

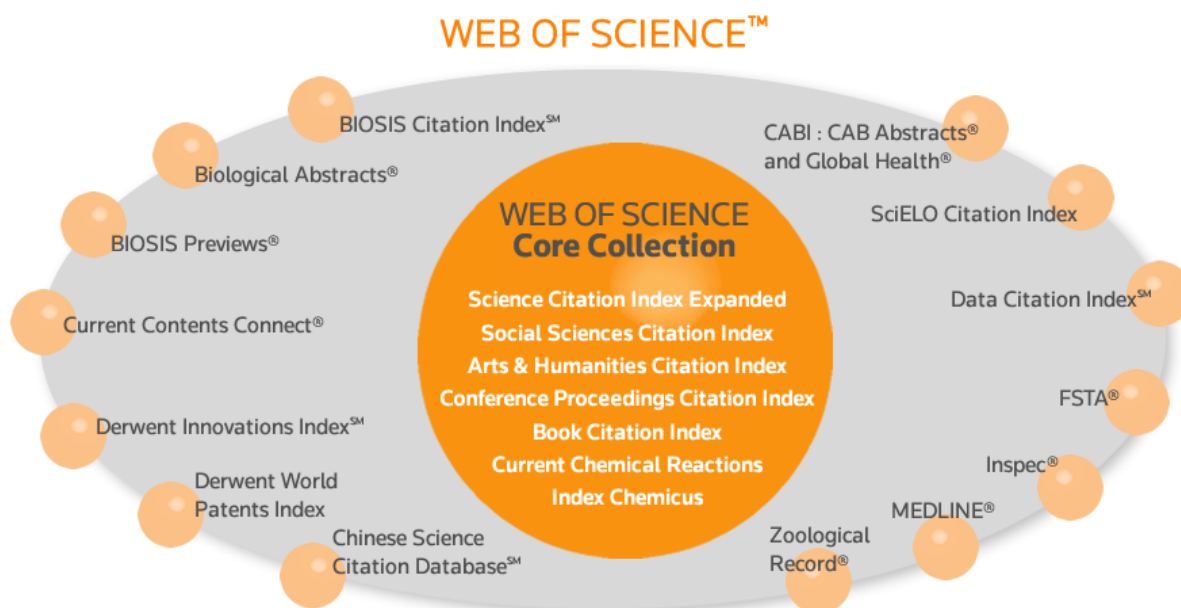
## THE SciELO SA OPEN ACCESS COLLECTION

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[SciELO SA](#) is a prestigious open-access (free to access and free to publish), full-text searchable database of selected, high-quality South African scholarly journals.

### THE ADVANTAGES TO BECOMING PART OF THE SciELO SA COLLECTION

- The [SciELO SA Collection](#) was established by the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) and is funded by the Department of Science and Technology and endorsed by the Department of Education and Training (DHET) through its accredited indexes;
- SciELO is an integral part of the SciELO (Scientific Electronic Library Online) portal, which had its origins in Brazil and is now distributed across most South American countries;
- SciELO SA aims to become a fully indexed open-access journal collection in the service of the South African research community through effective quality assurance, worldwide visibility, accessibility and impact, and amenability to bibliometric analysis;
- Journals appearing in the SciELO SA Collection now receive accreditation and a subsidy from the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET);
- SciELO SA is connected to international indexing services, e.g. the Thomson Reuter's Web of Knowledge Core Collection now integrates the SciELO Citation Index



- The SciELO Network Portal is fast becoming the most promising multinational journal indexing and publishing model in the developing world; and
- The SciELO Network provides opportunities for south/south collaboration between researchers.

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## **COLLECTION: CRITERIA FOR JOINING THE SciELO SA**

- Received a positive peer review evaluation from the ASSAf Peer Review Panels
- Publish regularly and on time
- Publish 12+ original articles per year
- Publish open accessibly, i.e. there is no cost for or embargo on full-text articles and ASSAf may harvest the articles from your website for e-publication on the SciELO SA platform.

## **GENERAL BACKGROUND TO SciELO SA**

SciELO SA is an integral part of the SciELO (Scientific Electronic Library Online) portal, which had its origins in Brazil and is now distributed across most South American countries. It is managed by [ASSAf](#), funded by the South African Department of Science and Technology (DST) and endorsed by the South African Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). SciELO SA is currently strengthening the scholarly journal evaluation and accreditation systems in South Africa. The aim of this open access collection is to enhance the visibility of quality, peer-reviewed South African research.

The South African Journal of Science, published by the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), was the first prestigious, peer-reviewed journal to be fully open access on the SciELO SA collection.

Journals selected must first go through a rigorous process of quality appraisal in which journal accreditation by the Department of Higher Education and Training is considered as well as the peer-review panel evaluations conducted by ASSAf. This ensures that the most reliable, credible and innovative research by South Africa's top researchers will be available in full to any person with internet access and the desire to learn, at no cost. Actual usage by scholars and scientists is monitored by the indexing system in various ways, including journal impact factors, and article citation and download statistics.

As at January 2016 there were 61 titles in the collection (and growing). To see the most recent list of titles included in the collection click [here](#).

It is foreseen that eventually, after the ASSAf Peer Review Panels evaluations are complete, more than 180 South African Scholarly journals may be published on the collection. The aim of this open access collection is to enhance the visibility of quality, peer-reviewed South African research.

Please let me know if your journal would like to join our collection. We will then send you an adhesion form (\*).

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