

2019 IN REVIEW

It's been a great year! Again!

English Studies at NBU keeps growing and developing.



Our most significant achievements this year? We became members of Crossref and started registering doi numbers - this will definitely provide more visibility of the output of our authors.

MIAR, a database for analysis of scientific journals of the University of Barcelona, has given us a 9.1 rating, up from 2.8 for 2017.

NACID, the National Centre for Information and Documentation of the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science, has included us in the list of indexed journals, which has local gains for Bulgarian authors. Index Copernicus included us on the Journals Master list database so published articles are now “worth” 20 value points from the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

In terms of archiving and long term preservation, we keep sending digital full-text copies to CEEOL and hard copies of the journal to the Library of Congress.

On a different note, we updated the landing abstract pages on the web site by implementing the PlumX metrics widget so our authors and readers can better understand where their papers are used. Indeed, the web site has undergone great optimization to load faster, especially on mobile devices. Additionally, we reorganised the content - the [Backstage](#) blog is dedicated to news and educating our readership while the main section of the web site is entirely dedicated to the journal.

We stick to our mission and publish work by PhD candidates, which are now about a third of our authors.

We also see more of our authors opt in for OpenData and provide their raw data publicly - we believe this has a tremendous impact on these researchers' credibility.

We wish for more reviewers to opt in for Open Reviews but it is hard to change common, deeply rooted beliefs of institutions that anonymous reviews are better. We're open for discussion on this matter on our [Facebook group](#) or privately by e-mail.

For the next year? We have plans, stay tuned!

Wishing you all a happy New Year 2020!

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