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Preface

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Traditionally, the ISSI conference covers research on quantitative studies of science, scientific publishing, science dynamics, research performance, collaboration, technometrics, webometrics, mapping of science and network analyses. Also this year most submissions were on these topics. It seems however that more and more the attention shifts from scientific literature in journals to other sources. Webometrics has gained a solid position but also books are becoming more important together with the discussion on arts and humanities outputs.

The authors of the submitted papers have put much effort in visualization. The graphics in these proceedings, as you will notice, have become extremely important to illustrate, to make a point, as an object of study or as a result. The next proceedings may have to be printed in full color not to lose vital information.

In total we received 175 submissions for Full papers and Research in Progress (RiP) papers and around 40 for posters from 37 different countries.

At the conference, 65 full papers and 28 RiP papers will be presented orally together with 52 posters. This means that around 30% was rejected or withdrawn.

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