

**LETTER FROM  
THE EDITOR**



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Dear Colleagues,

**Crossref, DOIs, and WoS**

The New Year of 2021 will usher in an important step in the evolution of The Journal of Plastination. The ISP will be registered as a publisher with Crossref, meaning that all papers published in The Journal of Plastination will receive a Digital Object Identifier (DOI).

Crossref is a not-for-profit association of about 3000 publishers, representing 4300 academic societies and publishers, and is an official DOI Registration Agency of the International DOI Foundation (<https://www.crossref.org/>). Crossref is run by the Publishers International Linking Association Inc. (PILA), and was launched in 2000 to create cross-publisher linking of citations in online academic journals, by assigning a unique identifier to all published articles and documents.

A Digital Object Identifier (DOI) is a string of numbers, letters and symbols which permanently identify an article, document, or ebook, and provide a direct link to it on the web. A DOI will help readers easily locate an online published paper from its citation in any published material. It is a permanent identifier for an article, and, when inserted into "http://dx.doi.org/" in the address bar of an internet browser, will lead directly to the cited reference. This means that all published papers with a DOI are immediately locatable, and hence more visible, to readers of any article that cites them.

The DOI system originated in 1997 as a joint initiative of three trade associations in the publishing industry: The International Publishers Association, The International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers, and The Association of American Publishers). The International DOI Foundation (IDF) was created to develop and manage the DOI system ([https://www.doi.org/doi\\_handbook/1\\_Introduction.html](https://www.doi.org/doi_handbook/1_Introduction.html)).

The Web of Science is a website that provides access to multiple databases, giving citation data for many different academic disciplines. It is one of the largest and most reputable global citation databases, and provides links to 1.9 billion cited references from over 171 million records (<https://clarivate.com/webofsciencegroup/solutions/web-of-science/>). The following types of literature are indexed: scholarly books, peer reviewed journals, original research articles, reviews, editorials, chronologies, and abstracts, from many different academic fields, including agriculture, biological sciences, engineering, and medical and life sciences. Inclusion in the WoS will increase the

visibility of the Journal among the global scientific education and research community, and will encourage more researchers to submit high-quality scientific and educational articles to The Journal of Plastination. In these exceptionally uncertain times, I believe we can at least look forward with confidence to the future of our journal.

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