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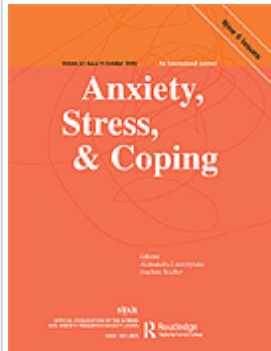
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Anxiety, Stress, & Coping

Featured Journal Interview

According to a recent analysis of **Essential Science IndicatorsSM** data from **Thomson Reuters**, the journal *Anxiety, Stress, & Coping* is having an **increasing impact** in the field of **Psychiatry & Psychology**. The journal's record in the database includes 271 papers cited a total of 1,163 times between January 1, 1999 and April 30, 2009.

Anxiety, Stress, & Coping is published by the **Taylor & Francis Group** on behalf of the **Stress and Anxiety Research Society**.

In the interview below, ScienceWatch.com talks with editors-in-chief Joachim Stoeber and Aleksandra Luszczynska about the journal's publication history and citation impact.

SW: Did you expect *Anxiety, Stress, & Coping* to become highly cited, or is this surprising to you?

No, this is not surprising. *Anxiety, Stress, & Coping* (ASC) focuses on publishing new empirical research findings that make a significant contribution to the psychology of anxiety, stress, coping, and associated characteristics, outcomes, and processes. Consequently, research published in ASC is highly relevant for many areas that investigate how to improve people's quality of life and help them cope with anxiety, stress, and trauma—which is also a major aim of psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine research.

SW: How would you account for the increased citation rate of *Anxiety, Stress, & Coping*?

Starting in 2007, we made a number of important changes concerning all aspects of the publishing process, from manuscript submission to final publication. First, regarding manuscript submission, all manuscript submissions are processed online including all reviews and editorial decision. This has greatly increased the speed of the review process (usually authors receive an editorial decision in less than seven weeks after submission). In addition, once accepted, a manuscript will be sent directly to production.

Second, the publisher (Taylor & Francis) has now provided a system called iFirst[©], which allows for the publication of articles online before they are published in a print issue. Soon after the corrected galley proofs have been returned from the authors, iFirst[©] makes ASC articles available to the scientific community to be read, and to be cited.

Third, since 2007, all ASC articles—once they appear on iFirst[©]— are included in the PubMed (MEDLINE[®]) data base. As PubMed is the main data base for

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researcher working in the medical sciences (including psychiatry), we are sure that including ASC in PubMed was an important step to make research published in ASC more visible to psychiatry/ psychosomatic medicine and consequently increased the citation rate of ASC articles in psychiatry.

SW: Was there a change in policy or editorial direction that might account for this?

No, there was no change in policy or editorial directions. ASC has always published high-quality research making a significant contribution to the understanding of anxiety, stress, and coping across disciplines. But over the last two years, thanks to the support from Taylor & Francis, ASC has become faster, more visible, and more accessible.

SW: What historical factors have contributed to the success of *Anxiety, Stress, & Coping*?

"Anxiety, Stress, & Coping (ASC) focuses on publishing new empirical research findings that make a significant contribution to the psychology of anxiety, stress, coping, and associated characteristics, outcomes, and processes."

We are not sure if any historical factors have contributed to the increased success of ASC. Anxiety, stress, and coping have long been central issues in psychological research having high relevance for psychiatric research. However, over the last years, ASC has published more articles related to coping with health problems and with trauma (including studies that focus on physiological mechanisms). Moreover, in the last two years, we published more articles related to anxiety disorders.

SW: Have there been specific developments in the fields served by *Anxiety, Stress, & Coping* that may have contributed?

One major development that we are sure has contributed to the increased success of ASC is the establishment of health psychology as a major field of applied psychological research.

SW: What, in your view, is this journal's main significance or contribution in the field of Psychiatry & Psychology?

In our view, the main contribution of ASC is that it is a psychological journal that provides a platform for researchers from different disciplines who are interested in furthering our understanding of anxiety, stress, coping, and associated characteristics, bio-psycho-social processes, and outcomes to exchange new and exciting findings.

SW: How do you see your field(s) evolving in the next few years?

For the future, we expect to see a rise in publications related to neuroscience of anxiety, stress, and coping.

SW: What role do you see for your journal?

Psychology and psychiatry are ever developing fields, and we are sure that the future will see further exciting developments. In these developments, anxiety, stress, and coping will continue to be of central interest for major areas of psychology and psychiatry. We expect that *Anxiety, Stress, & Coping* will continue to play an important role in providing researchers with a platform to publish and discuss their findings. ■

Anxiety, Stress, & Coping

Joachim Stoeber & Aleksandra Luszczynska, editors-in-chief

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