# Open Access and citation count: a CSIR case study

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# Introduction: What is Open Access?

#### According to the Budapest Open Access Initiative (2002):

- the material is freely availability on the internet
- allowing any users to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of these articles, use them for indexing, pass them as data to software, or use them for any other lawful purpose
- without financial, legal, or technical barriers other than those inseparable from gaining access to the internet itself.



## The impact of Open Access

(http://opcit.eprints.org/oacitation-biblio.html)



The Open Citation Project - Reference Linking and Citation Analysis for Open Archives

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#### The effect of open access and downloads ('hits') on citation impact: a bibliography of studies

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Background

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"a major bibliography on this debate"

Alan M Johnson, Charting a Course for a Successful Research Career: A Guide for Early Career Researchers, 2nd edition (April 2011), ch. 9, Where to Publish, p50

A great resource!

Eloy Rodrigues, University of Minho, via Twitter, Jul 17th 2009

"incredible resource"

OA Librarian blog, Citation Impact Bibliography Resource (December 7, 2005)

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Peter Suber, American Scientist Open Access Forum (28 September 2005) http://www.ecs.soton.ac.uk/~harnad/Hypermail/Amsci/4804.html

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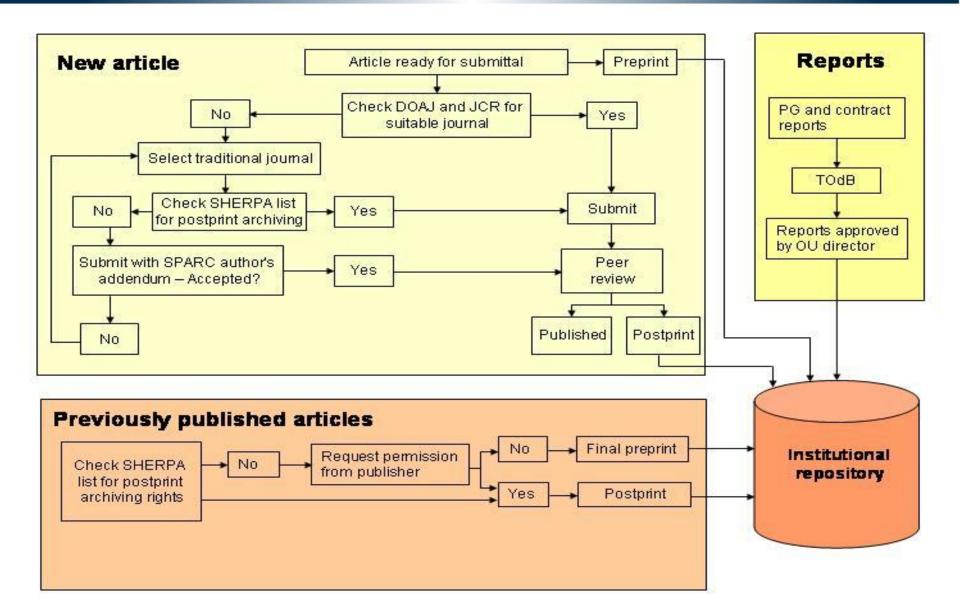
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# CSIR and Open Access



