

Editorial

Clean Air Journal accepted for indexing in Scopus

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The editors are very excited to announce that the *Clean Air Journal* has recently been accepted for indexing in Scopus.

Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature: scientific journals, books and conference proceedings. Content for indexing in Scopus is conducted by an independent Content Selection and Advisory Board in order to evaluate and validate peer reviewed Journals against fair and transparent criteria. The criteria for indexing in Scopus consist of 5 main categories:

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- The Standing of the journal; relating to the number of citations of the articles and the standing of the editors
- Regularity of publishing; is the journal published when it should be?
- Online availability; where factors such as the online availability the quality of the home page are considered.

Being indexed in Scopus confers a number of advantages to the *Clean Air Journal*, such as increased international visibility, and increased opportunity for articles being cited and improved contribution to the wider scholarly community within the subject field. It also means that contributions to the *Clean Air Journal* must be of the highest quality, and the administrative duties of the Editors and reviewers must adhere to the strict standards of the Journal.

The current editors would like to thank the broader South African air quality community for the interest and support that has been shown to the *Clean Air Journal* since it

was first published in 1971. Special thanks needs to go out to Prof Gerrit Kornelius, who edited the journal for over thirty years and is responsible for ensuring that an archive of South African air quality research is available to upcoming generations of South African researchers and those who strive to promote the cause of clean air in South Africa.

Recently, our geographical focus has expanded to cover the African continent and we hope that we will continue to meet the needs of the air quality community across the continent, to share knowledge and experience and foster collaboration.