

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



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Dear Colleagues,

In the previous issue, I reported that I had submitted an application for The Journal of Plastination to be indexed on Scopus. Scopus (which is owned by Elsevier) is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature: scientific journals, books and conference proceedings, covering over 36,000 titles<sup>1</sup>.

I am pleased to be able to report that I have received the following response from the Scopus evaluation team:

*Title: Journal of Plastination*

*ISSN / E-ISSN: 2311-7761 / 2311-777X*

*Publisher: The International Society for Plastination*

*The title mentioned above has been evaluated for inclusion in Scopus by the Content Selection & Advisory Board (CSAB). The review of this title is now complete and the CSAB has advised that the title will be **accepted** for inclusion in Scopus. For your information, the reviewer comments are copied below:*

*Single blind peer review, yet the journal publishes just one or two issues per year and belongs to an international scholarly society. Editors and authors are globally dispersed but are predominantly from the USA. While readability of articles is good, the title is only fairly cited and the Editor standing is not as high as one would expect it to be, both in terms of h-index and number of published documents. Further the title is not covered by any major bibliographic databases which makes accessibility an issue. Would like to accept the title for its strengths but request re-evaluation in the future to see if challenges mentioned have been addressed.*

*Our Source Collection Management department will contact the publisher of this title within the next three months to initiate the indexing process for Scopus. A content coverage agreement needs to be in place before we can start adding the content to Scopus.com. If you are the publisher, please do not send us your content yet unless requested by our Source Collection Management department.*

This is very encouraging, and is a reflection of the high quality of the papers published in our Journal. In the meantime, I shall continue with our application to the Web of Science, and hope to re-submit an application to Medline in the near future.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dipca Adds". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

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References

1. <https://www.elsevier.com/en-gb/solutions/scopus>