

To: Dragomir Anastasov <danastasov@gmail.com>
From: Glenn Smith <gsmith@space-machines.com>
Date: 30 Nov 2014
Subject: from a not tragically upset IDMARCH indexee

Dear Dragomir,

This is G. W. (Glenn) Smith of New Orleans, and the author of two versions of an article which have been captured by your IDMARCH web site.

I have attempted to contact you three times via your site's internal facility, but since I have not heard back from you, I am now taking the liberty of attempting to communicate with you via your web site registration links -- but I will let the text of my third original contact attempt speak for itself:

Dear IDMARCH,

I attempted to contact you on the 13th and 19th of November regarding the document view statistics for two versions of my yet-to-be-published article "Art and Artificial Intelligence" (your document ID numbers 4VmS and 4Pn8), but I have not yet heard back from you -- today being the 26th of November 2014.

You may have suspected that my intent was hostile, i.e., to claim some share of your advertising revenue, however miniscule -- but nothing could be further from the truth. My hope, rather, was to discover that the composite readership for these articles was in, say, the low three digits. This would be a fantastic result for a subject of such limited appeal; it would indicate that semantic search does indeed improve the researcher's ability to find relevant articles; and I myself would be tempted to declare that my article had enjoyed de-facto publication!

In any event, however, you must realize that a failure to respond to legitimate queries does not create a good impression.

Regards,
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The point is, Dragomir, I am not upset with IDMARCH; indeed, I am an entrepreneur myself and admire your initiative; and as a writer on the obscure topic of art and technology, I appreciate the possibility of a wider hearing.

I will not even be upset to learn that IDMARCH is not currently recording article view statistics -- yours is obviously a bootstrap operation (and nothing wrong with that!), and it takes time to implement a complete set of desirable features. (I myself have been in the software industry -- see Wikipedia "User:synchronist".)

But! People get upset when their legitimate inquiries are not responded to; in fact, I posted -- and then immediately took down, on the advice of someone who may be a near countryman to you -- an edit to the Wikipedia "Semantic Search" article which is critical of IDMARCH.

So, dear Dragomir, let us please have a word or two from you! And you may even discover that I can be of assistance to IDMARCH in some tiny way!

Regards,
Glenn

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From: Dragomir Anastasov <danastasov@gmail.com>
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Hi Glenn,

I am really happy that you like the website and also the semantic search.

The new feature was successfully added.
<https://www.idmarch.org/hits.php>

You can give it a try.

Any new ideas are welcome! ;)

Cheers and kind regards,
Drago

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Very good, Drago! Now we just need to drive some traffic to your site. As we say in the US, I am "putting on my thinking cap"!