

The ways of responsible research evaluation and the role of librarians

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What is research?

What is
research
evaluation?



Outputs of scholarly activities

Articles, proceedings, books, chapters etc.

Evaluating research?



The measuring tool

All researchers are the same...
All research outputs are the same...

Equity, diversity and research integrity



Enhancing research evaluation



Research Paper

The Norwegian Model in Norway

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Abstract

The “Norwegian Model” attempts to comprehensively cover all the peer-reviewed scholarly literatures in all areas of research in one single weighted indicator. Thereby, scientific production is made comparable across departments and faculties within and between research institutions, and the indicator may serve institutional evaluation and funding. This article describes the motivation for creating the model in Norway, how it was designed, organized and implemented, as well as the effects and experiences with the model. The article ends with an overview of a new type of bibliometric studies that are based on the type of comprehensive national publication data that the Norwegian Model provides.

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1 Introduction

Following a general trend in Europe as well as advice from the European Commission, Norway implemented a performance-based funding system for its Higher Education Sector in 2002. The system only affects a small part of the funding, and most weight is given to indicators of educational activity. The indicators representing research were initially based on numbers of doctoral degrees, amounts of external funding, and numbers of tenured research personnel. However, neither the funder—the Ministry of Education and Research—nor the funded organizations were happy with the latter staff-dependent indicator. They wanted an indicator that would more directly represent research activity and contribute to research quality. Starting in 2003, with myself as expert advisor, the funding and funded organizations collaborated on developing an indicator based on scientific publishing activity. It was implemented in 2005 as a model for data production, measurement and funding with three main components:

5 Component C: Incentives and funding

There are two main variants of performance-based funding of research institutions in Europe: the evaluation-based variants (Italy, United Kingdom, Portugal), and the indicator-based variants (most other European countries) (Hicks, 2012; Jonkers & Zacharewicz, 2015). The Norwegian model was developed for indicator-based funding. It is, however, not an alternative to research evaluation. Research evaluations with expert panels are also practiced for formative purposes and with no direct consequences for institutional funding (Sivertsen, 2017). In general, countries with indicator-based funding of research institutions do not rely solely on bibliometric indicators. Other indicators may be for example be external funding or the number of doctoral degrees. In addition, the indicators usually reallocate only a minor part of the total funding. Consequently, the economic consequences of an institution’s score on the publication indicator in the Norwegian model are therefore relatively small in all countries. In Norway, the publication indicator reallocates less than 2% of the total expenses in the Higher Education Sector. One publication point represents less than 3,000 Euro.



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Uses of the Journal Impact Factor in national journal rankings in China and Europe

