A Bibliometric Overview of the International Journal of Interactive Multimedia and Artificial Intelligence

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ABSTRACT

The International Journal of Interactive Multimedia and Artificial Intelligence (IJIMAI) published its first issue ten years ago. Currently, IJIMAI is indexed in the important database Emerging Sources Citation Index. This paper aims to identify, through a mapping of science, those most relevant aspects of the structure of publications made during the first 10 years of IJIMAI. Using VOSviewer software, the structural maps of the IJIMAI publications are analysed according to techniques such as bibliographic coupling, co-citations and co-occurrence of keywords. In addition, the evolution of the publications, citations and an analysis of the most cited papers of the journal are presented. The results show that IJIMAI has experienced a remarkable growth of both publications and citations in the last five years. We also observe that IJIMAI does not only capture the attention of the Spanish scientific community, but also of emerging countries such as India and Iran and emerging Latin American countries such as Colombia. With a such increasing behaviour, it is expected in the coming years that IJIMAI will position itself among the best journals with similar scientific scope.

KEYWORDS

I. INTRODUCTION

As stated in its access platform, the International Journal of Interactive Multimedia and Artificial Intelligence (IJIMAI hereinafter), pretends to be an open access point to relevant research on advances in Artificial Intelligence tools or tools that use Artificial Intelligence with interactive multimedia techniques. IJIMAI published its first issue in December 2008, under the direction of its editors, Dr. Jesús Soto Carrión and Dr. Elisa García Gordo. This issue published research from diverse areas of knowledge, such as Medical Diagnosis, Semantic Metadata, Nature Conservancy and Intelligence perception. Until 2011, IJIMAI kept publishing an annual number. The period 2012 published 3 issues and finally, since 2013, it has kept publishing

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4 issues per year. The year 2015 was specially important since the journal was indexed in the *Emerging Sources Citation Index* (ESCI hereinafter), considered an important database in the *Web of Science* (WoS hereinafter).

In 2018, IJIMAI celebrates its tenth anniversary, which stimulated our interest in carrying out a bibliometric analysis of all the publications made by the journal. According to Cobo et al. [1], Bibliometrics is a set of methods used to study the impact of a particular field, the impact of a set of researchers or a particular article. Among the main methods used in a Bibliometrics is performance analysis and science mapping [2]. The first one focuses on assessing the impact of scientific actors on a bibliographic database. Keep in mind that scientific actors involve countries, universities, departments, researchers. On the other hand, science mapping intended to show the structural and dynamic aspects of a field of research using techniques such as bibliographic coupling [3], the co-citations of documents [4], citation, co-authorship or co-ocurrence of keywords. In line with the above, we want to emphasize that the objective of this contribution is to identify, through a science mapping the most relevant structural aspects of the publications made in IJIMAI. For this, this study uses the VOSviewer Software [5].

It is important to note that advances in Computer Science and the Internet has intensified the popularity of these techniques among researchers [6], and therefore, at present it is very common to find a combination of performance analysis and / or science mapping applied for example, to specific fields of studies, such as *Management* [7], *Economics* [8], *International Entrepreneurship* [9] or *Knowledge Management* [10]. In recent years, these analyses have also become common in journals when they celebrate a significant anniversary. These analyses are interesting since they provide some general and historical results that allow the development of a retrospective evaluation [11]. Among some of the journals that have published these analyses we could/can name, for example, *Information Sciences* in the celebration of its fifty years [12], *European Journal of Marketing* in recognition of its forty years, *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* in its thirty years [13], *Knowledge-Based Systems* at the age of twenty-five years [14], *Journal of Product Innovation Management*, or more recently, *Journal of Knowledge Management*, in the celebration of his twenty years [15] [16]. Finally, keep in mind many other journals have already developed a bibliometric description to celebrate a special anniversary [17] [18].

This article is structured as mentioned below. Section II reviews the bibliometric methods, but in a special way, science mapping is introduced. Section III presents the results including several analysis of co-citations, bibliographic coupling, co-authorship and the co-occurrence of keywords. Finally, section IV summarizes the main findings and conclusions of the document.

II. Methods

This study performs a bibliometric analysis of the IJIMAI publications between 2008 and 2018. For this, data from the *Web of Science* belonging to *Clarivate Analytics* was collected. Note that the WoS contains a compilation of several citation databases, transforming WoS into the world's leading citation database that covers more than 18,000 high-impact journals. Note however, that there are several other citation databases in the world, such as Scopus, EconLit, Scielo, among others.

