

EDITORIAL

In and Beyond This Issue

The list of journals indexed in 2011 Taiwan Social Sciences Citation Index (TSSCI) database was announced in October this year. The total number of different journals in TSSCI this year reached 93 because six new periodicals had been added to it. Journals for information & library studies (ILS) traditionally belong to those for education science domain, according to the classification of the National Science Council in Taiwan. Although three new journals had been added to those for education domain, yet they did not belong to those for ILS. Does it mean that Taiwan's ILS journals have been too saturated to be indexed into TSSCI archive? Or, are there not enough journals of high quality to be indexed any more? These two questions are worthy of our efforts to think deeply. Not only should we as librarians critically review our own efforts, but also the system and mechanism of TSSCI, indeed.

There were six articles being rejected, but five are kept for the first Issue, volume 49, so the ratio of rejection is 55%. However, there were 22 pieces of essay still in the process of being assessed by our reviewers until the end of October. We do hope that in the near future, there will be the third ILS journal being indexed into TSSCI archive, or even into the Taiwan Humanities Citation Index Core (THCI Core) database for the reason of ILS as an interdisciplinary field, right?

The present Issue includes *Elderly Participation in Public Library Voluntary Services: A Case Study of Taipei Public Library* by Pei-Yi Lee and Shan-Ju L. Chang; *Analysis of the Co-authorship Network and Hot Topics in the Robotics Literature* by Ya-Chu Hsu, Yuan-Ho Huang and Hong-Chu Huang; *Evaluation of Prior Art Search Methods for Chinese Patents* by Yuen-Hsien Tseng, Tso-Liang Kao, and James Jeng; *Digital Archives for the Study of Taiwanese Buddhism* by Jen-Jou Hung, Marcus Bingenheimer and Jr-Wei Shiu; *Comparisons of Reliability and Validity between Teacher-assessment, Student Self-assessment, and Peer-assessment in a Web-based Portfolio Assessment Environment* by Chi-Cheng Chang and Ming-Fun Wu. Almost all these five works went through the entire procedure of assessment and editing for a half or a whole year. The authors put great efforts to debate and revise the drafts back and forth. In order to show the special characteristics of integrating different fields within the ILS studies in the present Issue, many of these drafts have so unique topics and contents that it was very difficult for them to find the reviewers who were willing to accept the invitation from the editor of *JoEMLS*. That is why the procedure has been delayed. Besides, this Issue has no enough space for too many articles at a time and the submission was relatively much more numerous than before. That is the main reason why the publication lag of this Issue has being lasted so long. Therefore, we are highly grateful to all of you who are so patient and supportive that this Issue can be launched successfully.

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編者言

本期紀要與展望

2011年的TSSCI資料庫收錄期刊名單甫於今年10月公佈，今年共新增6種期刊，使得TSSCI資料庫期刊累計達到93種。圖資學門期刊向來隸屬於教育學門，即使教育學門於今年新增3種期刊，也都不屬於圖資學門期刊。台灣的圖資學門期刊是否真的飽合到不須要再被納入TSSCI資料庫？或是再也沒有「夠有品質」的圖資期刊值得被收錄於TSSCI資料庫？這兩個問題真值得大家深思，這不僅我們圖資學門自己該反省；TSSCI本身的制度與結構問題也該被深切檢討。

本期(49卷1期)仍維持5篇篇幅，另有6篇文章被退稿，本卷期退稿率計為55%，但事實上，截至10月底，我們仍有22篇文章尚在同儕評閱的程序中。我們仍然很樂見不久的未來能有第三本圖資學門期刊能被收錄於TSSCI，甚至圖資學門期刊也該被收錄於THCI Core資料庫，不是嗎？

本卷期收錄了李珮漪與林珊如所發表的「臺北市立圖書館老年人參與公共圖書館志願服務之研究」；許雅珠、黃元鶴與黃鴻珠三位針對「機器人文獻之合著網絡及熱門主題分析」；曾元顯、高佐良與鄭浩對於「中文專利前案檢索模式之成效評估」；洪振洲、馬德偉(Marcus Bingenheimer)與許智偉共同發表的「台灣佛教數位典藏資料庫之建置」研究；以及張基成與吳明芳就「網路化檔案評量環境下教學者評、學生自評與同儕互評之信效度比較」。在這5篇大作中，幾乎都耗了半年到一年的時間才得以正式完成整個評閱和編輯出版流程，作者花了相當大的心力進行文稿答辯與修正，而在本刊與圖資學門跨科際整合學門的特色下，許多稿件因為內容主題較為特別，往往難以尋覓適當或有意願接受本刊委託的評閱者，以致延宕了評閱時程；此外，本刊之載文量不大，又相對於投稿件數之多，也都是造成此卷期出版時滯(Publication Lag)延長的主因。因此，此一卷期的發刊，我們還必須非常感謝大家的耐心與支持。

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