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For the first time, private and public institutions of higher education in Azerbaijan, as well as all scientific research institutes will be provided with access to the world's largest scientometric database Scopus. For this purpose, an agreement between the Agency for Quality Assurance in Education and "Elsevier" company was signed on June 14.

The signing ceremony was attended by Idris Isayev, deputy minister of science and education, Tayfun Basal, regional director of "Elsevier" company, Nijat Mammadli, adviser to the minister of science and education, Ulkar Sattarova, chairman of the Agency for Quality Assurance in Education, Elchin Babayev, rector of Baku State University, Rasim Aliguliyev, general director of Institute of Information Technologies and other guests.

Appreciating the initiative of signing an agreement providing access to various resources and tools of the Scopus scientometric database, Deputy Minister Idris Isayev said that that scientists and researchers working in more than 100 public and private institutions in the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as students, will benefit from these resources.

The deputy minister noted that the signed agreement will give impetus to improve the quantitative and qualitative indicators of scientific results in the future by providing access to scientometric databases.

Other guests who spoke noted that improving the profiles of research institutions and researchers on Scopus would serve to increase access to their scientific-research activities, and a collaboration with other academic institutions and scientists around the world.

After the agreement signing ceremony, trainings on the use of Scopus and ScienceDirect databases were held for the relevant employees of higher education institutions and research institutes.

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It should be noted that "Scopus" is not only the largest scientometric database, but also a platform used to calculate scientific-research indicators of universities according to international rankings.