

Overview of Academic Journals in Vietnam and The Need for Establishing National Citation Index

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Overview of academic journals in Vietnam

- Over 400 academic journals.
- Most of them are published by public research institutes and universities.
- Most journals are funded by state budget.

Overview of academic journals in Vietnam

- Vietnam academic journals are under renovation towards international standards.
- Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) has approved some projects to upgrade some top journals in Vietnam.
- But financial support from MOET is very limited.

Overview of academic journals in Vietnam

- Journals are ranked by the National Professor Committee. But quantitative criteria for ranking is not clear.
- No journal indexed by ISI (Thomson Reuter).
- 2 journals indexed by Scopus (Acta Mathematica Vietnamica and Vietnam Journal of Mathematics).

Vietnam Journal Online Network (VJOL)

- A online network of academic journals in Vietnam
- Launched in 2007, Url: www.vjol.info
- Run by National Agency for Science and Technology Information (NASATI)
- 53 journals joined the network but poor content population
- 99,590 visits for the period 04/16/2014 – 10/15/2014 (Google Analytics data provided by NASATI)
- NASATI faces many challenges in calling for journals to join the network.

The need for establishing Vietnam Citation Index Center

- No citation index database established in Vietnam.
- No project to build national citation index database.
- No journal citation report released.
- Top journals ranked by the National Professor Committee do not know how their impact factor is.
- Vietnam needs to establish a national citation index database to promote local journal and research community towards international integration.
- ASEAN community's support should be helpful to Vietnam.

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