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## **ADVANCES IN MATERIALS SCIENCE EDITORIAL ON THE JOURNAL'S 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

With the greatest pleasure we present to the readers 67th issue of the Advances in Materials Science journal, which appears in the 20th year of the journal's existence.

Advances in Materials Science is published by the editorial team of the Department of Materials Science and Welding Technology of Gdansk University of Technology (GUT). The first issue of Advances in Materials Science was published in November 2001. The intention of the editorial team was to create a forum for the exchange of information on new trends in materials science, especially on topics related to GUT scientists, such as environmental degradation of engineering materials, surface engineering and advanced structural and functional materials.

The journal received the patronage of the Polish Materials Science Society. In the first period of activity, before year 2008, all individual issues were traditionally issued in printed form. Since 2008, we have been publishing the journal only in electronic version in the Open Access format on the renowned academic publisher Sciendo publishing platform <http://content.sciendo.com/view/journals/adms/adms-overview.xml>

The journal was founded on the initiative of professor Andrzej Zieliński, who served as Editor-in-Chief until 2012. The editorial staff included: J. Ćwiek, M. Głowacka, K. Imielińska, K. Krzysztofowicz, J. Łabanowski, B. Raczowska, S. Rymkiewicz, W. Serbiński and H. Smoleńska.

Till 2008, 14 issues of the journal had been published, while since 2008 the journal has been published quarterly. In 2012 editorial committee was changed. The Editor-in-Chief functions were taken over by prof. Jerzy Łabanowski, and currently the editorial board consists of: D. Fydrych, A. Świerczyńska, M. Landowski, H. Smoleńska, Ch. Pandey, K. Krzysztofowicz, J. Tomków, J. Wang, M. Zaręba. The journal also expanded its content by opening up to issues related to welding technology and the weldability of metallic materials.

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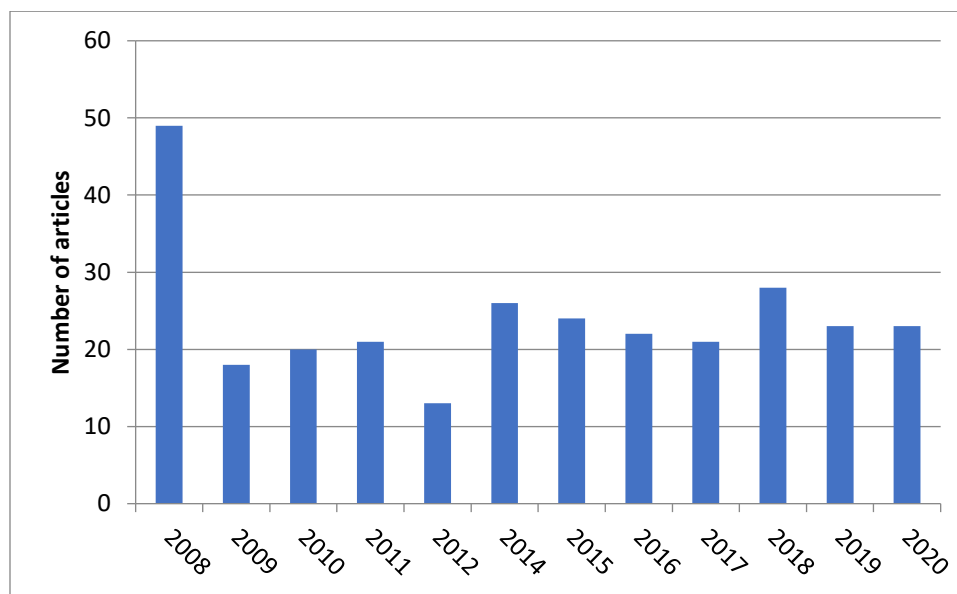
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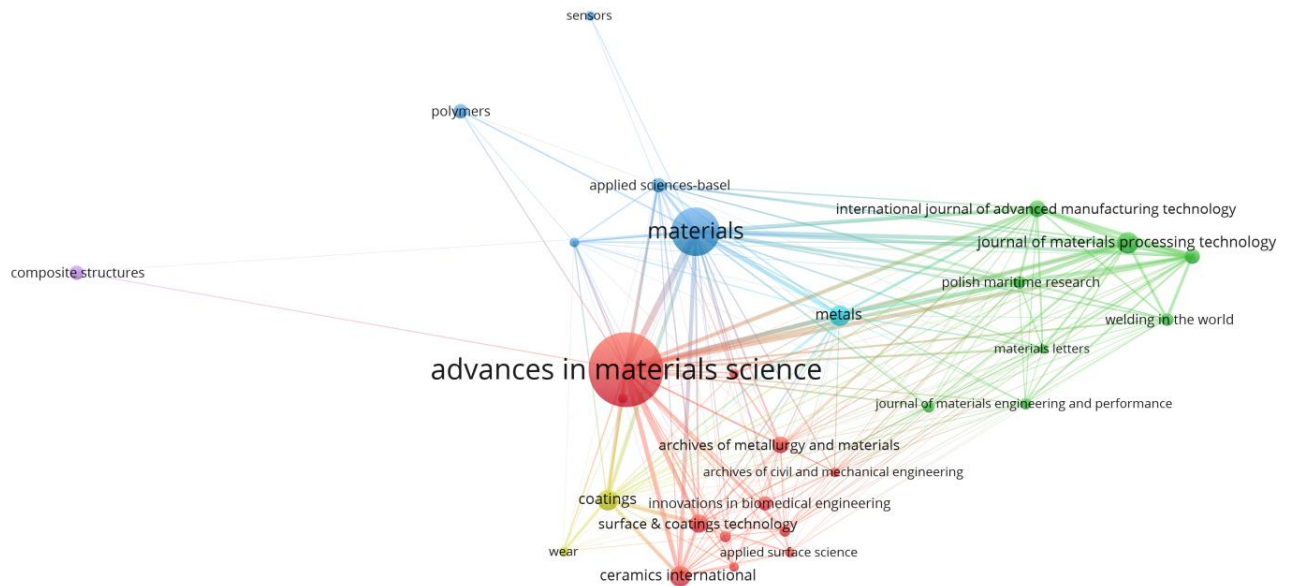
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Since 2008, 310 articles have been published, broken down by year, as in **Figure 1**. All papers from this period are indexed in the Web of Science (Emerging Sources Citation Index). Authors from 32 countries and 6 continents published in the journal, and the rejection rate is 52%. Currently, the journal's h-index is 13, and the i10-index is 22 (938 citations in 753 articles by authors with affiliations from 70 countries). **Figures 2** and **3** show a network citation analyzes of *Advances in Materials Science* articles. The analysis was performed in the VOSviewer [1]. In 2020, articles published in *Advances in Materials Science* were downloaded from the Sciendo website almost 27,000 times [2].

