

Petition for adoption of the Linguistic Diversity Index into scientometric databases

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Dear All,

I write you regarding petition for adoption of the Linguistic Diversity Index (LDI) into scientometric databases. Please, if you agree with the petition, sign it. The petition is on this web page:

<http://chng.it/zvdwcqhwBn>

Linguistic Diversity Index is a scientometric indicator measuring linguistic diversity of sources cited in publication's reference list. If a scholar cites a publication written in small or rare language or if they cite publications written in larger number of languages, their LDI will be higher. Larger importance is given to the rarity of language than to the number of languages. If LDI is used, it will motivate researchers to cite sources from more linguistically and culturally diverse area, which might help to introduce larger cultural diversity to research. If you want to read more about LDI, please see this paper:

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/21582440211009191>

Your signature is important, because companies producing scientometric databases might be more willing to add there a new field when it is required by larger number of people.

I will ask these companies to add LDI to databases after getting some significant number of petitioners.

You might sign even if you don't agree with LDI being used for research evaluation in your country or in your discipline. LDI is relevant for human sciences, but not that much for natural sciences. The petition doesn't ask for LDI usage in any particular country or university. It asks for the inclusion in scientometric databases. Governments and universities might use for research evaluation only those metrics, which are available in databases. Even if you think LDI is not suitable for usage in your country, by signing the petition you might help to have LDI included in databases for usage in other countries with different values concerning research evaluation.

If you have some comment to this, you might consider to write it to the comments section of the related publication's researchgate web page, so that others can read it (there is also possibility to write comment when you sign the petition):

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/350910268_Linguistic_Diversity_Index_A_Scientometric_Measure_to_Enhance_the_Relevance_of_Small_and_Minority_Group_Languages/comments

Please resend this email to people who might find it relevant.

Thank you.

All the best,

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