Bibliometrics is generally defined as the science that quantitatively studies bibliometric material [19]. Currently, it involves a variety of techniques and methodologies, including performance analysis and science mapping [20], the latter also known as bibliometric mapping. This methodology is an important research topic in the field of Bibliometrics [21], and focuses on finding representations of intellectual connections from a dynamically changing repository of scientific knowledge [22] . Our study seeks to analyse the structural aspects of scientific research published in the 10 years of IJIMAI, although we also disclose information about the most cited papers of the journal.

The advancement of information technologies has allowed this technique to become popular with force. Thanks to this, a wide range of software tools to analyse the bibliographic information has been developed. These include, for example, CiteSpace II [23], Bibexcel [24], VantagePoint [25], VOSViewer software [5], the latter being the one used in this study.

VOSViewer software builds the scientific maps based on some techniques based on bibliographic coupling, co-citations of documents, analysis of co-authorship or analysis of co-words. Note that bibliographic coupling [3] [26] [27] analyses the documents citing the same third document, while the analysis of co-citations [28] [4] focuses on the cited documents. The co-authorship analysis focuses on the authors and their affiliations to study social structure and collaborative networks [29] [30]. Finally, the co-words analysis focuses on the most important words or keywords of the documents, allowing a field of research to be structured conceptually [31] [32] [33].

Note also that the graphical visualization delivered by VOSviewer software is made through network structures, where the size of a circle shows the relevance of an element and the network connections allow identification of the most closely linked elements. The place of the circles and the colours are used to group the elements. Finally, keep in mind that VOSviewer software is an open-source bibliometric mapping tool, which can be easily downloaded from the site http://www.vosviewer.com/.

III. Results

A. Evolution of Publications, Citations and Most Cited Papers of IJIMAI

The first issue of IJIMAI was published in 2008. During its 10 years of circulation, it has published 325 documents, which have received appointments at least 400 times, according to data of WoS in autumn 2018. In WoS its h-index is 7, there are seven publications that have received 7 citations or more. Fig. 1 presents the evolution of publications since 2008. We should point out that IJIMAI is indexed in WoS from 2015, and its citation evolution cannot be well visualized in WoS.

During its first 4 years, IJIMAI published a number per year. The year 2012 published 3 annual issues. 2013 is the year in which it begins to publish 4 issues per year. In 2015 IJIMAI is indexed in the database Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) provided by Clarivate Analytics, one of the citation databases that is part of the WoS. This allowed IJIMAI to overcome the barrier of the 40 studies in the same year, and of the 50 studies during the following two years. One explanation for this is that the journals indexed in ESCI database, and consequently in WoS database, are distributed and exposed to more and different researchers in various institutions around the world [34].
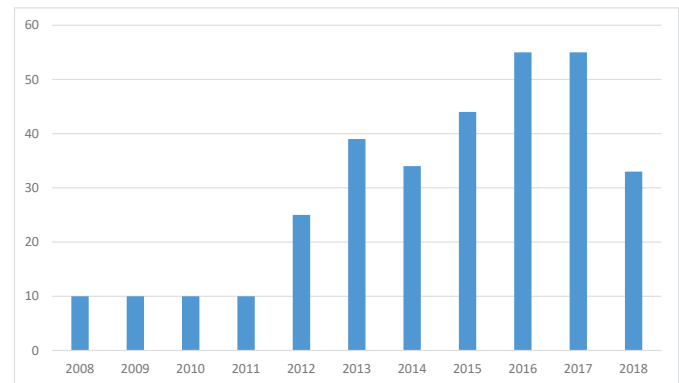

Fig. 1. Annual number of papers published in IJIMAI.

Additionally, we complete the analysis of WoS citations with information provided by Google Scholar. In Fig. 2, we show the citation report of IJIMAI according to Google Scholar. We observe that IJIMAI presents a remarkable h-index of 20 with 2046 citations received from 2013. Therefore, IJIMAI shows a remarkable growth of citations in the last five years as it is shown in the figure.

On the other hand, IJIMAI has published several documents that in total, have been cited more than 400 times by documents from different disciplines. In this sense, it is important to analyse the most cited articles of the journal. Table I presents the twenty-five most cited articles of IJIMAI. The indicators used in the table are defined in the footer.

