

# SYSTEM DYNAMICS REVIEW

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE EDITOR TO THE POLICY COUNCIL (SUMMER 2008) ATHENS

### 1. Issue 24:2

This will comprise four papers and has been set and proofed. It will be posted out within 3-4 weeks.

### 2. Accepted Backlog

This is less of a concern than perhaps has been the case in the past, but I continue to monitor the situation. It has been agreed with Wiley that I be sent an internal production schedule on a monthly basis since the online system does not report on 'papers accepted but not yet published'. Accepted papers can be claimed to be published once they acquire a DOI and so the use of Wiley's Early View to publish an accepted paper on the web can be useful for authors.

### 3. Special Issue on *Information System Dynamics*

Evangelos Katsamakos and Nikko Georgantzas have accepted five papers for the Special Issue. Acceptance rate from the full papers received was around 40%. This should generate a full Special Issue in either 24:3 or 24:4. No firm proposals for further special issues have been made this year.

### 4. *Manuscript Central*

The system continues to throw up problems, some of which I can resolve but others take the resources of Wiley and/or Scholar One. A recent problem has been the non-issue of an automatic invitation to the previous reviewers when a resubmitted article appears. An automatic invitation has now been implemented as the default protocol. In addition a follow-on problem concerned what reviewers did or did not 'see' in respect of previous reviews. Dominic Bibby (who replaced Matt Smith) at Wiley has been an enormous help. The quality of the Customer Service advice at Scholar One can be variable.

### 5. New face on the editorial team

Andreas Groessler has accepted the role of Notes & Insights editor in succession to Erich Zahn who is now an Emeritus Professor. Many thanks to Erich for his service over the years and welcome to Andreas.

### 6. Model Repository

This long-running item may be near a conclusion. Wiley-Blackwell's new online site (to replace Wiley InterScience and Blackwell Synergy) will be able to host a repository of frozen-in-time non-print material. However, editors are

reminded to ensure that authors of model based papers submit the model for review and inclusion in the repository.

## **7. Statistics**

A total of 35 Research articles and 5 Notes & Insights articles have been processed into MC this year to date.

In the prior 12 months the figures were 59 and 11. If this flow rate continues, 2008 may well see the largest ever number of submissions in a 12-month period.

The acceptance rate over the previous 12 months is 61%. However, this figure will be affected by the Special Issue submissions where only accepted articles were uploaded.

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