

As a general rule in scientific evaluations (and unless there are explicit contrary instructions), the UBB Scientific Council (CS-UBB) will pursue the assignment of three types of ratings:

- a. Significant/extended impact\* in the international sense (IE)
- b. Significant impact at South-East European/Regional Level (IR)
- c. Yet to meet the 'exceptional' criterion (potential impact, IP)\*\*

Examples of achievements that may justify assignment of such qualifications are listed below. The criteria will be applied by the evaluators in a liberal manner, in order to avoid abuses of scientometry, be they in a positive or negative sense.

a. Of significant/extended impact\* in the international sense (IE): *mutatis mutandis*, candidates with this rating would be considered to have a reasonable chance of being shortlisted when applying for an academic position at any prestigious university in the world

i) **books** present in at least 100 WorldCat indexed libraries ([www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org), excluding conference volumes). The number of authors or the prestige of the publishing house can weigh significantly in the evaluator's decision.

ii) an average of one **article as corresponding author** per year in **Q1** journals according to the most recent definitions, over the past 5-10 years of activity. The status of first author bears a weight of 2/3 compared to that of corresponding author. **Book chapters** present in at least 100 WorldCat indexed libraries are equated to Q1 papers. International **patents** (e.g. EU/US/Japan or similar markets) are equated to 3 Q1 papers.

iii) Article in Science/Nature;

iv) over 200 **citations** ("times cited") in international databases (Scopus, Thomson-Reuters, or similar prestige), or an average of over 40 / year for people with less than 5 years of activity.

v) over 50 works according to Scopus / ISI / ERIH, or an average of over 5 / year for situations with less than 10 years of activity.

vi) **any other evidence** that the candidate's results, ideas and concepts are accepted and used at the top in the field and/or on society at large, with a major impact (including for achievements with national and local specificity); examples may be contributions of technology transfer or other type to society,\*\* **important translations** of international works into the national language, books or book chapters with an **echo proven to be remarkable** at national level or whose echo is proven in **major catalogues other than WorldCat, articles in major impact magazines but not yet included or recognized as such in formal classifications, awards of a national Academy** (branch Academies excluded).\*\*\*

b. Of significant impact at South East European/Regional Level (IR): *mutatis mutandis*, candidates with this rating would be considered to have a reasonable chance of being shortlisted when applying for an academic position at any representative university in South-Eastern Europe

i) an average of one corresponding author article per year in **Q2** journals, or an article in Q1 as co-author (not corresponding/first) over the past 5-10 years. Book chapters present in over 20 catalogues cf. WorldCat are equated with Q2 publications. National patents are equivalent to 3 Q2 articles.

ii) over 100 citations in international databases (the same as in point a), or an average of over 20 / year for situations with less than 5 years of activity

iii) books in at least 20 catalogues abroad according to WorldCat, published in the last two years

iv) **any other evidence** that the candidate's results, ideas and concepts are accepted and used in the field; and/or on society at large, with above-average impact; examples may be technology or other transfer contributions to society,\*\* important translations into the Romanian language, books or book chapter with an extraordinary echo at national level or whose echo is proven in major catalogues other than WorldCat, articles in major impact journals but not yet included in UEFISCDI classifications, awards of scientific associations of at least national profile in wide fields (e.g. Sociology).\*\*\*

The decisions of CS-UBB can be appealed within 10 working days from the communication, if not already provided for another deadline.

\* "*Significant impact*" means achievements with visibility and echo comparable to the most important in the field on the geographical area related to that category. Within the meaning of the above categories, a project that has a deeply local or national specificity may still have a large enough local impact for it to be later also reflected internationally. It is not the physical way or location of dissemination that is the criteria in itself – but the quality of the results and their impact in the scientific community and beyond. It is not necessary to cumulate more than one criterion/condition.

\*\*For technological transfer put into practice (beyond or besides patenting), ad-hoc equivalence is used based on the scale of the project/technology (upper limit – equivalence with international patent; lower limit – equivalence with Q4 work) – based on the assessment made on a case-by-case basis by CS-UBB.

\*\*\*CS-UBB's recommendation is that the evaluated files do not contain publications on "Beall's list"; colleagues who are not familiar with this list or who have questions or have well-founded exceptions (e.g. the list is not updated) are invited to contact CS-UBB. Also, no articles from journals indexed in socio-human fields from the MDPI publishing house. Also, the diplomas/medals from the "invention salons" – except for the situations where the total prizes/mentions/etc. was less than 20% of the total eligible contributions from the respective event. The contributions published after 1.10.2021 in such sources remain within the margin of academic freedom of expression, but it is not recommended to present them among the representative contributions to the evaluations for which CS-UBB is responsible; otherwise, they will be considered an argument for the assigning the minimal rating (IP).