

SUSTAINABILITY OF NON-COMMERCIAL OPEN ACCESS: XML-JATS AND THE EDITORIAL FLUX EXPERIENCES OF THE MILITARY TECHNICAL COURIER JOURNAL



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Abstract:

The presentation of the editor of the Military Technical Courier focuses on the experiences of the journal regarding sustainability of non-commercial open access. Being published by the state University of Defence in Belgrade, the journal has a stable funding source thus avoiding problems with sustainability. Its indexing in Redalyc is of great importance since it additionally provides free XML-JATS copies of journal's articles which are compatible for exporting directly to the DOAJ database. The Editorial Office especially emphasizes the significance and usefulness of the Marcalyc system as well as the exceptional cooperation with the colleagues from Redalyc.

Keywords: Military Technical Courier, Redalyc, XML-JATS, sustainability, non-commercial open access.

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The Military Technical Courier is indexed in the Redalyc database as a Diamond Open Access journal ([Redalyc, n. d.](#)). During 2023, the journal supported the Action Plan for Diamond Open Access ([Ancion et al., 2022](#))

The focus of this review (conference presentation) is on the journal editorial experience, i.e. flux, in the work with Redalyc. Regarding the sustainability of non-commercial open access of the Military Technology Courier, the position of the editor is quite specific - it could be even described as comfortable. Namely, the publisher of the journal is the state University of Defence in Belgrade – Military Academy ([Military Academy, n. d.](#)). In addition, the Military Technological Courier is a journal with a long tradition – it has been published continually and continuously for 70 years, since 1953 ([Gaćeša, 2022](#)).

The screenshot shows the Military Academy website. On the left, there is a navigation menu with links for NEWS, ABOUT US, STUDIES, ENROLLMENT, STUDENTS, MENI ITEM 247, and GALLERY. Below the menu is a section titled "Publishing activities" which describes the academy's role in publishing scientific journals. On the right, there is a large graphic celebrating 70 years since 1953, featuring a gear with "MTC" and "YEARS" and another gear with "BTM" and "AÑOS".

It can be stated that these are the reasons for the journal to be well positioned and esteemed in the Serbian as well as regional scientific community. This also explains the fact that the journal, although with Diamond Open Access, does not currently have big problems with core funding. It has a stable

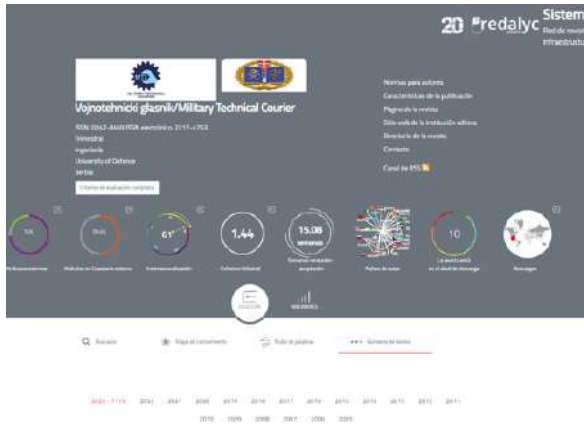
budget provided by the publisher – state university which also covers the costs of paper version printing, translation, and copy editing. Moreover, the publisher provides the funds for the acquisition of XML-JATS versions of articles at the Serbian Citation Index, i.e. the national database of scientific journals of the Republic of Serbia ([Serbian Citation Index, n. d.](#)).

The screenshot shows the SCINDEKS Serbian Citation Index website. The top navigation bar includes links for SEARCH, JOURNALS, MySELECTION, MySCINDEKS, MyACCOUNT, and MyJOURNAL. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'All about the journal', features a cover image of the journal and a list of links: info, portrait, publication policy, editorial board, journal quality management, article quality support, bibliometric performance, sign up to review, submit a manuscript, instructions for authors, in Serbian libraries, and in Journal Bibliometric Report. Below these links is a section for 'Issues & Articles' with a dropdown menu for the year 2023, listing 'vol. 74, iss. 3', 'vol. 74, iss. 2', and 'vol. 74, iss. 1'. The right column, titled 'Vojnotehnički glasnik - Info', provides basic and contact information. The 'Basic' section lists ISSN 0042-8469, eISSN 2217-4753, publisher(s) University of Defence in Belgrade, web address www.vtg.mod.gov.rs, frequency quarterly, and starting year 1953. The 'Contact' section lists publisher address Veljka Lukića Kurjeka 33, 11042 Beograd, contact person Nabojsa Gačša, unednik, Univerzitet odbrane, e-mail nabojsa.gacsa@mod.gov.rs, and phone +381113603260, +381668700133. The 'Status' section lists journal tier/category A3, A3, CEON WoS IF1 0.824, CEON WoS IF2 0.460, and CEON IF3 1.953.

