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As 2017 is ending evolution does not stop, and publishing systems are getting along with this evolvement, since the “publish or perish” dictum is nowadays a way of living among the academy. In this way, in this competitive context, one must keep the publication records updated and, most of all, visible, easy to find, or discoverable.

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