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Editorial: Would you like to be cited more? Write about social networking sites

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Dear researchers, colleagues, and readers interested in research on cyberspace,

We are honored to present the July issue (2-2015) of *Cyberpsychology: Journal of Psychosocial Research on Cyberspace*. In this issue, we present five articles which are methodologically diverse - the authors used surveys, experimental design, and one article is a theoretical overview of empirical evidence. Articles were also written by authors from three different continents: Europe, North America, and Asia. We note that we would also be happy to publish articles from other continents, i.e. South America or Africa, to increase territorial diversity. In this editorial, first we will introduce the five articles and next, we will show the analyses of article citations from our journal, based on Google Scholar. Last, but not least, we will inform about the increases of indicator which we got from the Scopus database (operated by Elsevier).

The first article, "Beauty in the eye of the beholder? Attractiveness in a virtual world" (Guan, Subrahmanyam, Linares, Cheng), examines whether traditional offline gender biases regarding physical attractiveness and status transfer to Second Life. The authors conclude that, in line with offline norms, female avatars high in physical attractiveness are rated as more attractive, regardless of status. But for male avatars, participants rate higher attractiveness if avatars have higher status!

The second article, "The benign online disinhibition effect: Could situational factors induce self-disclosure and prosocial behaviors?" (Lapidot-Lefler, Barak), focuses on the benign effects of disinhibition and examines the effects of anonymity, invisibility, and the lack of eye contact on inducing self-disclosure and prosocial behaviors. The authors, for example, reveal that interaction between anonymity and invisibility has a significant effect on the revealing of emotions and that the interaction between anonymity, invisibility, and the lack of eye contact has significant effects on the total self-disclosure score.

In the third article, "Religiosity, sexual myths, sex taboos, and pornography use: A cross-national comparison of Polish and German university students" (Martyniuk, Dekker, Sehner, Richter-Appelt, Briken), the authors compare the pornography use of students in two culturally different European countries, and investigate associations with religiosity, sexual myths, and sex taboos. The authors conclude that associations between pornography use and religiosity is ambiguous. For example, attending church is negatively associated with age at first contact and pornography use. But the intrinsic religiosity is correlated with a lower frequency of pornography use for females and with a higher frequency for males.

The fourth article, "Coping through blogging: A review of studies on the potential benefits of weblogs for stress reduction" (Petko, Schmitz, Totter, Hermann, Guttormsen), brings an overview of the empirical evidence for the potential effects of reflective weblog writing for coping with stress. The authors analyzed 17 relevant studies and reveal that the public nature of weblogs opens up a variety of possibilities for both problem-focused and emotion-focused coping, most importantly through social support. The authors also note that it remains unclear if and how the benefits of self-initiated blogging can be transferred to more formal settings.

The fifth article, "The relationship between Facebook attachment and obsessive-compulsive disorder severity" (Lee, Park, Tam), explores how Social Networking Sites use may be associated with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), with the inclusion of obsessive-compulsive beliefs as a mediator. The authors conclude that Facebook use contributes to OCD severity through obsessive-compulsive beliefs as the mediator. The study also extends the finding that Facebook use may resemble a form of obsessive-compulsive behavior, mediated by obsessive beliefs. The authors suggest that their findings may indicate that the notion of Facebook addiction is obsolete.

We believe you will find all five published articles to be interesting contributions to the current scholarship! Next we will introduce you to our analyses of citations.

We were curious which articles have been cited most in our journal history and, because only Google Scholar has indexed all of the articles from the journal since its establishment in 2007, we decided to run the analyses in this search engine. If you are interested, you can see the details of our search query here.

It is also necessary to note that the overall number of citations depends on the year of publication; therefore, older publications logically have an advantage. But if we divide the number of citations by the number of years from publication of the article, the results were not significantly different.

The most cited article, "User descriptions and interpretations of self-presentation through Facebook profile images" written by Michele M. Strano in 2008, got so far 151 citations. The second-most cited article, "Constructing the self through the photo selection-visual impression management on social networking websites" written by Andra Siibak in 2009, got 111 citations. The third-most cited article, "The privacy paradox on social network sites revisited: The role of individual characteristics and group norms" written by Sonja Utz and Nicole Krämer, got 93 citations.

Concerning the themes of the articles, five of the six most cited articles are about Social Networking Sites (SNS). It seems that writing about social networking increases the probability that the document will be cited. Also, the following themes and key words are very successful with respect to citations: self-presentation, construction of virtual self, self-disclosure, privacy, and cyberbullying issues. But it is clear that also quality of the article matters! Plus, the popularity of themes is changing and such citation indexes have a high delay in the indication of popularity. So, who knows which themes will be most cited in the next five years?

Interestingly, we also looked at the number of visitors of first three most cited articles in the web-system which is hosting the journal and the article by Michele Strano got 90,365 visitors, the article of Andra Siibak 76,580 visitors, and the article of Sonja Utz and Nicole Krämer 60,547 visitors. These are really high numbers!

But there is also another piece of good news concerning our journal: there has been an increase to the SJR indicator, which is assigned from the Scopus database, and there has also been an increase to the indicator "Cites per document in last two years". You can look at the complex information about *Cyberpsychology* at the Scopus web pages here.

Concerning the SJR indicator, we are 118th from 216 journals in the category "Psychology (miscellaneous)". That means that we are currently in the third quarter of journals, and we are improving quickly and on the edge of moving into the second quarter. Interestingly, the indicator "Cites per document in last 2 years" (which is computed using the same formula as the journal impact factor from Thomson Reuters) is currently 0.938 for our journal. This is a very nice number for a journal which has been included in Scopus for only three years. That means that our articles have a solid numbers of citations!

But, because our lives are not only virtual, we will also be happy to meet you personally at the 13th Conference on "Cyberspace" in Brno on November 27-28 (see http://cyberspace.muni.cz). We will be happy to discuss your possible manuscripts, but also the various aspects of the research on cyberspace!

All the best,

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The journal is indexed with SCOPUS, ERIH PLUS, EBSCO Academic Search Complete, the Directory of Open Access Journals and the Czech Database of Scientific Journals.

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