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## A breakthrough year for Cyberpsychology: More citations, more submissions – and more impact

### Editorial

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Dear researchers, colleagues, and readers interested in internet-related research,

We are happy to present the first 2019 issue of *Cyberpsychology*. You might notice that the issue has been published much earlier than the first regular issues of previous years. This is one of the changes that the journal has implemented. In this editorial, we will take the opportunity to inform you about our recent progress and the other changes we have already made.

The year 2018 was a milestone for our journal. After two years of evaluations, *Cyberpsychology* received its first impact factor by Web of Science. In our category, multidisciplinary psychology, *Cyberpsychology* is in the second quartile with an impact factor of 1.400. This great evaluation is also apparent by the scores in Scopus, where *Cyberpsychology* reached the first quartile in categories Communication and Social science (misc.), and the second quartile in Psychology (misc.), with a SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) of 0.774. *Cyberpsychology* has been in Scopus since 2011 and we can observe the trend in SJR and cite the scores across years, clearly showing steady increases in the journal's recognition and impact – see Figure 1.

The increasing recognition of our journal is also reflected in the number of submissions, which more than doubled in 2018 when compared to the previous year. In 2018, authors submitted 194 new manuscripts. This has increased the pressure on our journal's editorial team to provide timely decisions. The manuscripts that were desk rejected after an internal evaluation without being sent to external reviewers (63% of submissions), took an average of 15 days with a median of 11 days. For the submissions that went to external reviewers, the average time to receive a decision was 136 days, with a median of 121 days. This is quite similar to last year's decision times, showing that the editorial team was able to handle the new submissions well.

To accommodate the increased number of submissions, we expanded our editorial team. We were happy to welcome Michel Walrave from the University of Antwerp as a new associate editor in February 2018 and Alexander Schouten from Tilburg University came on as another associate editor in January 2019. The editorial team is now more diversified and spread across more universities and countries.

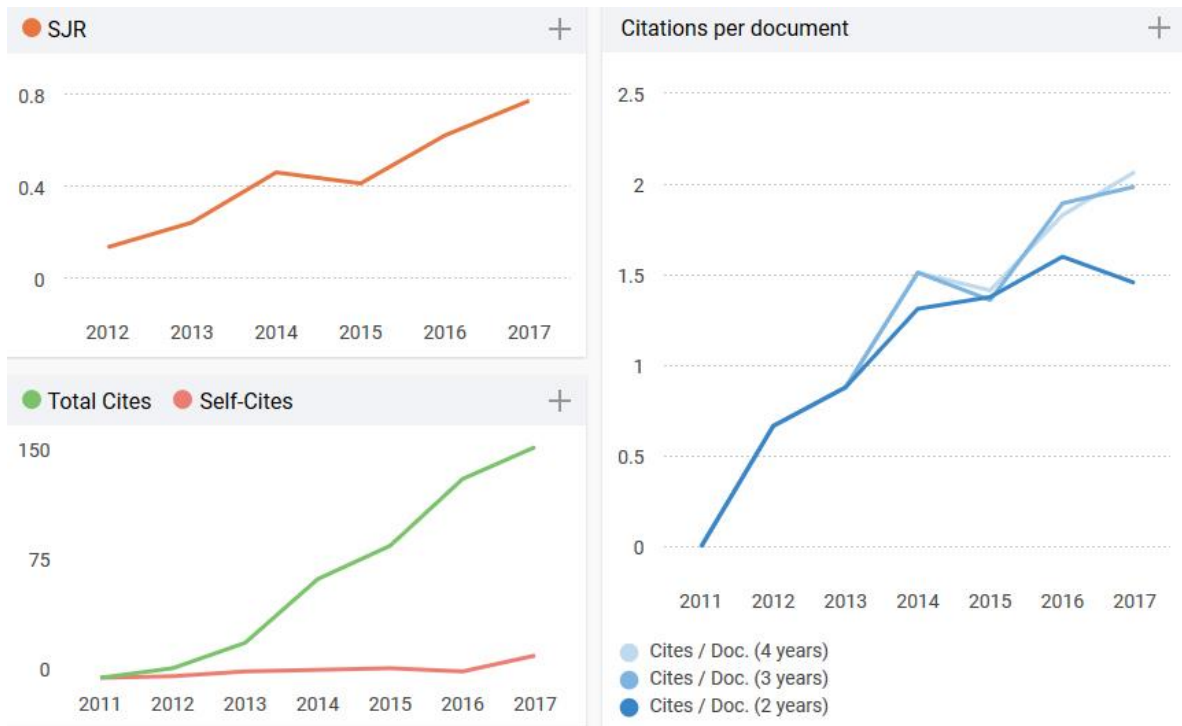


Figure 1. SCImago Journal Rank, citations per document, and total cites for *Cyberpsychology* from 2011 to 2017. Source: <http://www.scimagojr.com>

Another addition to the journal is the new online submission system, which replaced the email submissions in January 2019. *Cyberpsychology* uses Open Journal Systems, which, similar to other submission systems, allows both authors and editors to keep up-to-date overviews of their submissions and their progress. Still, we are open to answer any question about author submissions at [info@cyberpsychology.eu](mailto:info@cyberpsychology.eu).

