SCOPUS CASE STUDY

Scopus is the A&I Database of Choice Among Users in Central and South America

Introduction

This is a case study of Scopus customers based in Central and South America who were surveyed in a May 2017 survey of Scopus customers by TechValidate, a 3rd-party research service.

"If Scopus were not available, we would be almost blind to scientific progress." – Principle Investigator, Universidad de Buenos Aires (Argentina)

"Using Scopus, I can easily export data I need for analysis purposes." – Student, Universidade Federal do Parana (Brazil)

"Scopus helps me identify primary sources." – Researcher, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

"Scopus enables a detailed search with keywords and sends me notices of the articles that I am interested in." – Graduate Student, Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Brazil)

"[Without Scopus, I would lose] a very complete and important source of information for my research work." – Maria Eugenia Hidalgo Bastidas, Graduate Student, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil)

Challenges

Students, faculty, and researchers at institutions throughout Central and South America face a variety of challenges in navigating the scholarly information landscape. Survey respondents credit Scopus most often in supporting their work in three key ways:

- 82% use it to keep themselves informed about advances in their area of expertise/field/discipline
- 71% use it to track citations and/or publications (their own or another author)
- 54% use it to get ideas for a new research project, direction for their theses or to plan experiments

Use Case

Survey respondents identify three Scopus features in particular that are most valuable to their workflow:

- 88% say searching for documents and analyzing search results
- 53% say exporting documents and citations, and creating bibliographies
- 53% say analyzing citations for a particular set of documents

Results

71% of survey respondents in Central & South America have used both Scopus and Web of Science. Scopus earns top scores from users in the following areas:

- 81% agree that coverage of their field is broader and more accurate on Scopus than on Web of Science
- 81% agree that it is easier to refine, sort and rank Scopus search results than those on Web of Science
- 74% agree that they prefer Scopus over Web of Science
- 72% agree that Scopus delivers more relevant search results when compared to Web of Science
- 64% agree that the number of titles and publishers indexed by Scopus is more than Web of Science

Organization Profile

Industry:
Educational/Research

Location:
Central and South America

About Scopus

Scopus features smart tools to track, analyze and visualize research. It delivers a comprehensive overview of the world's research output in the fields of science, technology, medicine, social sciences, and arts and humanities. Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature, indexing journals, books, conference proceedings and trade publications.

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