

Editorial

Another Reached Milestone with Bantao Journal - First Issue Associated Under De Gruyter Open Platform

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We are proud to announce that BANTAO Journal (BJ) as an official journal of the BANTAO association has reached another milestone joining De Gruyter Open publisher group.

Nowadays, it's not an easy task to run the journal as Editor in chief for at least two reasons. Scientifically, the associated editors (Mustafa Arici, Ankara, Turkey; Nada Dimkovic, Belgrade, Serbia; Dimitrios Goumenos, Patra, Greece; and Nikolina Basic-Jukic, Zagreb, Croatia) are doing a great deal of work, but there is tough competition among journals in the academic world and scientists reasonably seek for journal with as high as possible impact factor where they could publish their work. Second, the funds for running small journals without a subscription fee do not allow secretarial assistance and thus the workload is overwhelming. Finally, the reviewers for small journals are not seriously taking this task when invited, so, considerable efforts and engagement was and still is to be shared with the associate editors.

However, BJ has succeeded to be included in the EBSCO, DOAJ and SCOPUS/SCIMAGO databases. This great progress was made thanks to the contributors to the Journal, as well as Veselin Nenov as responsible for the maintenance of the Journal web page over the years as an important milestone for the improvement and worldwide recognition of the Journal. Reaching certain level of BJ within all above mentioned circumstances we considered further progress of the journal may not be achieved without a professional help of a publisher. Hence, at the last few Bantao Board meetings this question was discussed and agreed among the members, but the establishment of such contract was difficult primarily because of the

problems with the registration of the BANTAO association and related taxation numbers.

So, the process of joining De Gruyter Open (DGO) as the leading publisher of Open Access academic content for further improvement and promotion of the journal and Medline application was initiated [4] somewhere at the beginning of 2014 when the current President of BANTAO, Adalbert Schiller, Timisoara, Romania signed the contract. Then, many files had to be completed and special technical criteria were to be fulfilled in addition to the improving scientific content of the journal from issue to issue. Finally, IT professionals were communicated to get submitted to the advanced DGO web established platform for easier promotion of the journal. Finally, we have already got BJ published under the DGO platform and we are proud of that as the first step towards our aim for Medline application.

In the meanwhile, BJ was further applied to the largest number of abstracting and indexing services that cover the scope of our journal either entirely or to some extent (such as ProQuest, CAB Abstracts etc). In addition, the data of BJ has been already promoted by the services which index all titles from the DGO platform: Celdes, CNPIEC, CNKI Scholar (China National Knowledge Infrastructure), EBSCO Discovery Service, Google Scholar, J-Gate, Naviga (Softweco), Primo Central (ExLibris), ReadCube, Summon (Serials Solutions/ProQuest), TDOne (TDNet) and WorldCat (OCLC).

We are proud to announce that we have our own web site www.bantao.org, but now BJ could also be found at <http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/bj>. We have already received certain DGO evaluation that BANTAO Journal has got the potential to apply for inclusion in the Master Journal List and to be indexed in other products of

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Thomson Reuters. However, we have been also warned that Thomson Reuters' requirements for inclusion of journals are very high. In this regard, further journal preparations are to be undertaken before the application to Thomson Reuters is possible. Among the other issues it is advisable to get as many as possible citation of BJ manuscripts and further careful selection of the submitted papers.

We are at the edge of reaching our goal and do hope we'll have your support!

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