

STANDING COMMITTEE ON WATER Activities

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Strategic alliances



Current Strategic Alliances

- JAWER and RIBAGUA journals with International Association for Hydro-Environment Research (IAHR)
- Agreement between WCCE, UN-Water and Aqualogy for Water Monographies- Volume 1.
- Agreement between WCCE and IHP-UNESCO for Water Monographies- Volume 2.
- Agreement between WCCE and International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)



Strategic Alliances (in preparation)



- **International Committee of Large Dams – ICOLD**

- Draft of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been prepared.



- **Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development – OECD.**



Publications



Journal of Applied Water Engineering and Research (JAWER)



- Online journal from International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research (IAHR) and the World Council of Civil Engineers (WCCE) launched in 2013.
- Published by Taylor & Francis with a frequency of 2 issues per year till 2017
- Due to the high number of submissions it was decided to **increase the number of issues** and **since 2018, 4 issues per year** are being published.



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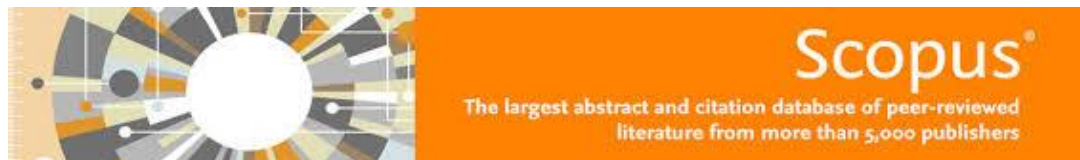


Journal of Applied Water Engineering and Research	Year 2017	Year 2018
Current Volume	6	7
Paper Backlog	26	5
Impact Factor	0.2811	0.3941
5-Year Impact Factor	-	-
Journal Ranking	88/90 Water Resources	88/92 Water Resources
Circulation	243	281
% Increase in Downloads (respect to the previous year)	-6%	37%
Average Time to Initial Decision	101	143
Time to Final Acceptance	233	266
Acceptance Rate	35%	38%

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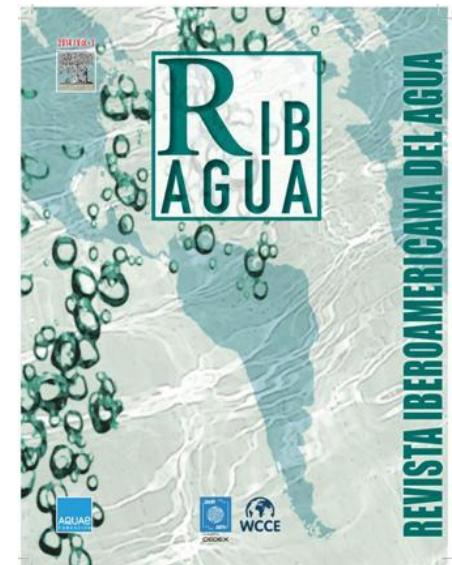
- **JAWER was accepted in Scopus in July 2017**, which is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature.
- The **application for ESCI** (Emerging Source Citation Index) which is the **first step to access the Web of Science**, has already been done.
- The **resolution** of this application has not yet occurred.



Journal of Iberoamerican Water Issues (RIBAGUA)



- Launched in 2014, in Spanish and Portuguese languages
- Jointly **published by IAHR and WCCE.**
- **Published by Taylor & Francis** with a frequency of **2 issues per year.** Previously by Elsevier.
- Main goal: to develop a **forum of Science and Technology in Iberoamérica.**



Journal of Iberoamerican Water Issues (RIBAGUA)



RIBAGUA	Year 2017	Year 2018
Current Volume	5	6
Paper Backlog	2	6
Impact Factor	0.272	0.6671
5-Year Impact Factor	-	-
Journal Ranking	88/90 Water Resources	84/92 Water Resources
Circulation	NA	NA
% Increase in Downloads (respect to the previous year)	112%	80%
Average Time to Initial Decision	89	159
Time to Final Acceptance	112	324
Acceptance Rate	18%	50%

Journal of Iberoamerican Water Issues (RIBAGUA)



- **Despite of the good status of RIBAGUA in terms of downloads and impact factor, this journal could become extinct because Aquae Foundation has stopped its sponsorship due to a huge budget cutting.**
- **Problem solved in 2019 with an agreement with Taylor&Francis (they assumed 50% of the costs and the remaining 50% half between IAHR and WCCE). This applies only to articles that were already in the system and were therefore committed to publishing.**
- **From now on, authors will have to pay the publishing costs (Article Publishing Charge), which are around 1 000 euros per article.**

Participation in Reports



Reports



- **Water Working Group recently created in the World Federation of Engineering Organization (WFEO).**
 - Chair: Tomás Sancho
 - Vicepresident, Joaquim Poças, OdE Portugal.
 - Executive Director: Teodoro Estrela, current Chair of WCCE's Standing Committee on Water (SCoW).
- **The SCoW is contributing to the preparation of the First Report “Managing Floods and Droughts: Best practices and Engineering Contribution” of this Water Working Group.**
 - **A first draft elaborated in July 2019.**
 - **Contributions are now being received.**
 - **Final version will be presented in World Engineering Convention, WEC 2019, Melbourne at the end of 2019.**

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- EUROPE-INBO 2018. 17-20th October, Seville
- Foro de la Concordia 2018, 3-4th November 2018, Alcañiz.
- OECD Water Governance Initiative. November 12-13th, 2018, Zaragoza, Spain
- WORKSHOP Water Governance in Spain. November 14th, 2018. Zaragoza, Spain
- WFEO Executive Council Meeting and GEC2018 – LONDON, December 20-24th, 2018.
- 30th UN WATER MEETING -31st January and 1st February, Rome, 2019.
- World Construction Forum 2019 LJUBLJANA, Solovenia, 6-11th March 2019.
- OECD 12th Meeting on Water Governance Initiative. June, 20-21th, 2019, Berlin, Germany.
- 31th UN WATER MEETING -23-24 August, Stockholm, 2019



Next conferences, events and meetings



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- INBO – 11 th GENERAL ASSEMBLY. 30th September - 3th October, 2019, Marrakesh, Morocco.
- OECD 13th Meeting on Water Governance Initiative. 2020, Paris, France.



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