Biographical sketch

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Tefko Saracevic is Professor II at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA (this is the highest academic rank at Rutgers Univ.) He was Associate Dean 2003 to 2006. Over the years he conducted research and published widely on: test and evaluation of information retrieval systems; notion of relevance in information science; human aspects in human-computer interaction in information retrieval; user and use studies in information science and librarianship; studies of user-derived value of information and library services; evaluation of digital libraries; and analysis of web queries as submitted to search engines. He has given seminars, lectures and courses, or consulted, and presented papers at international meetings in 45 countries, and was an invited keynote speaker at over a dozen international conferences. He is a Co-chair of the annual conference and course Libraries in the Digital Age (LIDA) held in Dubrovnik, Croatia. He was the president of the American Society for Information Science and received the Society’s Award of Merit (the highest award given by the Society). Among other awards, he also received the Gerard Salton Award for Excellence in Research, by the Special Interest Group on Information Retrieval, Association for Computing Machinery (also the highest award given by the Group). From 1985 to 2008 he was the Editor-in-Chief of Information Processing & Management, an international journal.

As of Feb 2009 he has received 1193 citations to his works in Social SciSearch (Social Sciences Citation Index, 1972 - ), and SciSearch (Science Citation Index, 1974 - ) online databases, excluding self citations, i.e. these are all citations to his works by other authors.

In a histogram of citations from papers in the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (JASIST & predecessor names), done by Eugene Garfield from the Web of Science for years 1956-2006 and involving 4065 authors, Tefko Saracevic ranked first in citations to his work both in articles in the Journal (Total Local Citation Score), as well in articles globally from that Journal (Total Global Citation Score).

In a study of intellectual innovators in information science (Cronin, B. & Meho, L.M, (2007). Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology, 58(13), 1948-1959) Saracevic ranked second among top 12 innovators in the field in total number of citations and number of high impact works.