

Editorial

Dear Reader,

The Malaysian Journal of Microbiology (MJM) was started in year 2005 by Prof. Ibrahim Che Omar with a group of dedicated lecturers from Universiti Sains Malaysia. The inaugural issue of MJM was published in December 2005. The ISSN number for the journal is 1823-8262.

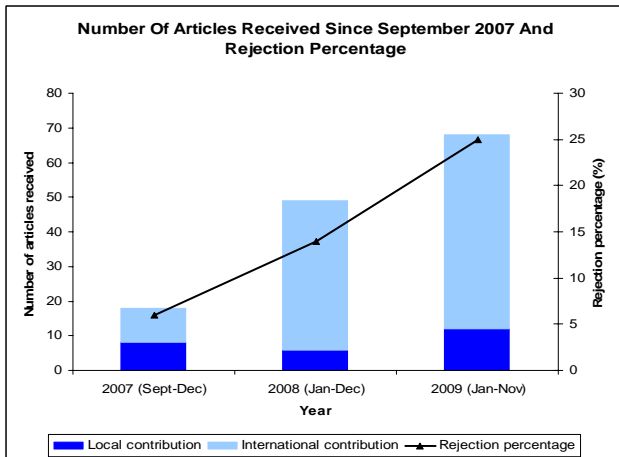
MJM is currently indexed in Malaysian Abstracting and Indexing System (MyAIS). In addition, MJM is currently in the process of applying for inclusion in Scopus. We are expecting to get an impact factor in about 2-3 years time from now.

The journal is published twice a year in June and December. Each issue was planned to contain about 8 - 12 articles, comprised of regular papers, short communications and occasionally, review articles. The current issue, which is Vol. 5 Issue No. 2 will be published in December 2009.

Since Jan. 2009 (Vol. 5, Issue No. 1), MJM started publishing on-line early views of accepted papers. These papers are labelled un-corrected proof. As of Nov 2009 a total of 103 papers have been published (including the early views on-line).

Detailed statistics since September 2007

Received 97 articles since September 2007.

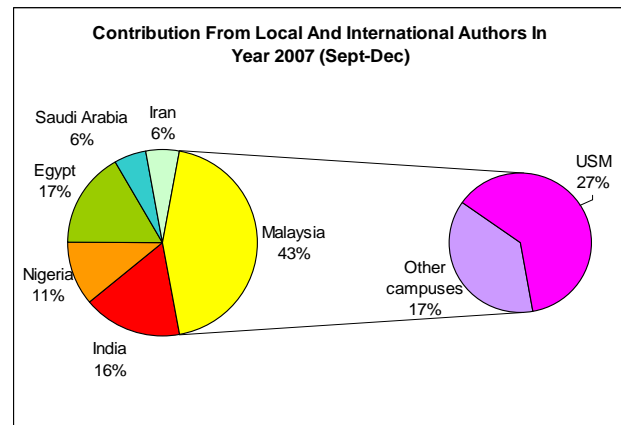


Year 2007

Received 18 articles (Since Sept – Dec 2007)

Countries	Number of articles received
Malaysia	8 (5 articles from USM)
India	3
Nigeria	2
Egypt	3
Saudi Arabia	1
Iran	1

44% from Malaysia, 56% international.
16 papers were accepted, 1 rejected, 1 withdrawn.
Rejection percentage: 6%

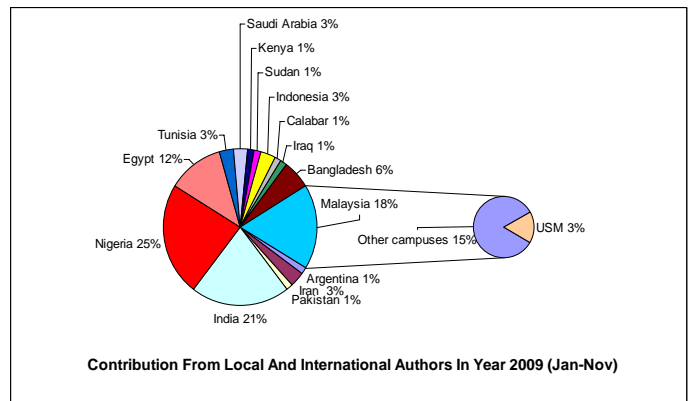
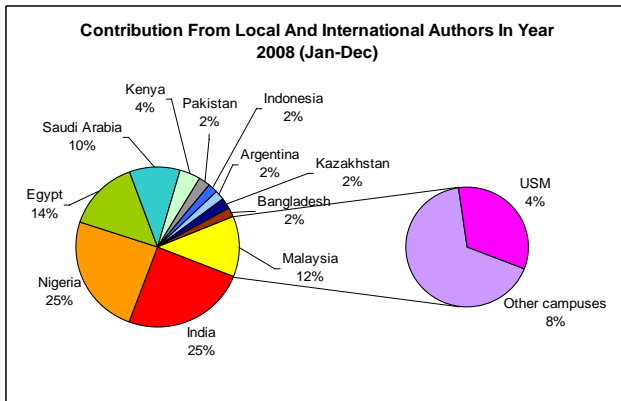


Year 2008

Received 49 articles (Jan – Dec 2008)

Countries	Number of articles received
Malaysia	6 (2 articles from USM)
India	12
Nigeria	12
Egypt	7
Saudi Arabia	5
Kenya	2
Pakistan	1
Indonesia	1
Argentina	1
Kazakhstan	1
Bangladesh	1

12% from Malaysia, 88% international.
23 papers accepted, 7 rejected, 19 pending or withdrawn.
Rejection percentage: 14%



Year 2009

Received 68 articles (Jan – Nov 2009)

Countries	Number of articles received
Malaysia	12 (2 articles from USM)
India	14
Nigeria	16
Egypt	8
Tunisia	2
Saudi Arabia	2
Kenya	1
Sudan	1
Indonesia	2
Calabar	1
Iraq	1
Bangladesh	4
Iran	2
Pakistan	1
Argentina	1

18% from Malaysia, 82% international.
 26 papers accepted, 17 rejected, 25 pending or withdrawn.
 Rejection percentage: 25%

We have seen a gradual increase in the number of articles submitted to MJM over the past 4 years since the journal was first launched in 2005. This is a good sign that the journal is gaining a good reputation among researchers worldwide.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I would like to thank all contributors for choosing MJM to publish their excellent works. Also, I am very grateful to all our expert reviewers for their time and voluntary efforts to review the articles submitted to MJM.

Enjoy reading MJM and Happy New Year 2010!



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