

## IEEE Education Society Vice President of Conferences

### Report

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This report covers activity from June 2017 to October 2017

#### 1. ASEE/IEEE FIE Conference Steering Committee meeting (June 2017)

This meeting took place during ASEE conference, in June 2017 in Columbus, USA. There was a long discussion about the mission statement of the conference and its alignment with the target audience. The Committee agrees on the necessity to update it and will prepare a survey (already applied) to enlarge the inputs for this discussion. According to the outcomes of the conference it is performing well.

#### 2. IEEE Society/Technical Councils VP-Conferences

The meeting in July 2017 focus on the role of Societies and Chapters within IEEE and their politics concerning sponsorship, particularly the Technical Sponsorship. It is supposed this relations are put to work when there is some gain for all parties, complementing the respective missions or targeting new audiences, with new challenges. Besides, when enter a Technical Sponsorship, the IEEE logo image should be considered a critical resource, serving events' interests but demanding for good protection. There is a document under preparation, but VPs are asked to initiate this discussion.

Strategically the IEEE MCE is committed to: help improving conferences quality and efficiency; grow scholarly conferences; and promoting innovation and expansion. There is now a Beta site for Conference Reporting on Technical Activities Operations (<http://ta.ieee.org/operations/conferences/conference-portfolio-reports>).

It was not possible to have a EdSoc representative at POCO, in Australia, this year, due to personal agendas limitations. The division to witch EdSoc belongs was nor represented also since no member found availability to attend.

#### 3. Conferences activity

Signed MOUS:

EDUNINE 2018 – IEEE Education Society as Financial Sponsoring Party; Science and Education Research Council (COPEC), Financial Sponsoring Party; EDUNINE 2018 will be held on March-2018, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Participation as Technical Co-sponsorship:

- 2017 International Symposium on Computers in Education (SIIE) to be held on Nov-2017, in Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2018 IEEE Integrated STEM Education Conference (ISEC) to be held on or about 10-Mar-2018, in Princeton, NJ, USA
- 2018 XIII Technologies Applied to Electronics Teaching Conference (TAEE) to be held on or about 20-Jun-2018, in La Laguna, Spain.

Expected involvements:

- 2018 V Learning With MOOCS (LWMOOC) to be held in Spain – most likely it will be a call for Financial Sponsorship, with Spanish Universities (UNED and UPM); EdSoc was represented in 2017 LWMOOCS edition (October 9), by our Sr Past President Manuel Castro, and feedback is very good.

- 2018 ETHICS – also Financial Sponsorship.

TALE 2017 figures:

Total submissions	187
Withdrawn	8
Rejected	61 (34,1%)
Accepted as:	
Full paper	30 (16,8%)
Short paper	51 (28,5%)
Poster	32 (17,9%)
Panel/Workshop	5 (2,8%)

Conferences closures is becoming an issue, mainly by small discrepancies between what is reported and what is documented. This may be improved by better control and, mainly, by shortening the time limit for this process.

#### 4. Conference indexing

Using [www.conferenceranks.com](http://www.conferenceranks.com) for a quick evaluation of our main conferences, produces:

