

WHERE WE STAND

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When I became the Editor of this journal I promised few interventions, restricted to indispensable communication.

Today, starting my 5th year of activity, I believe we need to make some reflections on the past four years and announce some new features for the next.

During these years the journal changed several times - not in the editorial line which has basically remained the same - but in its exterior form. Some choices taken at the beginning of my task have proved to be too hard for our strength and our pockets. I want to mention two for all.

The idea of a double version of the journal (online and on paper) proved to be economically unsustainable so Je-LKS has maintained only the online version. Similarly, we abandoned the idea of a multilingual journal (Italian and English), because, in absence of a team of translators, we cannot guarantee a regular and proper publication.

From another point of view the journal has grown. Its editorial staff has expanded with the participation of prestigious collaborators. The number of readers has grown (now is twice than 2010). The geographical distribution of readers has positively changed; in 2010 the 90.16% of the readers were European (mainly Italian), currently European readers are the 52% of the total, Asian readers the 27% and American readers the 14%. We receiving an increasing number of contributions external to the Italian scientific landscape: at this time more than one third of the works comes from non-Italian authors.

In January 2010 the journal was not indexed in international databases; currently it is indexed in Editlib, Scopus, DOAJ, Google Scholar, PKP, IET Inspect, Cite Factor and SJIF. Even bibliometric indexes have improved in recent years. The H-index, calculated on Google Scholar basis, has increased from 5 (2010) to 15 (September 2014), while the two Scopus indexes have both equally increased. SJR index has increased from 0,127 (2010) to 0,246 (2013)

while the SNP index from 0.25 (2010) to 0.54 (2013). For these results I must thank the Italian e-learning Society, the editorial staff, the reviewers and the authors, and of course our readers.

Starting with the next issue we will try to experiment two innovations in order to increase the transparency and the interaction with our readers. The first is associating the anonymous comments of the reviewers to every published article, in order to explain to the readers what are the reasons of its publication. The second is providing our registered readers with the possibility to comment the articles.

We will test this mode throughout 2015 and in the first issue of 2016 we will draw our conclusions.

It remains for me to wish you a good reading.

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