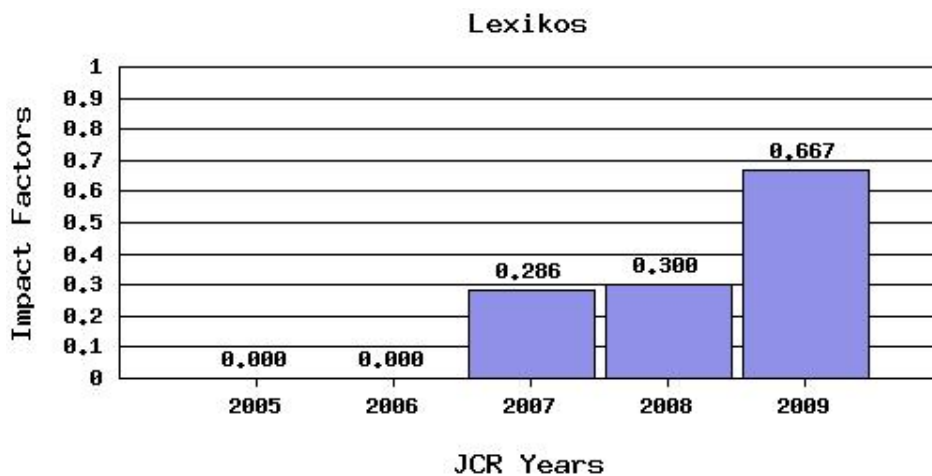


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tions with which to subsidize this wonderful publication. Looking at the full picture, then, AFRILEX has been very fortunate indeed to be able to cooperate with the Bureau on so many levels, and this for fifteen years already.

These strokes of good fortune did not end there. As I pointed out in my Word from AFRILEX in last year's volume, *Lexikos* is now an indexed journal for which an Impact Factor is being calculated, in the category Linguistics. As may be seen from the graph below, the latest (2009) Impact Factor of *Lexikos* has more than doubled compared to the previous one:



As a reminder, here is how Impact Factors are calculated: For any particular year, one divides the number of cites to articles published in the two previous years, by the total number of articles published in those two years. In the 2009 Journal Citation Reports, this gives the following for *Lexikos*:

Cites in 2009 to articles published in:	2008 = 14	2007 = 20	Sum: 34	Number of articles published in:	2008 = 21	2007 = 30	Sum: 51
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$$\text{Impact Factor} = \frac{\text{Cites to recent articles}}{\text{Number of recent articles}} = \frac{34}{51} = 0.667$$

With an Impact Factor of 0.667, *Lexikos* now ranks 49th out of 92 journals in the Linguistics category, which places it in the so-called third quartile (up from the fourth quartile). With the impact of *Lexikos* now double of what it used to be, our heartfelt thanks to its editor, Dr J.C.M.D. du Plessis, as well as his right hand, Ms Riette Ruthven, redouble concurrently!

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