# Institutional repository

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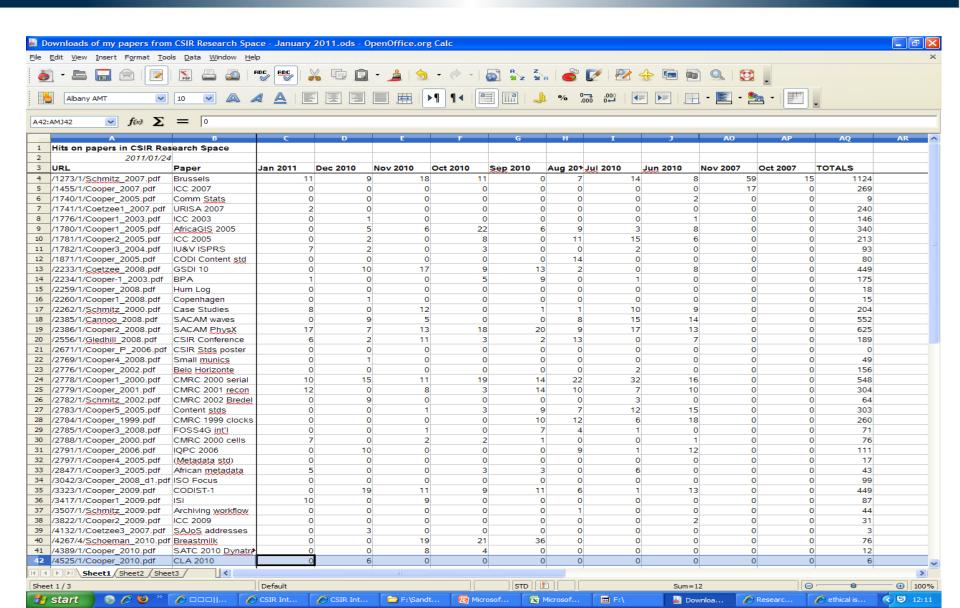
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Issue Date	Title	Author(s)
Jun-2011	Analysing commons to improve the design of volunteered geographic information repositories	Van den Berg, H; Coetzee, S; Cooper, AK
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Oct-2008	Can the South African address standard (SANS 1883) work for small local municipalities?	Coetzee, S; Cooper, AK
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	Characterization and properties of breakwater structures modelled by a physics engine	Greben, JM; Gledhill, I; Cooper, AK; De Villiers, R
Jul-2004	Concepts of incremental updating and versioning	Cooper, AK; Peled, A
Aug-2009	Contribution statistics can make to "strengthening forensic science"	Cooper, AK; Das, S
Dec-1999	Crime clocks and target performance maps	Cooper, AK; Gilfillan, TC; Potgieter, MA; Schmitz, PMU; Du Plessis, PM
20-Apr-2006	Data collection, transfer and the development of national standards – critical components necessary for the success of a GIS in South Africa	Cooper, AK
Apr-2005	Data content standards in Africa	Cooper, AK; Govender, S; Lance, K; Tieszen, LL
Aug-2003	Description of spatial data infrastructures (SDIs) using the Unified Modelling Language (UML)	Cooper, AK; Hjelmager, J; Nielsen, A; Rapant, P
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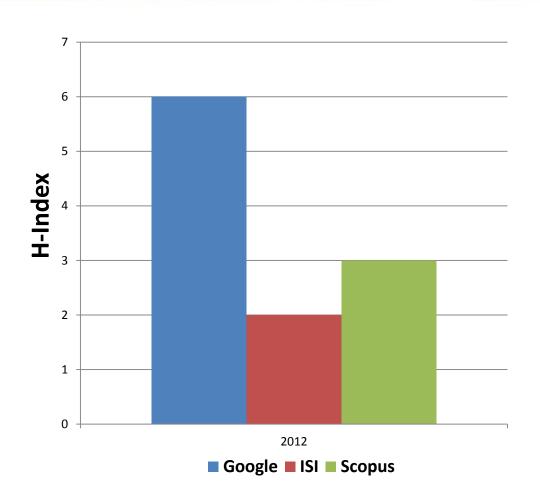


# Case Study: Dr Antony Cooper

- H-Index on Google Scholar, Scopus and Web of Science
- H-index combining all three of the above tools
- Papers contributing to his H-index were selected for the study



#### H-index



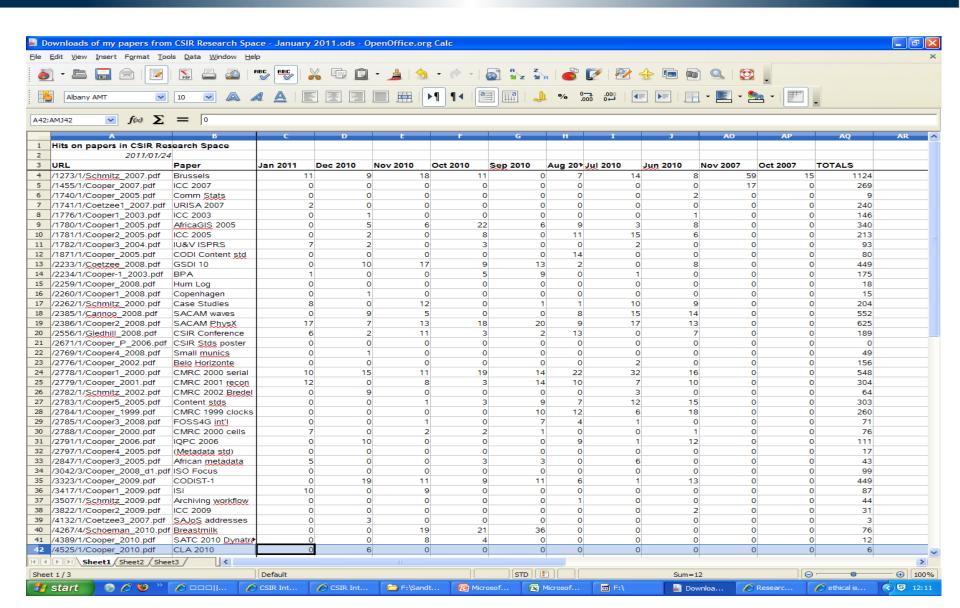
- H-index developed by Prof. J.E. Hirsch in 2005 to determine the scientific productivity of an author
- An H-index of 6
  means that the
  author has
  published 6 papers
  that have been cited
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# H-index: Publications

