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Section 9: Did you know... these 10 things about Scopus?

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As it’s Scopus’ 10 year anniversary, we thought we’d collate some interesting facts you might not know about Scopus…

1. Scopus is named after a bird, the *Phylloscopus collybita*, more commonly known as the Common Chiff Chaff.

2. Scopus won the International Information Industry Award for Best Science, Technology and Medicine (STM) Information Product in 2005.

3. The Scopus Journal Analyzer was launched in 2008.

4. Scopus was added to Research4Life in 2009.

5. Scopus added two journal performance metrics, Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP) and the SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) for all titles in the database in 2010 and in 2014 a third metric was introduced, the Impact Per Publication (IPP). All journal performance metrics are freely available online.

6. Scopus coverage has grown from 13,000 titles and 27 million items in 2004 to 21,000 titles, and 55 million records, from more than 5,000 publishers today.

7. Scopus has a number of celebrities with author profiles, including Colin Firth, Natalie Portman and Danica McKellar; learn more about Author Profiles.

8. Scopus has APIs that allow you to use selected data – such as cited by counts – on your website, institutional repository or research information system.


10. Scopus’ Arts & Humanities coverage has grown from 2,000 titles in 2008 to more than 4,200 titles – and includes more than 1.3 million articles. By 2015, the Scopus Books Expansion Project will add 75,000 books including a large proportion in the Arts & Humanities.