From: Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>
To: Thomas Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@fas.harvard.edu>
Subject: Re:
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 12:22:37 +0000

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very helpful i greatly appreciate it.

On Mon, Jan 25, 2010 at 4:30 PM, Thomas Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@fas.harvard.edu> wrote:

> 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.
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> 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.
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> 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.
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> Let me know whether these data are useful to you.
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> All the best
> Thomas
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> Jeffrey Epstein wrote:
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> > yes
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> > On Fri, Jan 22, 2010 at 1:36 PM, Thomas Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@fas.harvard.edu
> > <mailto:pfeiffer@fas.harvard.edu>> wrote:
> >
> > 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:
> > >
> > > 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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