No.	Papers	Year	Google Scholar	Scopus	ISI	Google Scholar only	Scopus only	ISI only	Citation rate
1	An initial formal model for spatial data Infrastructures. <i>Int. J. Geographical Information Science</i> , p.1295-1309	2008	19	5	19	19	2	0	21
2	Towards an international address standard, <i>Proceedings of GSDI 10</i> February 2008	2008	20	0	0	20	0	0	20
3	The value of addresses to the economy, society and governance: a South African perspective,  Proceedings 45 <sup>th</sup> Annual URISA Conference, 20-23 August 2007, Washington DC, USA	2007	12	0	0	0	0	0	12
4	What is an address in South Africa?, South African Journal of Science, vol. 103(11), p.449-458	2007	12	3	2	12	0	0	12
5	Developing a modelling for the Spatial Data Infrastructure, <i>Proceedings of the 22nd International Cartographic Conference, A Coruña, Spain</i>	2005	9	0	0	9	0	0	9
6	Ethical issues in tracking cellular telephones at an event, Special Issue of OMEGA on Ethics and Operational Research	2009	6	2	2	6	0	0	6

## ResearchSpace downloads



# Downloads vs. citations from Google Scholar

No.	Papers	Year	Citation rate	Downloads ResearchSpace	Google Scholar citations	Direct citations Research Space
1	An initial formal model for spatial data Infrastructures. <i>Int. J. Geographical Information Science</i> , p.1295-1309	2008	21	269	19	0
2	Towards an international address standard, <i>Proceedings of GSDI 10</i> February 2008	2008	20	449	20	1
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## Results

Paper	Downloads	Citations	Ratio
1	269	19	1 citation for every 14 downloads
2	449	20	1 citation for every 20.5 downloads
3	240	12	1 citation for every 20 downloads
4	3	12	1 citation for every 0.25 downloads
5	213	9	1 citation for every 23.6 downloads
6	0	6	No downloads



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#### Results

### Direct link between a ResearchSpace download and a citation

No.	Cited paper	Citing paper	Direct citation from Research Space
2	Cooper, A.K. 2008. Towards an international address standard, Proceedings of GSDI, 10 February 2008	Geoinformation perspectives on innovation and economic growth.  1st Session of the Committee on Development Information, Science	Cooper A.K. 28 February 2008. <i>Towards an international address standard, GSDI 10, St</i> Augustine, Trinidad, 30pp. Accessed 8 March 2009 at: http://researchspace.csir.co.za/dspace/handle/10204/2233



#### **Conclusion**

#### In conclusion:

- •We could not prove a direct link between institutional repository downloads and citation count.
- •We speculate this is because: Our sample is too small, the study should be expanded to include the download statistics for a larger number of researchers.
- •We should also investigate additional analytical tools and metrics.



#### Conclusion

•In a further study we would also like to look at the results from a qualitative perspective and focus on the nature of the publications:

- 1) It could be that the content and the level of the work might be suitable at student level. Students might download the work but they do not necessarily publish (and cite) Which means their citations won't be picked up by citation counting tools. This could explain the high number of downloads coupled to a relative low citation count.
- 2) Alternatively it could point to the field of study. It is well known that average citation rates varies across subject fields
- 3) It could of course also be simply and indication of the quality of the researchers work.



Thank you!

**Any Questions?** 