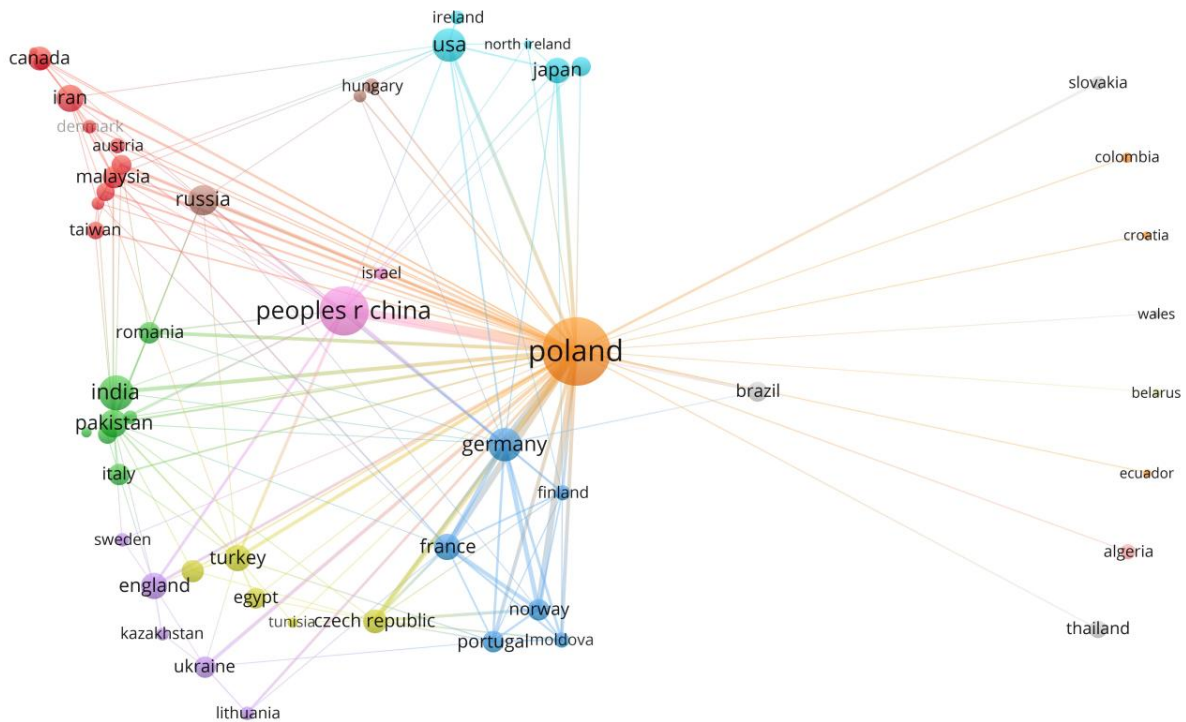


**Fig. 1.** Number of articles published in *Advances in Materials Science* since 2008





**Fig. 2.** Network visualization map showing citation analysis of Advances in Materials Science articles – journal title criterion



**Fig. 3.** Network visualization map showing citation analysis of Advances in Materials Science articles – author country affiliation criterion

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