

The inclusion of *SAJLIS* on SciELO South Africa (the premier open access full-text database of selected South African scholarly journals) – an outcome of the journal’s recent Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) peer review evaluation – required some adjustment to its publication process. SciELO SA, in its promotion of the publication of online journals, has encouraged the publication of both issues of *SAJLIS* within the year of issue. In addition, the platform encourages ‘continuous publishing’ which involves publishing articles as they are ready. According to ASSAf, “this is becoming more popular with journals and is preferred by authors as the articles can be accessed and cited sooner than when an issue is published when all the articles are ready”. In this context of new trends in scholarly publishing, *SAJLIS* trials in this issue the concept of ‘continuous publishing’ by bringing out issue 84(2) with the four manuscripts that were ready for publication by December 2018, with the intention that others may be added as they become available.

Academic librarians are becoming increasingly important role players in supporting academics and researchers to meet their research output and impact metrics needs. This issue opens with Omwoyo Bosire Onyancha focusing on the application of bibliometrics and altmetrics by academic librarians to support academics and researchers at universities in sub-Saharan Africa.

In a related area of research support, Louise Patterton, Theo Bothma and Martie van Deventer look at the research data management (RDM) needs and habits among emerging and experienced researchers at a South African research institute. This area of investigation is particularly important as RDM and related services and infrastructure are “still in a state of infancy in many African countries” and there is still a lot to learn about the RDM habits and needs of African researchers.

Olefhile Mosweu and Kelvin Joseph Bwalya report on a doctoral study in the area of electronic records management. Their study probes factors influencing adoption and usage of the Document Workflow Management System, an e-records management system, for effective records and information management at the Botswana Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry.

In the area of knowledge management (KM), Olateju Jumoke Ajanaku and Stephen Mutula investigate the relationship between KM and nursing care performance in Nigeria and find that information technology, organisational structure and organisational culture are significant influencing factors in knowledge management processes in Nigerian teaching hospitals.

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