

SYSTEM DYNAMICS REVIEW

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1. Volume 27

Issues 1 and 2 have appeared and reflect the increased page budget agreed with Wiley as part of the new contract from 1st January 2011.

2. Impact Factors

This has slipped to 0.667 for 2010, in large part because of a remarkable drop in citations. In 2010 there were only two citations to articles published in *SD Review* in 2009. The Five-Year Impact Factor, which I have consistently argued is a more appropriate metric for subjects outside of Medicine, Biology and the like, has increased to a record 1.586. Impact Factors can be boosted by the inclusion of review articles and this is something which is very rarely seen submitted to SDR. An exception was the 50th Anniversary issue which contained a number of papers in 'review' style and which attracted a large number of citations.

3. Accepted Backlog

This currently stands at enough for just short of two issues. Finalised papers are put on Early View although there appears to be a current problem for Society members in good standing accessing the pdf's of EV articles.

4. Statistics

In 2010 we came within one paper of matching the record number of submissions in a calendar year. We received a total of 69 new submissions although the editorial workload is better reflected by including re-submissions which gives a figure of 105 for 2010. We have so far in 2011 received a total of 35 new submissions (60 including re-submissions) and so are on target to replicate 2010. Over the past 12 months (July 2010 – July 2011) the acceptance rate was 33.0% which represents 14 out of 43 articles on which a decision was reached. Over this time 72 new submissions were received. The average time from submission to first decision is 48-51 days.

5. Editorial change

The editorial team welcomed Luis Luna-Reyes as a Managing Editor after David Ford stood down. I place on record my great appreciation of the rigour and sincerity which David brought to the role.

6. Queries on editorial decisions

If there is a dispute following a Managing Editor's decision then it is eminently sensible to refer the matter to myself for a final decision. I can adjudicate there and then or decide on a new slate of reviewers and repeat the review process.

BC Dangerfield
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