

SYSTEM DYNAMICS REVIEW

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE EDITOR TO THE WINTER POLICY COUNCIL (JAN 2012)

1. **Volume 27**

Issue 4 should have arrived before the end of 2011. As is common practice, this issue includes citations and papers by Society award-winners in that year.

2. **Accepted Backlog**

This currently stands at 5 papers, all of which are on (or soon will be on) Early View. This is enough for a single issue. The accepted backlog has been reducing because the new contract with Wiley allows for at least 5 papers in each issue.

3. **Trends in Online Usage / Readership**

Graham Russel (Wiley) reports that online usage of SDR for 2011 (to end-November) is above that for 2010. Growth over the years is significant; if we look back to 2006, for instance, it can be seen that we are 42% above that year for total usage – with one month's statistics for 2011 still to be collated.

4. **Statistics**

In 2011 we received 62 original manuscripts. This is down slightly on calendar 2010 when we received 69 original submissions. The all-time record for a calendar year is 70. A further 42 submissions were revised manuscripts, making a total of 104 overall for 2011. The acceptance rate in 2011 fell to 29.8% which represents 14 acceptances out of 47 articles on which a decision was reached. The average time to assign reviewers was 16 days and the average time for first review was 49 days, giving a total of 65 days. This is an *average* figure for 2011 and inevitably there are some manuscripts, often on more obscure topics, where the delay time to first decision is somewhat in excess of the average.

5. **My final report**

As my period in office as Executive Editor finished at the end of 2011, this is my final report to the Policy Council. It has been an exhilarating experience holding the reins for these past ten years during which much has changed in the way the *System Dynamics Review* is managed. I believe the journal has contributed immensely to the visibility of the system dynamics methodology in the wider scientific community and I wish that my successor (Rogelio Oliva) makes further significant progress in perpetuating the journal's mission.

Brian Dangerfield
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