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Fruit of a research contract with Elsevier publishing house, the SCImago Group, headed by the Professor of the University of Granada Félix de Moya Anegón, has developed the SCImago Journal & Country Rank (SJR) (<http://www.scimagojr.com>), a tool based on the contents of Scopus database, created in order to represent an 'open access' alternative to Thomson Scientific products. This world's leading service offers information solutions for professionals in all the research and development stages, from the discovery and analysis to the development and distribution of the product.

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The SCImago Group has published the new "SCImago journal & Country rank: A new site, two new rankings" in the November - December issue 2007 (vol16, n. 6) of the journal "The Information Professional", as well as the open access article, which can be gratuitously downloaded in pdf and html on: <http://elprofesionaldelainformacion.metapress.com>

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