

Usefulness of the ORCID registry for authors and readers

Utilidad del registro ORCID para autores y lectores

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Dear Editor:

Cuba was one of the first countries in Latin America to adopt the model of open access to information as an editorial policy, which is why it has been necessary to adopt a group of guidelines in the development of scientific publications, including the use of the ORCID identifier. (*Open Research and Contributor ID*) for the authors, which was established, in Cuban scientific journals, among the requirements for publication.⁽¹⁾

Medical science journals in Cuba have been implementing the use of the ORCID identifier as an essential requirement in the publication process, however, users still do not exploit all the functionalities and advantages of this resource.⁽²⁾

Like all Cuban medical journals, the pediatrics journal also requests this identification record from authors among the requirements to accept articles that will be evaluated for publication and currently it is also an identifier used for the authors of books published in digital format. that have made their way, displacing the reading of texts on paper to second place.⁽³⁾

This is a unique identifier that provides researchers with an automatically generated code that clearly distinguishes their scientific production and avoids confusion related to scientific authorship.⁽⁴⁾

ORCID is a non-profit organization, which was born at the end of 2009 at the proposal of the Nature Publishing Group and the company Thomson Reuters, with the objective of creating an identifier of authors of scientific publications, understood as author and scientific publications in the term broader, that is, every creator of scientific content and every type of scientific document.⁽⁵⁾

Usefulness for authors

- It is an identification number that distinguishes you from any other researcher, by allowing the author to be recognized in all your publications.⁽⁶⁾
- It is a registration number that is obtained automatically and free of charge.
- It allows you to create an open, online resume, which allows greater visibility of the articles and the author.
- Increases the possible invitation to participate in research, in publications as a reviewer or in events to speak on the topics discussed on your ORCID platform.

- It eliminates confusion between similar or even the same names of several researchers, allows publications to be correctly attributed to an author, and facilitates searches and evaluation of research, even if the researcher changes institutions.⁽⁷⁾
- Automatically adds the author's new publications, as long as they are published in journals indexed in the databases associated with ORCID such as Scopus, Web of Science, PubMed, CrossRef; Google Scholar; among others.⁽⁸⁾
- Register your information in a reliable database.
- It allows for constant updating as it is modifiable.
- Scopus or ResearchID database in which other utilities for researchers can be recognized.⁽⁹⁾
- In some countries it is useful for entry into certain jobs.

Usefulness for readers

- It recognizes an author through a unique and persistent digital identifier that eliminates author ambiguity and increases the transparency and robustness of publications.⁽¹⁰⁾
- It allows you to better know the author of the sectioned works to read and learn about his scientific and academic activity.
- Grants the possibility of proposing authors to take part in joint research, presentations at events, among other activities organized by the reader.

For all of the above, authors must use their ORCID registry correctly and ensure that it has all the necessary public information to make it an open registry for authors. Likewise, readers, when selecting an article to read, should investigate the ORCID record of the authors and thus be able to better accept the scientific work they read.

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