

To: Jeffrey Epstein[jeevacation@gmail.com]
From: Thomas Pfeiffer
Sent: Mon 1/25/2010 9:30:52 PM
Subject: Re:

Jeffrey, attached a word doc with data on scientific publications from Iran and Iraq: number of publications from 2000-2009, how often the are cited, and the h-index for authors. An h-index of X means the author has X publications cited at least X times each - a simple way to combine quantity and quality into a single number.

There are some pitfalls in interpreting this type of data. It includes any publication with one author from Iran/Iraq. Some of publications may have only minor contributions from there.

Some fields, like Math, Econ or Informatics, tend to be underrepresented because of the way how publishing works in these fields. A world-class mathematician might for example have problems to keep up with a mediocre clinician in terms of publication and citation counts. One can correct for such factors, but the optimal way depends on the objectives of the analysis.

Let me know whether these data are useful to you.

All the best
Thomas

Jeffrey Epstein wrote:

> yes
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> On Fri, Jan 22, 2010 at 1:36 PM, Thomas Pfeiffer
> [REDACTED] wrote:
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> Hi Jeffrey, it's possible to search the Web of Science database
> by country. A quick analysis of publications from Iran and Iraq
> shouldn't take long. I could send you something by beginning of
> next week, and you can check whether the data are helpful. Is
> that a good way to proceed?
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> All the best
> Thomas
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> On Fri, 2010-01-22 at 05:16 -0500, Jeffrey Epstein wrote:
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> > thanks thomas,, i very much appreciate your offer to help.. I am
> first
> > looking for a rough average of citation average by region. iraq iran
> > middle east..i might want more detail but wanted to know if
> > there was
> > a way to search the data base by region.?
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