

in the number of authors per paper may offer some hope that the rate of literature growth will taper off, but not in the next few years.

A significant confirmation of this phenomena is obtained from analysis of data for ISI's five-year cumulation of the *Science Citation Index*[®]. Whereas 350,000 authors published about that number of articles in 1970, only

700,000 authors were responsible for the 1,500,000 items published from 1965 to 1969.

Nevertheless, most scientists will publish one paper every four or five years. Therefore, each volume of *WIPIS*, and of *IDR&DS*, will remain a valuable reference source, especially when used in conjunction with the *Science Citation Index*.

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