

VETNET Symposium

Publishing in ICVT Journals – Issues and Challenges

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10.30-12.00hrs
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This symposium is about frequently asked questions (of authors), frequently heard reactions (of reviewers and next of authors), and lessons to be learned to get initial and continuing vocational education and training studies published in the international academic journals.

Ten years of VETNET programs at ECER conferences have passed. One of the aims of VETNET was and still is to stimulate conference contributors to publish their work in academic journals. There is a large number of journals in which researchers in the field of initial and continuing vocational education and training (ICVT) can publish their research. Colleagues have their preferences to either publish in journals with high impact, in journal in their research niche, or in both. Currently there is no journal with vocational education in the title which is listed in the Web of Science.

There are also colleagues who have difficulties to find the right journals in the field of ICVT, and to write for these journals. Therefore, VETNET offers a plenary symposium on journals which are publishing work in this field of research.

Different journals are invited for the symposium. Their editors will share information on the scope of the journal, the publishing policy, the types of contributions, the instructions for authors, the review process, and the selection of contributions. Attendants will get an overview of the publishing opportunities in the journals represented.

The journals represented in the symposium cover a large amount of the journals which are available. They were selected on the basis of publishing (at least) in English, having an international scope, and the various affiliations of VETNET members with these journals.

During the session a review will be made of other journals which are important for VET researchers, to see if it is worthwhile to have another session in the 2009 program on the same issue.

Speakers at the symposium have been asked to address the following questions

I. Important characteristics of the journal you represent

- 1 How long does the journal exist?
- 2 Who publishes the journal?
- 3 What kind of journal is your journal?
- 4 What do you know about its readership and citations to it?
- 5 In which databases is the journal listed?
- 6 What impact does the journal have on careers of researchers?

II . Scope of the journal

- 1 What is the focus of the journal?

- 2 What disciplinary scope does it have?
- 3 What are popular themes covered by the journal?
- 4 Which kind of manuscripts get most attention of the editor and reviewers?

III. Getting published in the journal: submissions, review, decisions and revisions

- 1 What recommendations does the journal give for writing good quality manuscript?
- 2 What are the recommendations/guidelines/instructions for submitting a manuscript?
- 3 What things do editors and reviewers appreciate and dislike in manuscripts?
- 4 What are criteria to follow to get accepted for a review?
- 5 How long does it take before a decision of the editor with review reports comes back to the author?
- 6 What are the working procedures of the editor and reviewers?
- 7 What are recommendations to address the suggestions of the editor and the critical remarks in the review reports, and to revise the manuscript?

III. The future of the journal

- 1 What policy goals does the journal have?
- 2 What strategic choices did it make to achieve its targets?
- 3 What themes will the journal focus on in the coming years?
- 4 To what extent do publications in the journal count for national and international research reviews?
- 5 Is work in the journal cited in ISI journals?
- 6 What is the opinion of the journal of getting listed in ISI (SSCI)?