We can say that the year 2018 was also successful from the perspective of the amount of visitors and readers of the journal. Across the whole year, *Cyberpsychology* had 166,440 visits and 271,629 page views, an average of almost 14,000 visits per month. We got visitors from 203 countries. Most of the visitors came from the United States, a bit more than 15% of the visits (see Figure 2a). Figure 2b shows the visits summarized by continent. It is clear that our journal attracts a global audience.

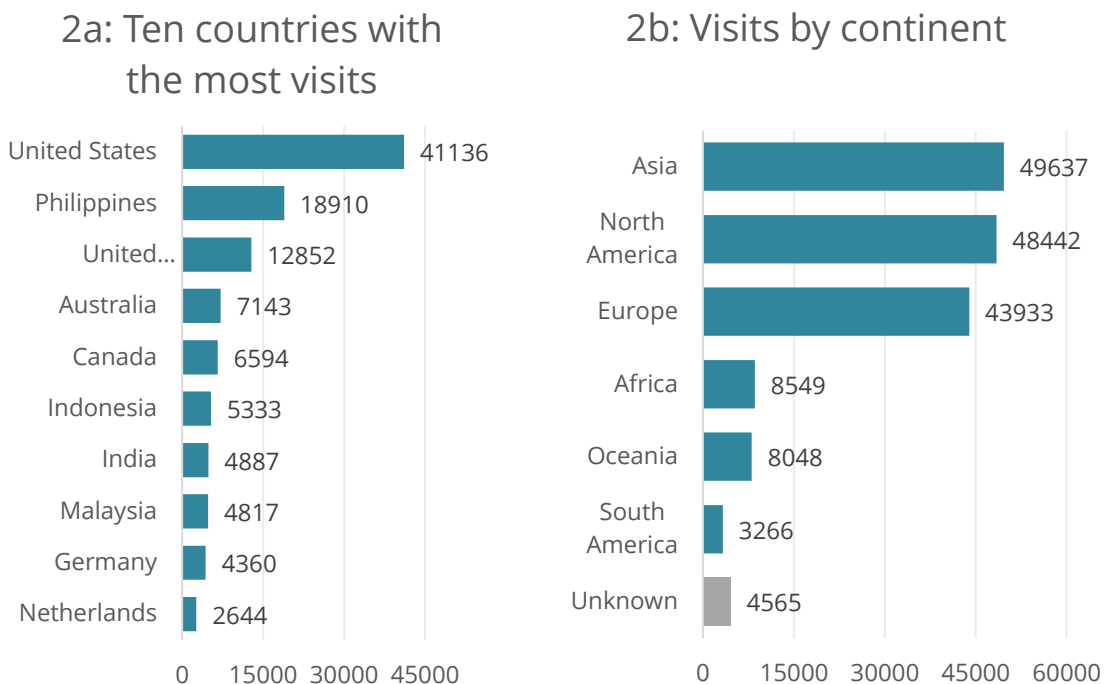


Figure 2. Location of *Cyberpsychology* readers in 2018.

It is also interesting to see which articles had highest amounts of pageviews. In 2018, the winner was “[The Impact of E-mail Communication on Organizational Life](#)” by Daantje Derks and Arnold Bakker (2010) with more than 10,000 views. The Top 10 viewed articles are in Table 1. We examine the pageviews of our articles every month and the pattern of our audience was stable throughout the whole year – the same articles scored among the Top 10 repeatedly, with only a few articles that spike for a month. The articles are from many areas, including online gaming, cyberbullying, social networking, visual impression management, and online communication. There is no clear pattern for the kinds of articles that become popular. It is worth noting that the most viewed article still attracts “only” four percent of the traffic of the whole journal, showing that the audience interests are spread across the whole site.

Table 1. *Ten Most Viewed Articles in 2018.*

<b>Authors</b>	<b>Article title</b>	<b>Publication year</b>	<b>Views</b>	<b>% of total website pageviews</b>
Derks, D., & Bakker, A. B.	<a href="#">The impact of e-mail communication on organizational life</a>	2010	10309	3.80
Luthman, S., Bliesener, T., & Staude-Müller, F.	<a href="#">The effect of computer gaming on subsequent time perception</a>	2009	7949	2.93
Šléglová, V., & Cerna, A.	<a href="#">Cyberbullying in adolescent victims: perception and coping</a>	2011	4790	1.76
Sherman, L. E., Michikyan, M., & Greenfield, P. M.	<a href="#">The effects of text, audio, video, and in-person communication on bonding between friends</a>	2013	4277	1.57
Calancie, O., Ewing, L., Narducci, L. D., Horgan, S., & Khalid-Khan, S.	<a href="#">Exploring how social networking sites impact youth with anxiety: A qualitative study of Facebook stressors among adolescents with an anxiety disorder diagnosis</a>	2017	3871	1.43
Machackova, H., Cerna, A., Sevcikova, A., Dedkova, L., & Daneback, K.	<a href="#">Effectiveness of coping strategies for victims of cyberbullying</a>	2013	3806	1.40
Blumer, T., & Döring, N.	<a href="#">Are we the same online? The expression of the five factor personality traits on the computer and the Internet</a>	2012	3650	1.34
Siibak, A.	<a href="#">Constructing the self through the photo selection - visual impression management on social networking websites</a>	2009	3325	1.22
Lorentz, P., Ferguson, C. J., & Schott, G.	<a href="#">Editorial: The experience and benefits of game playing</a>	2015	3105	1.14
Utz, S., & Krämer, N. C.	<a href="#">The privacy paradox on social network sites revisited: The role of individual characteristics and group norms</a>	2009	3122	1.15

