

SYSTEM DYNAMICS REVIEW

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE EDITOR TO THE POLICY COUNCIL (SUMMER 2009) ALBUQUERQUE

1. Volume 25

Issues 1 and 2 have been produced and delivered to schedule. Issue 3 will follow, again as per schedule. We are restricting the number of papers in each issue to adhere to the contractual page count with Wiley-Blackwell. This adherence has been variable in the past.

2. Accepted Backlog

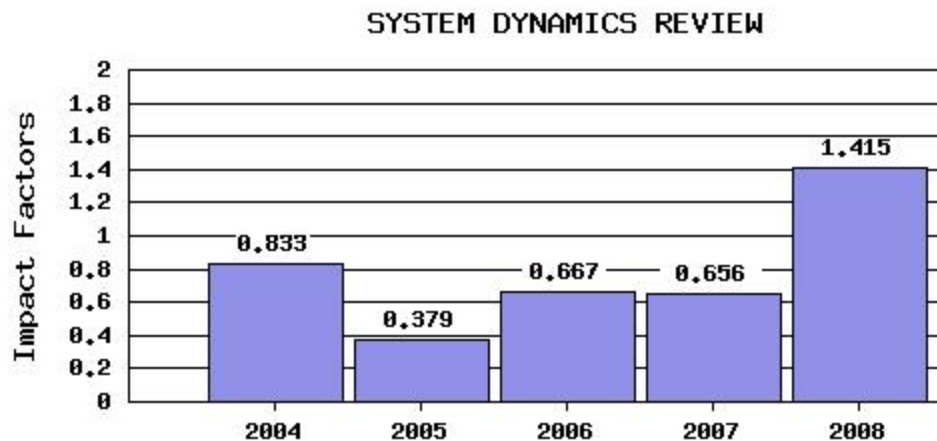
This is significant and at present we have enough accepted articles to fill all of the remainder of this year's issues and into issue 3 in 2010, although that is presently scheduled as a Special Issue. In my judgement we need to at least start to consider the possibility of moving to 6 issues per volume. I shall canvass opinion at the Editors' meeting. This might be an opportune moment given item 5 below.

3. Special Issue on *Transportation*

The number of submitted long abstracts (20) allowed for a selection of 9 to be asked to produce a full paper. I had sight of all the selected abstracts and agreed with the guest editors' choices. There were a notable number of authors who are recognised in the SD community. Not all submissions would necessarily result in lengthy papers so, given the contractual page count, there is the chance of a greater number of shorter articles, if the guest editors so decide. Final papers are due by 31 January 2010.

4. Impact Factor

The release of the Impact Factors for 2008 saw SDR rise to its highest ever – 1.415. The trend is as below:



5. Contract with Wiley-Blackwell

This is due for renewal in 2010 and the SDR constitutes an important component of the contract. The Society is beginning to review the parameters to be considered and either an increase in the page count or a greater number of issues per volume would be reasonable matters for discussion in respect of the SDR. In general, impact factors tend to be higher for journals with a greater frequency of issues.

6. Statistics

In the 12 months to July 2009, 35.6% of articles were accepted (16/45). The number of articles received in all categories was 60, although a decision has not been reached on all of these.

In the 18 months to July 2009, articles were received from 24 countries. Of these the USA was responsible for 30, 6 came from Taiwan, 4 from Italy and 4 from India. The remaining 20 countries were responsible for 3, 2 or 1 submission(s).

The variety of reports which can be compiled in *Manuscript Central* is vast. If you would like to see a particular statistic reported regularly then please communicate with me, indicating over what duration you wish the raw data to be captured for.

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