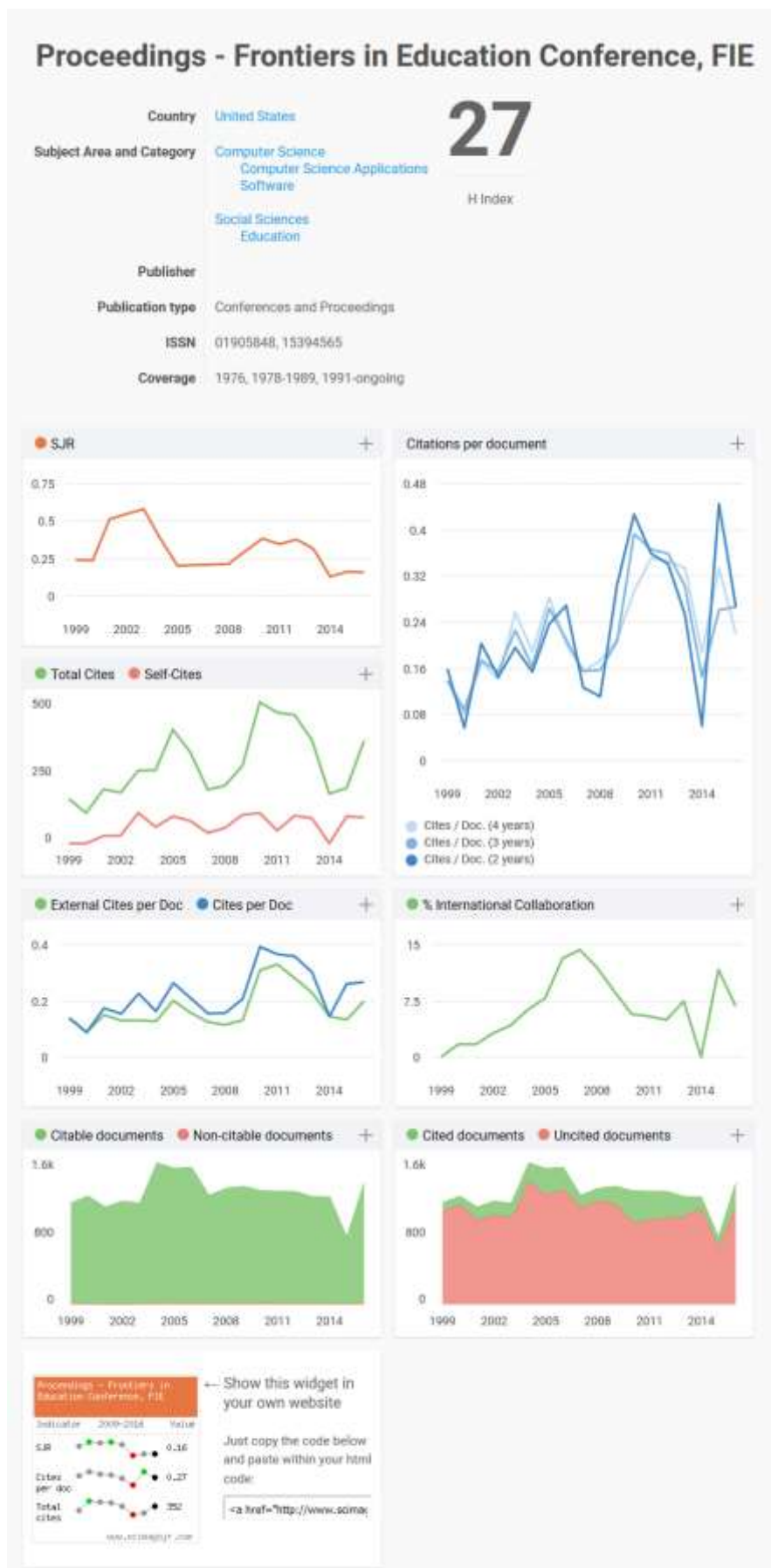
Title	Rank / Notes
FIE Frontiers in Education	A (source ERA)
IEEE Engineering Education Conference EDUCON	B4 / Qualis (seven step scale - A1, A2, B1..5)
TALE	Not indexed

Using [www.scimagojr.com](http://www.scimagojr.com) (which also indexes conferences) for a similar analysis:

