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Dear Sir,

Importance of Setting up a Subject Category 'Fire Science and Engineering' in Institute for Scientific Information

As research workers in the fire science and engineering profession, we are very disappointed not to see a subject category 'Fire Science and Engineering' within the Science Citation Index (SCI) Expanded journal list in Institute for Scientific Information (ISI).

As you might recognize, fire is now a very important area with a big population of research workers, engineers and officers working all over the world. With the rapid growth of economies in the Far East, there are many complex mega-scale construction projects with supertall buildings, long tunnels, big shopping malls, deep subway stations and large Central Business Districts. The fire phenomena in those projects are unknown. On the other hand, many fires have been reported due to whatever reasons. Therefore, fire hazards must be studied scientifically with research support. Consequently, much more scientists are working in fire science and technology with the publication volume increased.

It is very important to set up a specific subject category 'Fire Science and Engineering' in ISI, so that academics working in the field can have their publications recognized by the academic world, in addition to what they have been recognized in the profession already.

Yours sincerely,

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