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5.2. Enhanced Executive Summary

A bibliometric analysis of 235 articles published in Records Management Journal from 1994-2009 was carried out. The range of article published per volume is between 9 and 17. Average number of citation per article is 26.4 while 33.2% of the articles are research oriented. Most paper (80%) is single authored which consist of 187 authors out of a total of 235 authors. Elizabeth Shepherd, the most prolific author contributed 7 papers while Julie Mcleod and Zawiyah M. Yusoff contributed 6 papers which ranked in second place. 174 (59.2%) of the authors are geographically affiliated to United Kingdom. The most productive institution/organization is University of Northumbria, United Kingdom with 24 out of 187 authors. Subject analysis indicates that "Systems Design and Implementation" outnumbered other subjects with 15.8% (37) out of total of 235 articles. Most of the cited publications (97.7%) are in English Languages. Journal articles outnumbered other types of cited materials with 28.1% (810) from the total of 2,883 and Records Management Journal itself is the most cited journal with 127 (15.7%) frequencies.

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5.3. Introduction

Records Management Journal in history was re-launched in June 1994 after a brief absence of two years. It was originated in 1992 but no records or whatsoever citation has been found. The new version of this journal is published twice a year in June and December by ASLIB, The Association for Information Management in association with The Society of Archives based in London, England. Since the development of records management continue to grow, the journal has moved from two issues to three issues a year starting 1996. In 2002, Records Management Journal is published under Emerald (until now) and become one of the 21 titles published in the field of Library and Information services that support Library Link, a world-wide network that revolves around an Internet forum. The editorial board of the journal consists of professionals from various backgrounds. Among them are from University of Northumbria, British Medical Association, HW Wilson Co, Loughborough University, Pfizer Central Research, University College, London, and independent consultant. They aimed to broaden the geographical scope of the journal as they are aware that each country is cultivating its own unique approach to managing records, from which we can all learn especially contributions from those working and studying in other countries, most notably the rest of Western Europe, North America and Japan. The journal's homepage (at <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/info/journals/rmj/journalinfo.htm>) strongly argued that "*Records Management Journal is that it is only international journal devoted to records management, which is not exclusive to a professional society or association.*" Records Management Journal will be a useful source of reference for those studying records management. As befits a maturing discipline, records management has now emerged as a topic of academic study and research. It is a major aim of Records Management Journal to act as a mouthpiece for those who wish to impart results of their research to a wider audience, consequently heightening professionals and academics awareness of research being undertaken in this discipline. Julie McLeod and Catherine Hare (2010) had also discussed about the history of the journal and stated that Records Management Journal has always been targeted and been used by academics and practitioners, in any sector, and by students in records management and related information professions, globally.