

**ON OPEN ACCESS, THOMSON REUTERS,
AND PUBLISHING PRESSURES FOR THE EDITORS
OF SMALL JOURNALS**

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Abstract

The article is based mainly on the ideas presented at the 5th Belgrade International Open Access Conference, May 18-19 2012. Some personal insights are added with regard to the Romanian Journal of School Psychology and the general status of scientific publishing in Romania. A developing crisis in the publishing of small scientific journals is identified, caused by the lack of funding, the pressure to have the journal indexed in the Web of Science, and the negative perceptions of some editors of the philosophy of the Web of Science (conspiracy theory). A possible solution for these journals in order to overcome this crisis is to go open access, which could lead on the short term to a better international visibility and increased attractiveness for new submissions. The conclusions include some strength of editors regarding good practices in small journals publishing.

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