

## SYSTEM DYNAMICS REVIEW

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE EDITOR TO THE WINTER POLICY COUNCIL (JAN 2010)

#### 1. Volume 26

Final corrections are being completed to allow 26:1 to be issued as per the schedule.

#### 2. Accepted Backlog

There are 9 accepted papers which have been typeset and the proofs issued. However, all of these will need to be re-set before online or print publication – see 4 below. This is a high backlog compared to recent history and it covers over two complete issues. In addition there is one other article which has been accepted but not yet typeset.

#### 3. Special Issue on *Transportation*

Final papers for this issue are due by 31 January 2010. It is slated for issue 3 this year. The guest editors report that 7 papers were selected from the initial set of extended abstracts. They expect 5 will have submitted by 31 January. The refereeing process may mean that the anticipated publication date of issue 3 will not be met. However, there are enough papers coming through the general workflow to ensure that issue 3 is not delayed.

#### 4. New Page Layout

As from the first issue in 2010, there is to be a changed layout of each page in the journal. This is being done so as to allow more articles to be accommodated in each issue and follows a decision being reached at the editors' meeting at Albuquerque to not move to a greater number of issues per volume. We are striving for a minimum of four articles per issue. The new contract currently under discussion should, if ratified, formally underpin this objective by allowing a higher page count. As a consequence, overly thin issues, with only three articles, will be avoided.

#### 5. Statistics

Exactly 56 articles have been processed into the online system over the past 12 months. This compares with 70 at this time last year. The reduction is not a worry, particularly with the high backlog of accepted papers. As we would aim for around 16 papers published in each volume, 56 submitted articles would, in the steady state, allow for an acceptance rate of less than 30%.

The acceptance rate in 2009 was 31.7%. Decisions were reached on 41 of which 13 were accepted.

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