

Chapter 5

Researchers who lead the trends

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Chapter 5 delves deeper into the profiles of the researchers in our database. This chapter makes up the core of this book for its focus on the scholars who have contributed tirelessly to scientific research and international publications and, ultimately, have helped shape a more rigorous and better-quality academic environment for SSH in Vietnam.

We would like to start the chapter with two impressive figures.

- First, the 158 authors with the highest number of published articles in the ten years, or 11.4% all authors, accounted for 64.62% of the total output.
- Second, even more astoundingly, 24.8% of the articles published in Scopus-indexed journals during the period were the works of 10 Vietnamese authors – who we would like to regard as the “most eminent researchers in SSH.”

The eminent researchers in SSH

One of our measures for “eminence” is academic productivity, evaluated based on the number of published articles each year of a researcher. To grasp the extent of this productivity, we suggest looking at Figure 5.1 on the highest count of publications by a researcher in a year during the ten-year period, 2008-2018. In Figure 5.1, the y-axis denotes the highest number of articles published by a researcher that year, and the x-axis denotes the year. Accordingly, the all-time high achievement of a Vietnamese SSH author in a year is 34 articles, which has only happened in 2018. The year 2017 came in second with 22 articles. Details about these record-breaking individuals are summarized in Table 5.1.

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