TABLE I. THE 25 MOST CITED DOCUMENTS IN IJIMAI

R	Title	Author/s	Year	TC	C/Y
1	Recognizing Human Activities User-independently on Smartphones Based on Accelerometer Data	Siirtola, P; Roning, J	2012	65	10.83
2	Efficient Measurement of the User Experience of Interactive Products. How to use the User Experience Questionnaire (UEQ).Example: Spanish Language Version	Rauschenberger, M; Schrepp, M; Perez Cota, M; Olschner, S; Thomaschewski, J	2013	31	6.20
3	Framework for Computation Offloading in Mobile Cloud Computing	Kovachev, D; Klamma, R	2012	22	3.67
4	Infected Fruit Part Detection using K-Means Clustering Segmentation Technique	Dubey, SR; Dixit, P; Singh, N; Gupta, JP	2013	19	3.80
5	A fuzzy c-means bi-sonar-based Metaheuristic Optimization Algorithm	Khan, K; Sahai, A	2012	15	2.50
6	A review about Smart Objects, Sensors, and Actuators	Gonzalez Garcia, C; Meana-Llorian, D; Pelayo G-Bustelo, BC; Cueva Lovelle, JM	2017	14	7.00
7	Multilayer Perceptron: Architecture Optimization and Training	Ramchoun, H; Amine, M; Idrissi, J; Ghanou, Y; Ettaouil, M	2016	14	4.67
8	Statistical Comparisons of the Top 10 Algorithms in Data Mining for Classification Task	Settouti, N; Bechar, MEA; Chikh, MA	2016	12	4.00
9	Big Data and Learning Analytics in Blended Learning Environments: Benefits and Concerns	Picciano, AG	2014	12	3.00
10	Big Data & eLearning: A Binomial to the Future of the Knowledge Society	Alonso, V; Arranz, O	2016	11	3.67
11	The Cambria Explosion of Popular 3D Printing	Chulilla Cano, JL	2011	11	1.57
12	Review of Current Student-Monitoring Techniques used in eLearning-Focused recommender Systems and Learning analytics. The Experience API & LIME model Case Study	Corbi, A; Burgos, D	2014	10	2.50
13	Local convergence for an improved Jarratt-type method in Banach space	Argyros, IK; Gonzalez, D	2015	10	2.50
14	GLOA: A New Job Scheduling Algorithm for Grid Computing	Pooranian, Z; Shojafar, M; Abawajy, JH; Singhal, M	2013	10	2.00
15	Text Analytics: the convergence of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence	Moreno, A; Redondo, T	2016	9	3.00
16	Social Voting Techniques: A Comparison of the Methods Used for Explicit Feedback in Recommendation Systems	Rolando Nunez-Valdez, E; Manuel Cueva-Lovelle, J; Sanjuan, O; Montenegro-Marin, CE; Infante Hernandez, G	2011	9	1.29
17	An Automated Negotiation-based Framework via Multi-Agent System for the Construction Domain	Mahmoud, MA; Ahmad, MS; Yusoff, MZM; Idrus, A	2015	8	2.00
18	Patterns of Software Development Process	Castro, SJB; Gonzalez-Crespo, R; Medina-Garcia, VH	2011	8	1.14
19	Combining Fuzzy AHP with GIS and Decision Rules for Industrial Site Selection	Taibi, A; Atmani, B	2017	7	3.50
20	Analysis of Gait Pattern to Recognize the Human Activities	Gupta, JP; Dixit, P; Singh, N; Aemwal, VB	2014	7	1.75
21	Assessing Road Traffic Expression	Silva, F; Analide, C; Novais, P	2014	7	1.75
22	Towards a standard-based domain-specific platform to solve machine learning-based problems	Garcia-Diaz, V; Pascual Espada, J; Pelayo G-Bustelo, BC; Cueva Lovelle, JM	2015	7	1.75
23	A Constraint-Based Model for Fast Post-Disaster Emergency Vehicle Routing	Amadini, R; Sefrioui, I; Mauro, J; Gabbrielli, M	2013	7	1.40
24	Dynamic, ecological, accessible and 3D Virtual Worlds-based Libraries using OpenSim and Sloodle along with mobile location and NFC for checking in	Gonzalez Crespo, R; Rios Aguilar, S; Ferro Escobar, R; Torres, N	2012	7	1.17
25	Ball convergence for Steffensen-type fourth-order methods	Argyros, Ioannis K.; George, Santhosh	2015	7	1.75

Abbreviations: R = Rank; TC = Total citations; C/Y Cites per year.

