provides a persistent digital identifier that distinguishes you from every other researcher



<http://orcid.org>

# The largest publishers who didn't support I4OC

- Elsevier;
- IEEE;
- Wolters Kluwer Health;
- IOP Publishing;
- American Chemical Society.



# Open citations letter

## Open citations: A letter from the scientometric community to scholarly publishers

*December 5th, 2017*

Openness is central to the research endeavor. It is essential to promote reproducibility and appraisal of research, reduce misconduct, and ensure equitable access to and participation in science. Yet, calls for increased openness in science are often met with initial resistance. The introduction of pre-print servers, open access repositories, and open data sets were, for example, initially resisted, but eventually adopted without adverse effects to the scholarly ecosystem. The launch of the [Initiative for Open Citations \(I4OC\)](#) is facing similar obstacles. This initiative has campaigned for scholarly publishers to make openly available the references found in articles from their journals. Many publishers, including most of the large ones, support the initiative and have opened their references. However, the initiative still lacks support from a minority of the large publishers.

<http://issi-society.org/open-citations-letter>

- «To those publishers that have not already responded to the Initiative for Open Citations, our plea is: open citations now!»

# Petition to the American Chemical Society

- Egon Willighagen called on the American Chemical Society to support the Initiative for Open Citations.



Egon Willighagen создал(а) эту петицию, адресованную American Chemical Society

## Problem

Citations are an essential part of our scientific research process. It gives us access to important prior work on which a study is based, and reflects how a work influences other research or even is essential to that other work. The [Initiative for Open Citations](#) encourages all citations to be publicly available. This does not require open access to the article itself, but just the citations from the reference list. Making references available removes barriers to access this critical part of scholarly communication and helps to not repeat previously published work.

<https://www.change.org/p/asking-the-american-chemical-society-to-join-the-initiative-for-open-citations>

# Resignation of the editorial board of the Journal of Informetrics



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## Resignation of the editorial board of the Journal of Informetrics

Over the last few years, the editorial board of the Journal of Informetrics (JOI) has grown increasingly dissatisfied with Elsevier's actions and policies. While some of those have specific effects on our field—such as Elsevier's refusal to participate in the Initiative for Open Citation (I4OC)—others are affecting all fields of science—such as its restrictive open access policies and prohibitive subscription costs. The editorial board of JOI expressed these concerns to Elsevier on numerous occasions, with no success. Given the inability of Elsevier to address these issues, the editorial board unanimous resigned on January 10th 2019. As of January 12th 2019, names of associate editors and editorial board members have been removed from the website of the Journal of Informetrics.

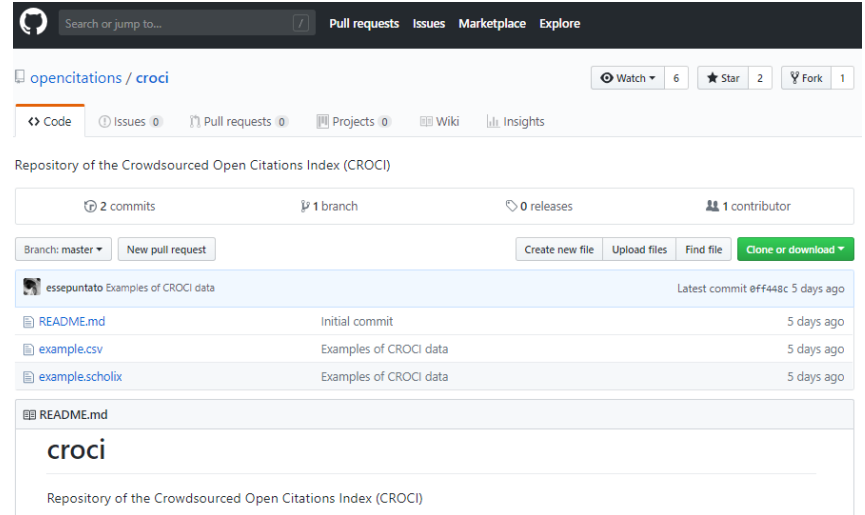
- The Editorial Board resigned in protest against Elsevier's refusal to support the Initiative for Open Citations

[http://www.issi-society.org/media/1380/resignation\\_final.pdf](http://www.issi-society.org/media/1380/resignation_final.pdf)



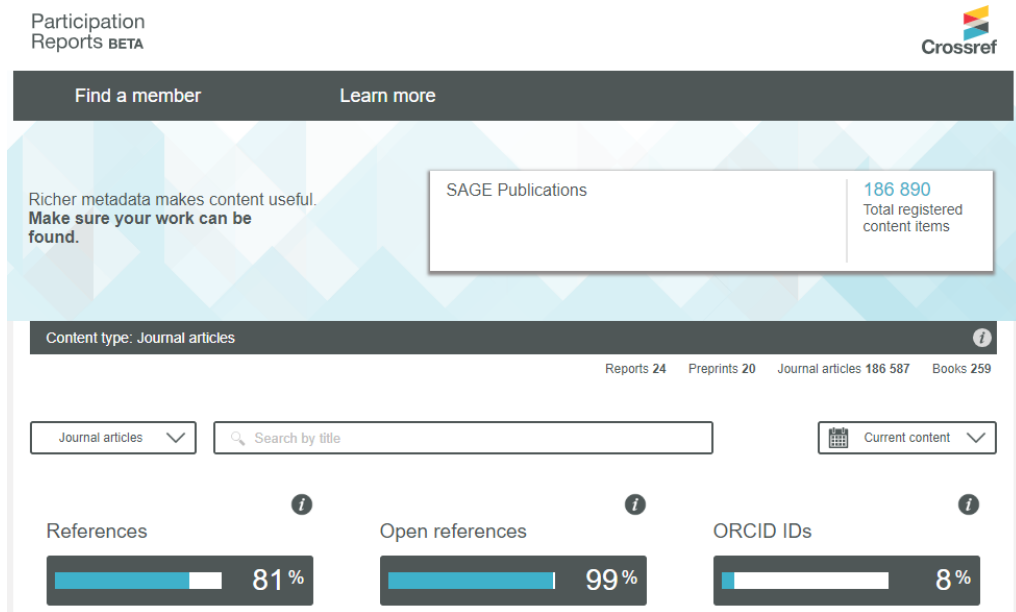
# Crowdsourced Open Citations Index (CROCI)

- The authors (with ORCID) submit lists of references from their works in a CSV file and place it in Figshare, or Zenodo, under the CC0 license.



<https://github.com/opencitations/croci>

# Check the quality and openness of metadata



- Control of metadata transmitted in Crossref

<https://www.crossref.org/members/prop/>

# Practical guide



- Why DOI from Crossref? What is Cited-by?
- How to participate in Crossref's Cited-by service and to open your references?
- Why support the Initiative for Open Citations is important?
- Using the Simple Text Query form to deposit references
- Using the Metadata Manager BETA to deposit references
- Where can I see results?

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.2554825>

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