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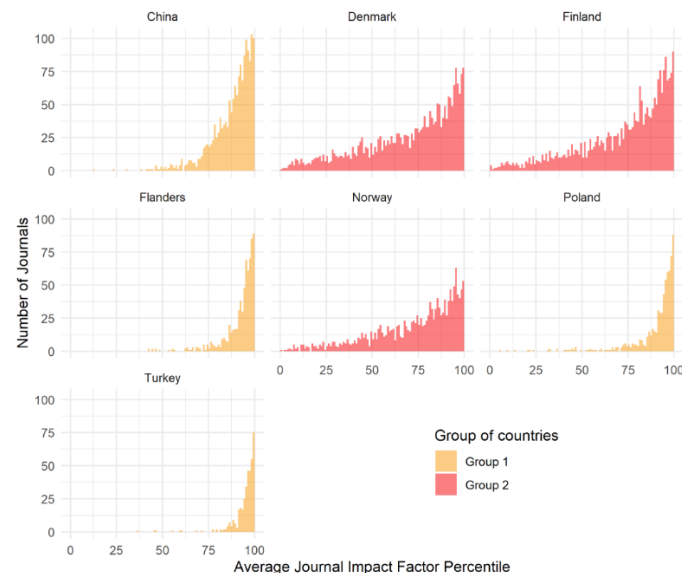
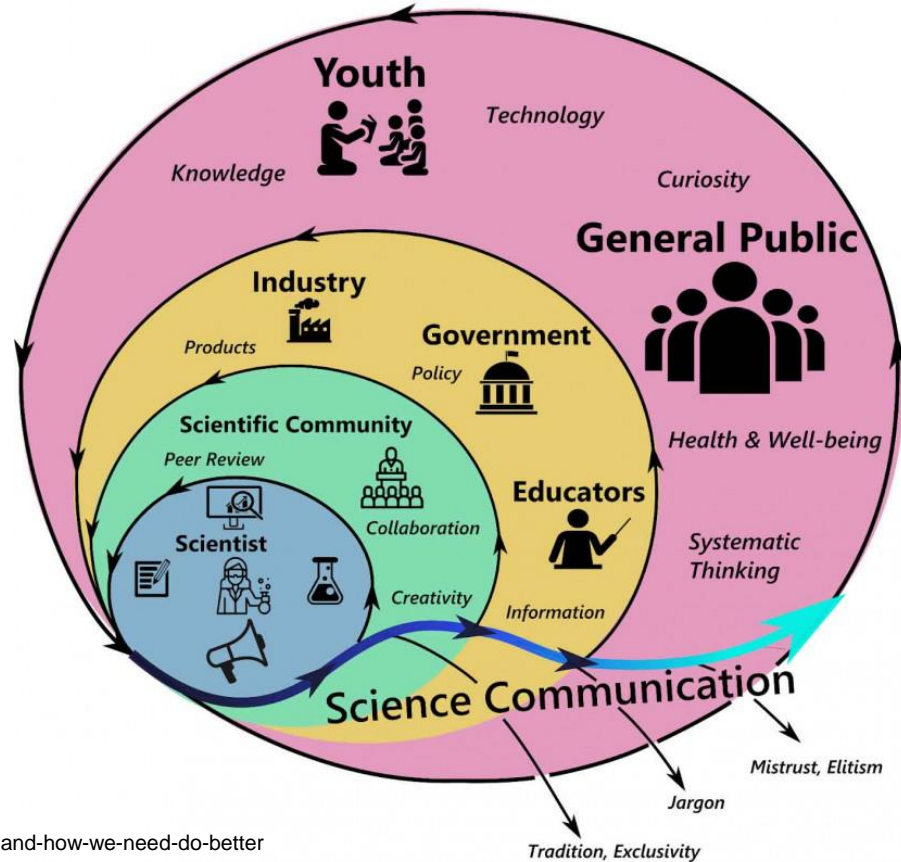


FIGURE 1 Distribution of the Average Journal Impact Factor Percentile for top-tier journals with a Journal Impact Factor across countries



Scholarly vs. science communication



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Introduction

The following Core Competencies for Scholarly Communication Librarians were developed out of research and discussion conducted by the NASIG Scholarly Communication Core Competencies Task Force. Scholarly communication is defined by ACRL as “the system through which research and other scholarly writings are created, evaluated for quality, disseminated to the scholarly community, and preserved for future use. The system includes both formal means of communication, such as publication in peer-reviewed journals, and informal channels, such as electronic listservs (Association of College & Research Libraries, “Principles and Strategies for the Reform of Scholarly Communication 1,” 2003). The specific duties of the scholarly communication librarian (SCL), though, may be broad and amorphous. Variety is the only constant in the job duties of SCLs and responsibility for the full suite of competencies is beyond the reach of even the most accomplished librarian. Moreover, though a single librarian may be responsible for leading these efforts, scholarly communication impacts all librarians, and as such, specific duties are often diffused through an organization. The leadership exemplified by the SCL also may occur at different levels of an organization, from entry level to senior administration, and usually entails a specific focus within the broad scholarly communication space.



1.

Personal strengths

Collaboration
Communication skills
Enthusiasm/ambition
Generalist
Comfort with change
and ambiguity
Personable

2.

Background knowledge

LIS
Open access
movement
Scholarly publishing
landscape
Bibliometrics
Digital preservation
Metadata standards
Copyright
Open educational
resources
etc.

3.

Technical skills

General understanding of repository platforms

Data management solutions

Publishing platforms

Faculty profiling systems

The interrelations between these systems

4.

Potential areas of emphasis

Institutional repository
management

Publishing services

Copyright services

Data management
services

Assessment and
impact metrics

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