

Book Review:
Developing, writing and publishing scientific papers.
An approach in the context of economic research

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The book entitled *Developing, writing and publishing scientific papers. An approach in the context of economic research* address a relevant topic for the economic research: How to succeed to disseminate the research results in the mainstream of international scientific publications? For the young researchers, this is a reference book that assists them in gaining knowledge and skills on research dissemination. The book does not target only the young researchers, but also the senior researchers, who will find many refined interpretations of scientific theories, methodologies and methods, which are presented in a logical and comprehensive manner.

The book is written by Professor Vasile Dinu, PhD, Professor Gheorghe Săvoiu, PhD and associate professor Dan-Cristian Dabija, PhD. The authors has extensive experience in writing and reviewing papers. Mr. Vasile Dinu is editor in chief of *Amfiteatru Economic* journal. Mr. Gheorghe Săvoiu and Mr. Dan-Cristian Dabija are members of the editorial

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The book has over 400 pages and it is divided into five chapters.

The first chapter, entitled "Economic research and results communication in the general context of scientific research" introduces a theory of scientific research, articulated on the following items/cycles: primary elements (data-information-indicators-indicator systems-errors), strategic and methodological elements, inferential elements (hypotheses, tests, modeling) and result-type elements (laws and paradoxes). The theory is applied/ instantiated for economic research, by identifying and assessing specific aspects of economics. The multitude of elements induces high density semantics, so that the reader is engaged into an active reading process, frequently checking the cited sources, in order to fully understand the argument flows. In the first chapter, it is also made an analysis of the typology of scientific research. In the final part of chapter 1, several theoretical and practical issues related to results communication are presented.

Chapter two is titled " The scientific paper citation: the structure and optimization". This chapter presents the general structure of a scientific paper, together with the requirements / rules of scientific writing, for each section of the paper. The authors highlight the relative structural uniformity of the papers published in journals with high visibility in the economic field (such as those indexed and listed in the Thomson Reuters Web of Science and Scopus). The chapter also addresses aspects of reviewing scientific papers and making citations in an optimized manner. The authors adopt a very practical approach, by presenting numerous examples in order to enhance the usability and accessibility of the content. Information is rich; the semantic density is high, but unlike the first chapter, it is kept into the operational register. This approach makes the content understandable. The reader obtains direct applicable information/ recommendations.

Chapter three addresses the scientific writing into more detail. In the same practical approach, the authors introduce the stylistic component of the language for scientific writing and, also, a

set of writing rules. The chapter presents numerous examples and tables with connectors which are recommended to be used when the paper is written. A separate part of the chapter is devoted to the reference systems.

Chapter four, entitled "Plagiarism, plagiarism legislation and research ethics" addresses a major issue of scientific writing, especially in Romania, where the practices for avoiding and penalizing the plagiarism haven't a strong tradition yet. Therefore, the authors make a significant contribution by bringing into question the ethical dimension of research and by informing the reader about the danger of taking over inadequate ideas and / or text that is already published. The originality is one of the most valuable features of a scientific paper, that it must be ensured and protected, including through specific legislation on copyright.

Chapter five, entitled "Publishing a scientific paper" discusses the decision about the journal to which the paper is submitted for publication. The authors have a clear message for the reader about the importance of this decision, in order to increase the visibility of the research results. In order to reveal the importance of this decision, the authors present the assessment of scientific performance in academia. The chapter includes many scientometric indicators and data, representing valuable information for the researchers interested to identify the most appropriate publishing solution.

In conclusion, the book: *Developing, writing and publishing scientific papers. An approach in the context of economic research* contains an impressive amount of theoretical and practical information, such as: concepts, theoretical frameworks, indicators, writing rules and recommendations etc. The book assures a complete overview of the scientific writing landscape, with the multitude of treats and opportunities for those interested to communicate the research results and gain visibility in the research community.

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