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PLACE OF A PEER REVIEW IN HISTORY OF SCIENTIFIC PRESS

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**Research methodology.** The principles of historicism and complexity are forming the methodological basis of the study. To examine the evolution of peer review there have been included some general scientific methods — comparison, synthesis, analysis, which have helped to define main periods in development of peer reviewing process. Also there have been applied the descriptive- and comparative-historical methods. Social-cultural and axiological approaches allowed to investigate the formation of peer reviewing in the structure of a modern academic communication.

**Results.** In this paper have been analyzed the development of the peer reviewing system and the peer review influence on the formation of scientific thought. It was clearly defined that evaluation of scientific works had an old history.

**Novelty.** This article was first to define the role of peer review in the modern scientific space. Referring is examined as a system, influencing on the status of scientific discourse. The sources of peer reviewing in the world were generalized.

**The practical significance.** The article serves for scientific papers’ assessment future analysis. The materials can be used in special seminars and courses on Scientific Literature and be useful during teaching vocational disciplines.