

SYSTEM DYNAMICS REVIEW

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1. **Volume 26**

Issue 4 should have arrived just before Christmas. It was thinner than a normal issue because the inclusion of two Notes & Insights papers was necessary so as to avoid exceeding the page budget for 2010. The budget is enhanced for 2011 et seq.

2. **New contract: page budget enhanced**

The successful agreement with Wiley-Blackwell for a new contract in respect of SDR means that the page budget is increased to 104 editorial pages per issue (i.e. excluding front and back matter). This should provide a means to reduce the accepted backlog.

3. **Accepted Backlog**

This currently stands at 10 papers; many of these are on Early View. If the new page budget allows 5 articles, this backlog will cover two issues.

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. Acceptance rate was 37.5% which represents 15 out of 40 articles on which a decision was reached. This figure includes the Special Issue for which only accepted articles were uploaded. The average time from submission to first decision is 46 days. The average review turnaround time is 38 days.

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