

IChemE journals enjoy ScienceDirect boost

Downloads of research papers published in IChemE (Institution of Chemical Engineers) journals have more than doubled in the first quarter of 2009.

IChemE papers were downloaded over 88,000 times between January and March this year compared to around 33,500 downloads during the same period in 2008.

Last year, IChemE's publishing partnership with Elsevier saw the Institution's online journals transferred to Elsevier's ScienceDirect platform.

IChemE publishes four research journals, *Chemical Engineering Research and Design*, *Process Safety and Environmental Protection*, *Food and Bioproducts Processing*, and *Education for Chemical Engineers*. The journals are also the official journals of the European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE).

Honorary editor, John Perkins says the growing interest represents a trend shift amongst users: "This is excellent news and demonstrates both the increased visibility IChemE journals enjoy on ScienceDirect and the growing trend amongst students, researchers and academics in using online research journals to support their work.

"With a growing audience and online reach, these new figures will also help us persuade even more talented authors to publish their work with IChemE," adds Perkins, Vice President and Dean of Engineering and Physical Sciences at Manchester University.

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