The intriguing question for us was whether the pattern in visits reflected the pattern in article citations. Thus, we took a look at the citation record in the Scopus database, which covers *Cyberpsychology* from the year 2011. The 10 most cited articles in 2018 are presented in Table 2. (The final number of citations will likely change when Scopus finalizes the records for 2018.) The most cited article was “[Consensual sexting among adolescents: Risk prevention through abstinence education or safer sexting?](#)” by Nicola Döring from 2014, which received 21 citations in Scopus in 2018. This is also the article which is most cited overall from all of the *Cyberpsychology* articles in Scopus. Interestingly, there is little overlap between Tables 1 and 2 – only one article is on both the Top 10 most visited and Top 10 most cited lists: “[Effectiveness of coping strategies for victims of cyberbullying](#)” by Hana Machackova, Alena Cerna, Anna Sevcikova, Lenka Dedkova, and Kristian Daneback. It is only good fortune that this article is co-authored by two of the editors of our journal

Table 2. *Ten Most Cited Articles in 2018 in the Scopus Database.*

<b>Authors</b>	<b>Article title</b>	<b>Publication year</b>	<b>Citations in Scopus in 2018</b>
Doring N.	Consensual sexting among adolescents: Risk prevention through abstinence education or safer sexting?	2014	21
Tiidenberg K.	Bringing sexy back: Reclaiming the body aesthetic via self-shooting	2014	15
Gorzig A., Frumkin L.A.	Cyberbullying experiences on-the-go: When social media can become distressing	2013	10
Dworkin J., Connell J., Doty J.	A literature review of parents' online behavior	2013	10
Walrave M., Vanwesenbeeck I., Heirman W.	Connecting and protecting? Comparing predictors of self-disclosure and privacy settings use between adolescents and adults	2012	9
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## Articles in This Issue

Finally, we will briefly introduce the four articles included in this issue. All of them are related in some way to the theme of social networking and all provide different insights into this still-timely part of people's lives.

The first article, "Do men post and women view? The role of gender, personality, and emotions in online social activity", aimed to examine the role of gender, personality traits, and emotional competence on each of these two belongingness-related behaviors. The authors revealed that the most relevant online behavior appears to be emotional competences, because managing emotions reduces both posting and viewing, using emotions fosters communication, and understanding emotions decreases information-seeking. According to the authors, extraversion plays a key role as well, promoting both behaviors in women and information-seeking in men, whereas openness to experiences is positively linked to viewing others' profiles.

The second article, "Social comparison orientation mediates the relationship between neuroticism and passive Facebook use", investigates the relationship between passive Facebook use, neuroticism, and social-comparison orientation among Estonian Facebook users. The authors revealed positive bivariate-correlations between passive Facebook use, neuroticism, and social comparison orientation. Furthermore, social-comparison orientation mediated the relationship between neuroticism and passive Facebook use.

The third article, "Predicting SNS addiction with the Big Five and the Dark Triad", focuses on the predictions of social networking site addiction with the Dark Triad traits (a psychological measure of personality) that have been linked to impulsivity. The researchers demonstrated that SNS addiction was associated with the measured psychopathy of the Dark Triad.

The fourth article, "Social media addiction: Its impact, mediation, and intervention", examined the relations of social media addiction to college students' mental health and academic performance, and investigated the role of self-esteem as a mediator for the relationship. The authors revealed that social media addiction was negatively associated with the students' mental health and academic performance. In the second study focus, the researchers tested the effectiveness of intervention in reducing social media addiction. They developed and tested a two-stage intervention program. They found that their intervention was effective in reducing the students' social media addiction and improving their mental health and academic efficiency.

We hope you will find this issue interesting. We thank all of the authors, reviewers, and other people who worked on this issue and the journal. We wish you a successful 2019 and we hope you will keep reading *Cyberpsychology*. We can promise that our work on the improvements of the journal will continue in 2019 as well.

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Chiara Rollero, Adriano Daniele, and Stefano Tartaglia  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.5817/CP2019-1-1>

Article 2:

#### **Social comparison orientation mediates the relationship between neuroticism and passive Facebook use**

Dmitri Rozgonjuk, Tracii Ryan, Joosep Kristjan Kuljus, Karin Täht, and Graham G. Scott  
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Article 3:

#### **Predicting SNS addiction with the Big Five and the Dark Triad**

Soon-Li Lee  
<https://dx.doi.org/10.5817/CP2019-1-3>

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