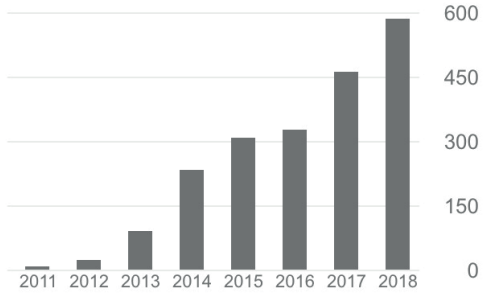|	Total	Desde 2013
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Fig. 2. Citation report of IJIMAI in Google Scholar.

B. Mapping Science of IJIMAI Publications

As previously mentioned, scientific mapping shows structural aspects of scientific research, becoming, therefore, an important methodology in the field of Bibliometrics [21]. Scientific mapping in practice, is a network structure often used to model the interaction between different scientific actors, such as authors, journals, keywords, references, among others [35]. In this study, therefore, a scientific mapping is presented that tries to analyze the most representative structures and connections between the different actors that have published during the 10 years of IJIMAI. Note that this analysis is presented in terms of techniques such as co-citations, bibliographic coupling and co-occurrence of keywords. For this, the VOSviewer software [5] is used, which has been developed specifically to build and visualize science mappings from files obtained from bibliographic databases, such as WoS, Scopus, PubMed and RIS [35].

Taking into account the above, the co-citations of the journals cited in IJIMAI are analysed. Note in this case, that co-citation occurs when two documents published in different journals receive a citation from the same third document from another journal. Fig. 3 that allows to perform this analysis, presents the information using a threshold of five citations and the hundred most representative co-citations links.
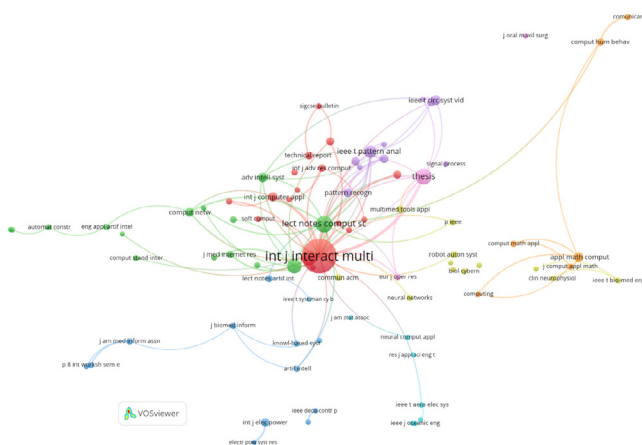

Fig. 3. Co-citation of journals in IJIMAI: minimum citation threshold of 5 and 100 links.

Note that the IJIMAI self-citations are easily observed occupying the centre of the map. This is not surprising, since it is very common in most journals, people developing science in a particular framework use close information sources. However, you can also see that computer journals are very influential. Among them, *Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Communications of the ACM, Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence, Soft Computing*. Also note the presence and influence of journals from other disciplines, but which are clearly linked to computer science. Such is the case of *Journal of Biomedical Informatics* or *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association*.

Another interesting analysis to perform is the co-citation of authors. On the map presented in Fig. 4, it is noted to those authors with the highest number of citations and their connections with other authors. Fig. 4 is constructed with a threshold of five citations and the one hundred most representative links of IJIMAI.
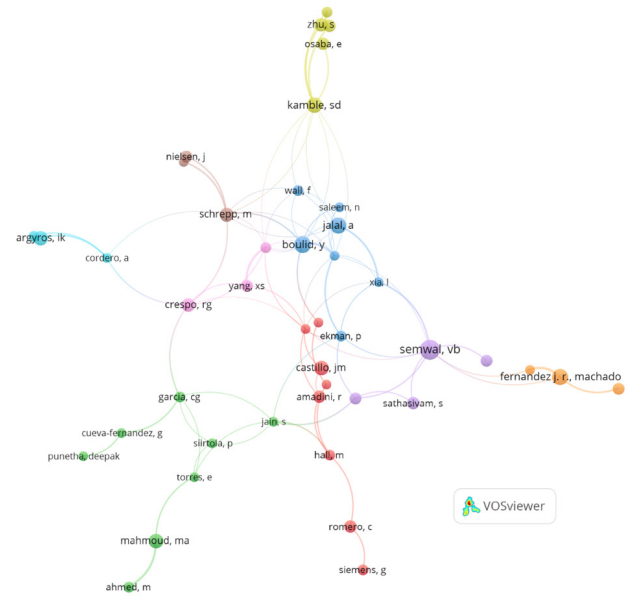