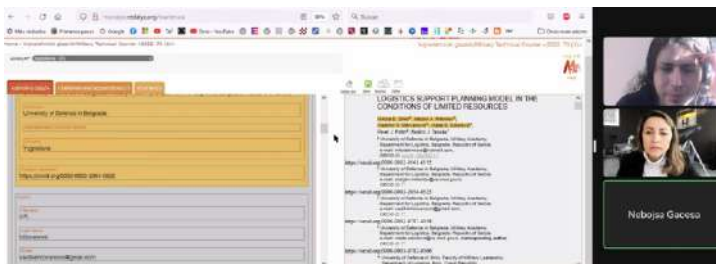
In this regard, the Editorial Office expresses their admiration for the efforts and achievements of Redalyc regarding the sustainability of non-commercial open access for almost all worldwide journals fulfilling strict requirements of Diamond Open Access. Another type of convenience for the journal is the Redalyc membership which provides the additional XML-JATS for articles free of charge. It is completely adaptable to transfer articles into DOAJ, which is very important for the Editorial Office because the Military Technical Courier is indexed in DOAJ with the DOAJ Seal label ([DOAJ, 2023](#)).

The screenshot shows the DOAJ website. The top navigation bar includes links for SEARCH, DOCUMENTATION, and ABOUT. The main content area features the journal title 'Vojnotehnički Glasnik - Military Technical Courier' and the DOAJ Seal logo. Below the title is a section for 'PUBLISHED WITH THIS JOURNAL' with a dropdown menu for the year 2023, listing 'vol. 74, iss. 3', 'vol. 74, iss. 2', and 'vol. 74, iss. 1'. The 'PUBLISHED WITH THIS JOURNAL' section includes a table with columns for 'PUBLICATION FEES', 'PUBLICATION POLICY', and 'PUBLICATION POLICY'. The 'PUBLICATION FEES' section lists 'There are NO PUBLICATION FEES' and 'There are NO PUBLICATION FEES'. The 'PUBLICATION POLICY' section lists 'This journal began publishing in OPEN ACCESS in 2023' and 'This journal is CC BY licensed'. The 'PUBLICATION POLICY' section lists 'Publisher: University of Defence in Belgrade, Serbia' and 'Website: Univerzitet odbrane, Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia'.

Since the Military Technical Courier was indexed in this esteemed base of Diamond Open Access, Redalyc has been giving it their constant support although the publication is out of the Spanish speaking area.



It is with great pleasure that the Editorial Office remembers how Redalyc accepted their journal, from the very first rigorous process of evaluation and the first training session for using the Marcalyc system, organized for the editor on the Zoom platform in the Serbian, Central European, time zone. The Office especially expresses their deep gratitude to Professor Arianna Becerril Garcia, today's Executive Director of Redalyc, who personally led the training in those days.



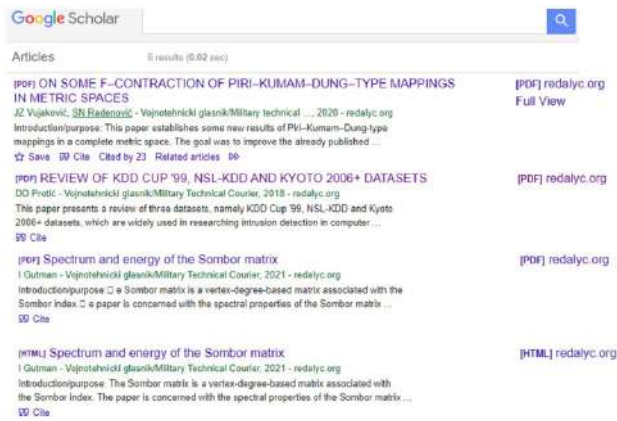
The colleagues from the Redalyc technical support also deserve sincere gratitude for their kind communication and continuous help in indexing the articles: Víctor Aguilar, Hugo Norberto Mondragón, Alejandra García, Diana Quintana, Edith Leonardo, Marco Estrada.

Appreciation must be also extended to the valuable team who maintain the Marcalyc's electronic editing and indexing system

which is extremely flexible, intuitive, and easy to use owing to more than clear instructions and video tutorials available on the website.

The indexing of the Military Technical Courier in Redalyc has undoubtedly increased its visibility and availability as well as the number of its citations.

The articles indexed in Redalyc are regularly indexed in Google Scholar.



Moreover, Redalyc's XML-JATS version, HTML version, and interactive PDF provide not only technically polished and precise versions of articles, but also aesthetically very appealing ones.



The Editorial Office would like to extend heartfelt greetings from Serbia to all the participants, especially to the colleagues from Mexico and Latin America, thanking them for their attention and wishing them a happy and fruitful conference work.

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