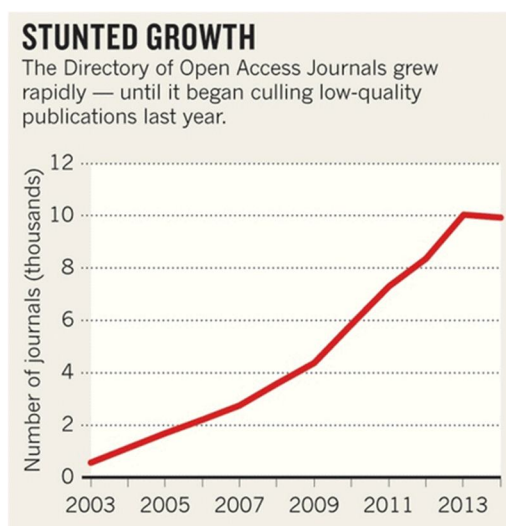




Foreword

This issue of the International Journal of Bioelectromagnetism includes three articles on bioimpedance. The two latter ones were intended to the 12th International Conference on Bioelectromagnetism on 27-30 May 2020 in St Louis. That conference was, however, canceled due to the Coronavirus epidemic, as happened to several other conferences, meetings, and exhibitions around the world in spring 2020. The proceedings of the ICBEM2020 was planned to be published as an issue of the IJBEM. Therefore, these two manuscripts did well fit this issue of the IJBEM.

I started IJBEM in 1999. I did not have any model for it. IJBEM was one of the first open-access scientific journals on the Internet. The number of open access journals on the Internet has grown fast. In 2003, it was established the [Directory of Open Access Journals, DOAJ](#). To this directory, it is accepted journals that fill high scientific criteria and the generally accepted practices in publishing them. The number of journals in this directory has grown to over 10.000.



Last autumn, IJBEM started the process of applying for membership in the DOAJ. On March 2020, the IJBEM was accepted to this directory. (Search in the DOAJ page with the keyword “bioelectromagnetism”.)

Membership in the DOAJ is very important for a scientific journal. It is a guarantee of the journal’s scientific quality. It also has been demonstrated that this membership will essentially increase the visibility and number of visits to the journal issues.

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