Fig. 4. Co-citation of authors cited in IJIMAI: minimum citation threshold of 5 and 100 links.

Note that there are several authors cited in the journal, but there is no clarity regarding a nucleus of authors that stand out in IJIMAI. Probably this is a consequence of the youth of the journal, and it is expected, therefore, that the most outstanding authors in the disciplines on which IJIMAI focuses will become a space in the same journal. Even so, some of the authors that stand out most in the map of co-citations of authors are, Semwal, V.B., Castillo, J.M., Ekman, P., Boulid, Y., among several others.

Another interesting subject to evaluate in this study is the bibliographic coupling of authors that publish in IJIMAI. Remember that the bibliographic coupling studies the authors of two documents that cite the same third document. Note that the connected documents appear on the map but not the third one, unless you also have a significant degree of bibliographic coupling through other documents [13]. In summary, the map presented in Fig. 5 shows the most productive authors among the entire set of IJIMAI documents.

This figure has the advantage of showing how the most productive authors of IJIMAI connect. Remember that the definition of the bibliographic coupling technique indicates that researchers who are close to each other tend to cite the same publications. Therefore, the interpretation of the figure allows us to highlight several clusters with authors that lead some lines of research in the journal. As it is logical, these authors tend to cite the same publications. For example, authors Thomaschewski, J., Taghezout, N. and Verdu, E. that notoriously form a cluster that develop a line of research.
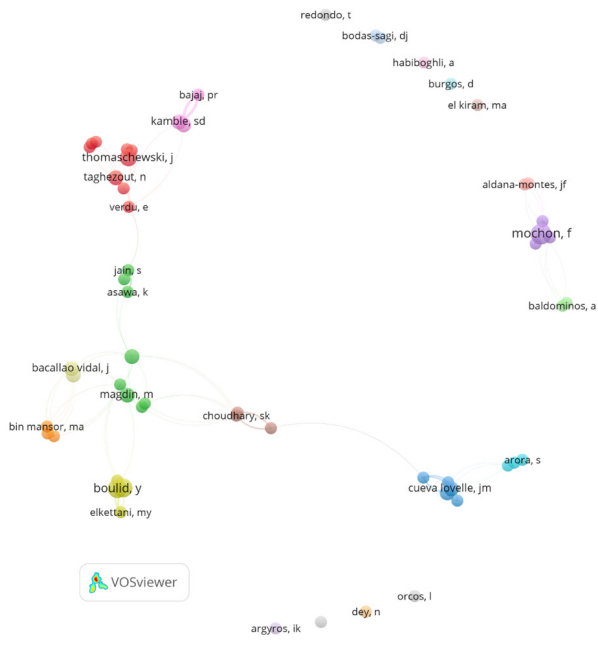
Fig. 5. Bibliographic coupling of authors publishing in IJIMAI: minimum publication threshold of 2 and 100 links.

As well as the previous analysis, it is also interesting to observe how the institutions that publish in the journal are coupled bibliographically. For this, Fig. 6 displays the data considering a minimum threshold of two documents and one hundred connections.
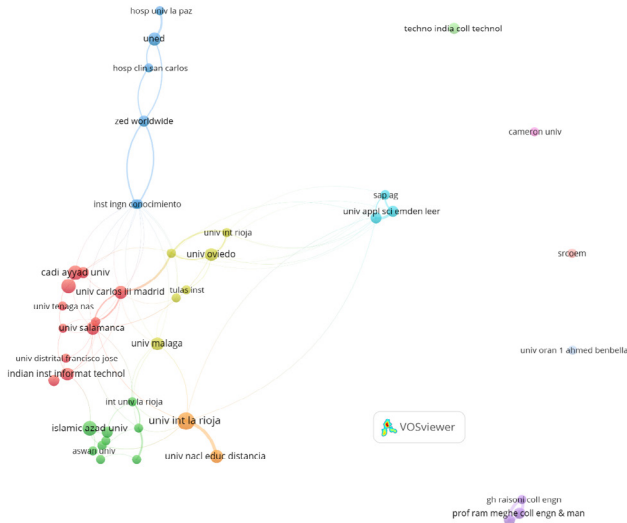

Fig. 6. Bibliographic coupling of institutions publishing in IJIMAI: minimum publication threshold of 2 and 100 links.

