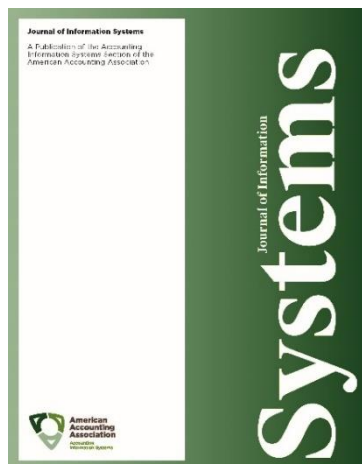


The American Accounting Association is pleased to announce that the *Journal of Information Systems* has been accepted into the Clarivate Analytics Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI)!



Clarivate Analytics evaluates journals against the Web of Science selection criteria, and this year they recognized the *Journal of Information Systems (JIS)* as meeting their quality and impact criteria – and beginning with the first issue in 2018, the *JIS* content will be indexed in the following categories:

- Social Sciences Citation Index, Business Finance category
- Current Contents-Social and Behavioral Sciences

With this designation, *JIS* joins *The Accounting Review*, *Accounting Horizons*, and *Auditing: A Journal of Theory and Practice* in being recognized as a global journal with significant impact in the academy.

Clearly, being recognized by Clarivate Analytics is a major accomplishment – and one that takes several years of dedicated stewardship by the editorial, reviewing, and author communities. We congratulate the Accounting Information Systems section for having focused their attention on being accepted into SSCI – and for managing the journal so it could be successful. Key criteria leading to the acceptance include:

- **Consistently publishing at least 20 articles per year:** This metric demonstrates to Clarivate that there is significant content in the topical area; that the community believes in the value of the journal, reflected in submitting their content to this journal; and that the editors and publisher can deliver the content on a stable, consistent time schedule. *JIS* first published 20 articles in 2013 when Miklos Vasarhelyi was the editor of the journal – and the editorial teams since then have consistently met this mark, continuing to grow the content by publishing 30 articles last year. (You might find it interesting that Clarivate cares about the number of articles published – not issues. In the sciences, many journals only publish online, and only one “issue” is made up each year. So, if you’re interested in helping your journal get into SSCI, focus on submitting, reviewing and publishing great articles that will be cited!).
- **Enhance the reputation of the journal so it is read – and cited:** Mary Curtis and Roger Debreceeny were co-editors of the journal from 2015-2017, and they implemented many initiatives to boost the journal’s recognition. Perhaps most importantly, they wrote the first Journal Information Packet and had it printed professionally and distributed to deans and department chairs across the world. Based on the recognition that this gave to the journal, the AAA staff adopted this as a best practice, and they have produced information packets for all AAA journals since that time (available [HERE](#)). Additionally, they initiated projects with practicing accountants to boost visibility and relevance of the journal – both of which could be leading indicators of citations to follow.
- **Reflect a global perspective:** Clarivate reviews each journal’s editorial board and author community to determine whether the journal reflects a world-wide community – even changing their requirements so that all web sites and journal attributions include the contributors’ cities,

states, and countries. The *JIS* editors have selected Board members from a wide range of countries, and in the spring (as soon as Clarivate changed their quality criteria), the AAA professional staff updated the AAA collection's standard journal layouts and web pages to include the additional location details; at this time all journals meet this quality criterion.

- **Provide a unique perspective:** Journals that fill a unique niche are often recognized for having few peers – and their articles are more highly cited because other journals aren't publishing similar work. The *Journal of Information Systems* has a clear [editorial policy](#) that defines the scope of the journal, including areas of interest and methodologies. Additionally, it has had focused calls for submissions in emerging areas, has had professional accountants involved – especially in their research conferences, and currently has an innovative call for data sets to be published. Each of these activities has been led by the editors who recognize the opportunities for scholarship that is novel, relevant, and respected – and those efforts contribute to success.
- **Citations:** When Clarivate evaluates a journal's citations, they analyze the articles that are already indexed in SSCI, summarizing the year's citation counts by candidate journal for the articles published in the candidate journal over the prior two years. For example, when they were evaluating *JIS* in 2020, they summarized all of the citations in SSCI indexed journals published in 2019 for articles that were published in *JIS* in 2017 and 2018. Given the data that they collect on SSCI journals, they are able to proactively do this analysis, and can identify candidate journals that have candidate index values greater than 50% of those already in the collection –prompting them to review these journals to determine whether they should be included. This year, *JIS* met this criteria! As we think about how other journals can meet this bar, editorial teams may want to focus on time to publication – because an article is only evaluated for the first 2 years after publication, if the time to publication is over a year, it is not as likely that more recent work will be cited within the two year window included in the metric and the citations won't be counted for SSCI indexing.

Please join me in recognizing the contributions of the *JIS* editors over the past seven years for their efforts and celebrating another journal in the AAA collection being recognized for its contributions to the academy!

- Miklos A. Vasarhelyi (2012–2014)
- Mary B. Curtis and Roger S. Debreceeny (2015–2017)
- Alexander Kogan and Patrick Wheeler (2018-2020)
- J. Efrim Boritz and Theophanis C. Stratopoulos (2021-2023)

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