

Author Impact Measure (AIM): An author publication statistic for the *Who's Who in Fluorescence Volume*

The *Who's Who in Fluorescence* annual volume employs a voluntary personal publication statistic, first appearing in the 2005 volume and then there after.

Contributors are asked to calculate their *Author Impact Measure* (AIM) number and supply this along with their completed *Who's Who in Fluorescence* template via the usual e-mail address: wwif@cfs.umbi.umd.edu no later than August 2006 for the 2007 volume.

The AIM number is expected to show both an author's progress and productivity in the previous year. This statistic will be published in the *Who's Who in Fluorescence* volume, on a voluntary basis. The AIM number is simply calculated as the cumulative *impact number* (from the ISI database) of journals published in that year, multiplied by the frequency of publications.

For example, if an contributor published three papers in the *Journal of Fluorescence* and one paper in the *Journal of Physical Chemistry B* in the year 2002. The 2002

AIM number would be:

$$3 \times (0.761) + 1 \times (3.611) = 5.894$$

AIM numbers are to be calculated only for articles published at the time of submission (not pending or in press). AIM numbers for up to 3 years previous to the *Who's Who in Fluorescence* Annual publication date can be quoted, i.e. the 2007 volume will publish one AIM number from one of the years 2004, 2005 or 2006 at the contributors discretion.

We hope you find this new author publication statistic informative and we look forward to any suggestions you may have.

Kind regards

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