

## Is ASM International really international?

Yes, ASM is indeed an international organization, and to prove this point in quantitative terms, I would like to present the following analysis conducted recently regarding the origins of manuscripts submitted to this journal.

We receive several hundred manuscripts each year. The last 100 manuscripts included in this analysis, and each manuscript was cataloged, whether it was ultimately accepted or rejected.

Here is what was found:

74% of the manuscripts came from abroad

26% of the manuscripts originated domestically (USA and Canada)

The 74 manuscripts that came from abroad originated in 28 different countries, named below in alphabetical order (according to the American English spelling of the country names):

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| • Algeria                   | • Holland   | • Poland       |
| • Bahrain                   | • Hong Kong | • Portugal     |
| • Belgium                   | • India     | • Russia       |
| • Brazil                    | • Israel    | • Saudi Arabia |
| • Bulgaria                  | • Italy     | • Singapore    |
| • Peoples Republic of China | • Japan     | • Slovenia     |
| • Republic of China         | • Kuwait    | • Sweden       |
| • Egypt                     | • Mexico    | • Thailand     |
| • Finland                   | • Nigeria   |                |
| • France                    | • Pakistan  |                |

This is an impressive array of nations, almost as large as the United Nations.

What do we conclude from this? My conclusion is that there are lots of materials researchers in many different countries developing data and wanting to publish their results in a technical journal that is

- Peer-reviewed
- Internationally Circulated
- Reputable
- Part of an Integrated Information Network

The authors find these needs fulfilled by ASM, and that is why we are ASM International.



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