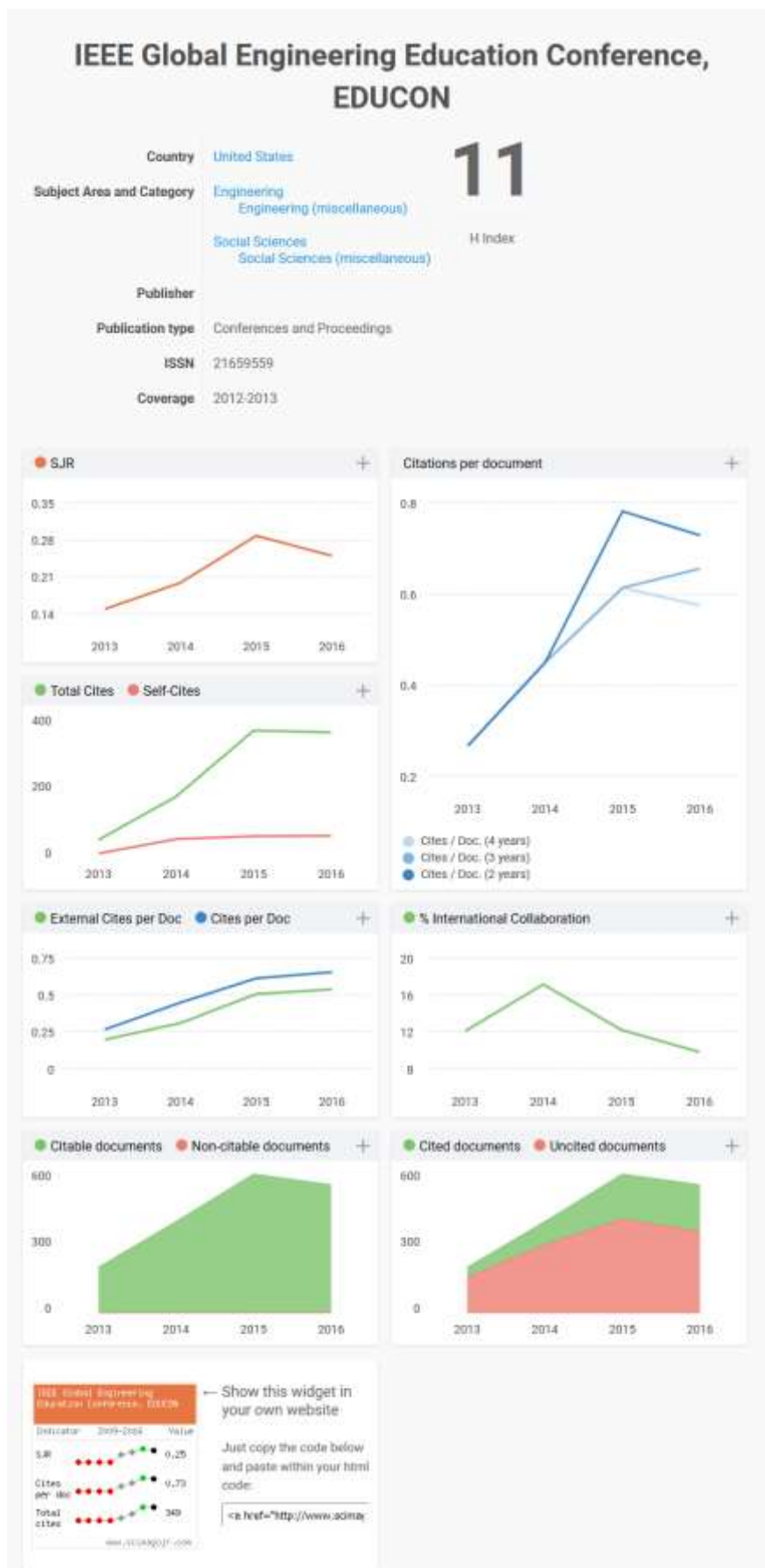
Title	H Index / Notes
FIE Frontiers in Education	27 (details in Annex 1)
IEEE Engineering Education Conference EDUCON	11 (details in Annex 2)
TALE	7 in 2012 and 2013 – but number of citations is falling quickly (details in Annex 3) – 4 in 2014

Looking for overall performance we can conclude that FIE and EDUCON are performing well, but TALE is losing relevance.

Annex 1 – SCIMago results for FIE



Annex 2 – SCIMago results for EDUCON



Annex 3 – SCIMago results for TALE 2012 and 2013