Fig. 6 shows the leading institutions in the publications in IJIMAI and their connections. As in the previous analysis, the visualization of this figure represents the trends in research carried out by the institutions that publish in the journal, since they tend to cite the same references. It is observed in general, that Spanish universities have a strong presence in the journal. However, unlike other analysis, in which the institutions of the same country are usually coupled bibliographically (see for example, [36] [37] [12] [13] , this visualization does not allow to observe a marked clustering by institutions of the same country. One explanation for this is that IJIMAI is still in an expansion stage and it is likely that institutions and researchers from the same country still do not know the journal.

Another interesting analysis to carry out is the bibliographic coupling at the country level. Remember that the visualization of this technique shows the countries that publish the most in the journal and that tend to cite the same documents. Fig. 7 shows the bibliographic coupling of the countries that publish in IJIMAI with a minimum threshold of one study and one hundred more representative links.
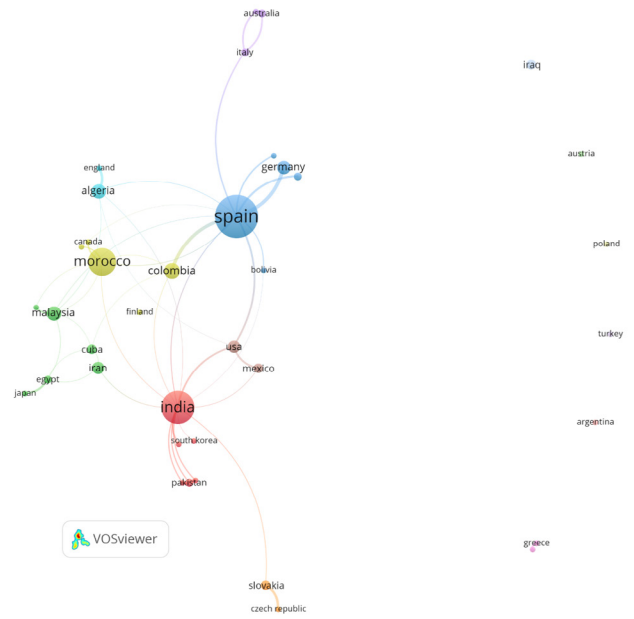

Fig. 7. Bibliographic coupling of countries publishing in IJIMAI: minimum publication threshold of 1 and 100 links.

Note that the most productive countries in the journal are Spain, India and Morocco. The case of this last country, is especially striking. Morocco has been implementing several policies aimed at the development of ICTs in the country, that is probably motivating research in scientific fields related to IJIMAI. On the other hand, and as in the previous visualization, there is no clear bibliographic coupling between neighboring countries. We believe, however, that as IJIMAI grows and positions itself among related journals, the nearby countries will tend to be bibliographically coupled with more notoriety.

Finally, we perform an analysis of co-occurrences of keywords [31]. The keywords can be extracted from the title and the summary of a publication, or also they can be obtained from the list of keywords provided by the author of a publication. According to van Eck and Waltman [38], the number of co-occurrences of two keywords is the number of publications in which both keywords appear together in the title, summary or list of keywords. In such a way, Fig. 8 presents the co-occurrence of keywords in the IJIMAI publications, with a minimum threshold of two co-occurrences and one hundred more representative links.

