Introduction to Suid-Afrikanse Tydskrif vir Natuurwetenskap en Tegnologie

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Background

- Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns established > 100 years ago
- Aim to promote Science and Arts in South Africa
- Promote the use and development of Afrikaans, dictionaries,
- Many prizes, Mathematics Olympiad, meetings, publications
Publications

- 1922 *Tydskrif vir Wetenskap en Kuns* (dr. D.F. Malherbe, Nasionale Pers Bpk.)


Scientific Journals of SA Akademie
Success TGW

- Some concern ASSAf publication accreditation
- Incorporated many international editors
- Tydskrif vir Geesteswetenskappe publications in humanities. Literature relevant to publish in Afrikaans. Several citations.
- Included in ISI Web of Science
Challenges SATNT

- General scientific journal
- Limited distribution, limited manuscripts submitted
- Extreme limitation citation due to language and availability
- Internationalization English
- Mainly authors dedicated to Afrikaans
- Why not end; maintenance and development of Afrikaans scientific terminology
Should it survive?

- Many discussions with Board SA Akademie
- Insisted on paper form, access membership privilege
- Best paper receive prestigious prize
- Paper by Kobus Maree placed on UP open space was accessed by many people
- Problem appears not to be quality but accessibility
Latest developments

- Eventually agreed open access web publication at end of year paper copy
- Obtained sponsorship AOSIS contracted
- Advantages: available to everybody with internet access, text translated into other languages Google
- First results indicate widely accessed worldwide
Why consider for publication

- Interdisciplinary publications
- Short turn round time
- Retain copyright
- Build and maintain Afrikaans terminology
- With few exceptions all open access journals have page charges. No page charges
- Accredited DNET for subsidy to Universities
- Amazing work by copy editors of OASIS
- Now we need marketing of the journal
- www.satnt.ac.za