The visualization of Fig. 8 shows that a good diversity of terms is used in the publications of the journal. Although the terms most frequently used in publications are *Big Data*, *Machine Learning*, *Artificial Intelligence* and *Classification*. In general, a first interpretation of the figure is that there is a clear orientation of IJIMAI towards areas more related to *Artificial Intelligence* and *Data Mining*. In fact, the clusters located on the left side of the figure are related to the aforementioned areas. In addition, given the closeness of the terms, it can be assumed that these terms co-occur quite frequently in the IJIMAI publications. Other less frequent clusters are related to disciplines such as *Semantic Web* and *Interactive Multimedia*.
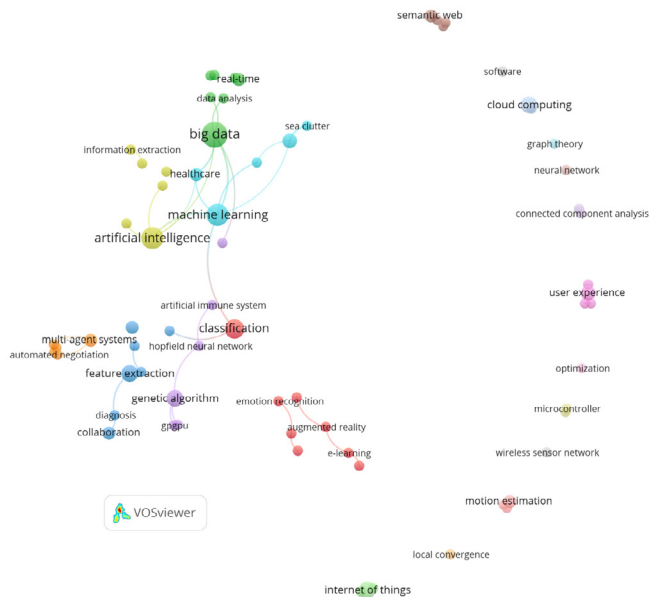
Fig. 8. Co-occurrence of keywords (Keyword Plus) in IJIMAI: minimum occurrence threshold of 2 and 100 links.

IV. Conclusions

IJIMAI is a young international magazine related to the Artificial Intelligence and tools that use Artificial Intelligence with interactive multimedia techniques. It celebrates its tenth anniversary in 2018. This fact has motivated the development of this work, which presents a bibliometric description, showing the main tendencies of the journal during its first ten years. This study uses the WoS database mainly, and specifically, the ESCI database, one of the databases of references that are part of the WoS database.

The bibliometric analysis developed was based mainly on science mapping or bibliometric mapping, considered one of the main bibliometric techniques [21]. In order to map the publications of IJIMAI, the VOSviewer software is used, that allows to show the structures of the publications of different scientific actors that have published during the 10 years of the journal. The techniques used in this science mapping are the bibliographic coupling and co-citation of authors, institutions and countries. Additionally, a co-occurrence analysis of keywords is incorporated and the evolution of the publications and the most cited articles of IJIMAI are also shown.

The results show that the co-cited journals are related to Computer Science and Information Systems in general. Spain, on the other hand, is the country with the largest presence in IJIMAI, a situation that is also common, since IJIMAI is an international journal from the University of La Rioja, located in Spain. This is also explained by a strong presence of Spanish universities publishing in the journal. Other countries that stand out in the journal, are India and Morocco, and to a lesser extent, emerging countries such as Colombia, Bolivia, Iran among several others. The science mapping analysis ends with an analysis of the most frequent and co-occurring keywords among them. In this sense, it can be pointed out that the main areas in which the IJIMAI publications are focused are *Big Data*, *Machine Learning*, *Artificial Intelligence* and *Classification*.

This work has been done to contribute with a general vision of the state and structure of the investigations published in IJIMAI. Like any document, this work presents some limitations that should be considered. In the first place, it must be taken into account that in the future, the presented data will change because the bibliometric data

are dynamic and evolve. Obviously, IJIMAI must continue to grow and position itself among similar journals and the various disciplines that it declares in its scientific scope. This will allow in the future, to develop a more complete bibliometric analysis that involves other complementary methodologies to the scientific mapping, as for example, the analysis of bibliometric performance [20]. By doing this, the document can provide more information that the reader can assess according to their interests and priorities. Secondly, this analysis performs a science mapping analysis taking into account the authors who publish in IJIMAI. However, keep in mind that many of the authors who published in the first issues of the journal, they could change their membership through these ten years, therefore, some of the results shown in this scientific mapping may not represent the current affiliation of some authors. Finally, through this scientific mapping of the publications of IJIMAI, we want to give them our congratulations and encourage them to continue contributing and supporting the development of the various disciplines of interest to the journal.

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