

## Report of the Editor-in-chief

As of May 2014, the Journal has received 4785 submissions. After a period of growth, Figure 1 shows that the number of submissions has stabilized around 400 manuscripts per year.

In 2013, the submissions continued to be predominantly from Europe (Figure 2). Fully 48% of the manuscripts originated from Europe, 24% from North America, 19% from Asia and 9% from the rest of the world. Growing from 14% to 19% in 2013, the Asian share of submissions exhibits the highest increase.

Figure 3 shows that the average number of days to reach the first decision has been consistently declining since 2007. It has remained stable at two-and-a-half months from 2012 to 2013.

Starting in 2013, the Journal has implemented a strict desk rejection policy. This strategy aims to provide authors with an early signal for better targeting of their work. In addition, we have established a stricter policy to publish only 40 papers per year, yielding to an expected acceptance rate below 10% in the near future.

We use three measures of acceptance rates: 1) the share of accepted to the number of submitted papers in a respective year, 2) the share of articles published to the number of submissions in a respective year, and 3) the number of articles published in a respective year divided by the number of previous year's submissions (Table 1). Between 2012 and 2013, the share of accepted papers (submitted at any point in time) to submitted papers decreased by 6 percentage points, reaching 8% in 2013. Relating the number of submitted to the number of published papers in 2013 results in an acceptance rate of 15%, given 399 submissions and 61 publications. The share of publications in 2013 to the number of submissions in 2012 (435) was 14%.

Figure 1: Number of Submissions

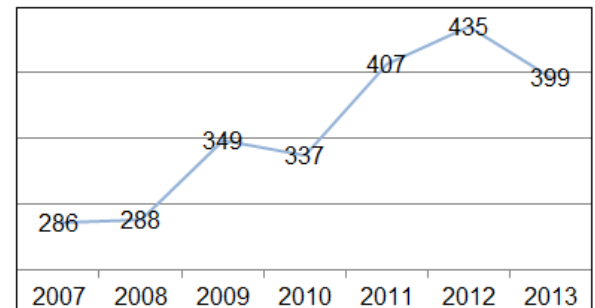


Figure 2: Origin of Submissions

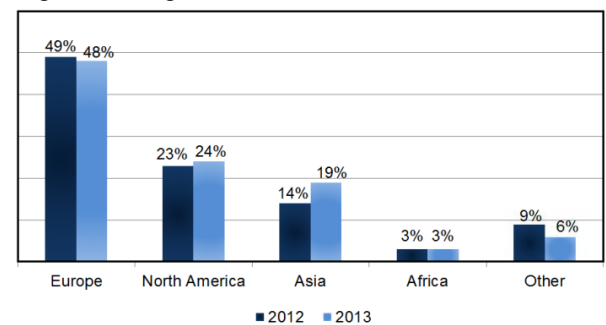
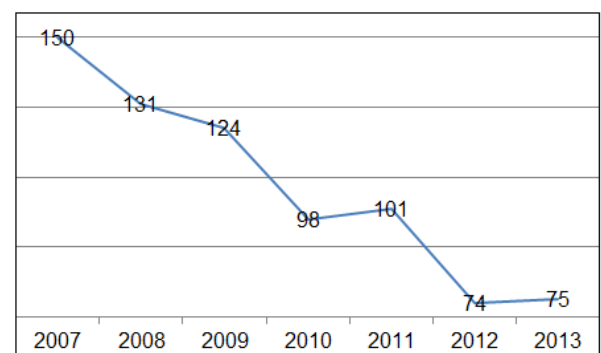


Figure 3: Number of Days to First Decision



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Table 2 demonstrates the current status of papers submitted in the respective year, while Table 3 shows the number of submitted papers that were presented at ESPE conferences. In 2013, 9 papers from the ESPE conference were submitted to the Journal – 5 papers before the conference and 4 papers afterwards.

Between January 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, the Journal received 163 submissions. We therefore expect the total number of submissions to remain stable around 400 in 2014. The number of days between submission and first decision is expected to remain under 90 days and the Journal is committed to minimizing the time between acceptance and publication.

The Journal's success over time is apparent from the improvement in its Impact Factor. The Journal's Impact Factor increased continuously from 0.49 in 2007 to 0.95 in 2010 (Figure 4). The Impact Factor reached its peak of 1.33 in 2012. Consequently, the Journal has gained 47 positions and now ranks 91/332 in economics, a movement from the top 43% to the top 27% of the economics Journals ranked on SSCI.

The Journal now ranks 8/23 in demography, a movement from the top 60% to the top 35% of the demography Journals on SSCI. The increase in the Impact Factor between 2011 and 2012 unequivocally exceeds the growth rates of the fastest growing competitors (Labour Economics, +17%; Demography, +17%).

The Journal is ranked in: Current Contents / Social & Behavioral Sciences, ECONIS, EconLit, International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS), ISI Alerting Services, JEL on CD, Journal of Economic Literature, Population Index, Research Papers in Economics (RePEc), Review of Population Reviews, SCOPUS, Social Science Citation Index (SSCI) and Social Science Research Network (SSRN).

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Table 1: Acceptance Rates

| Index \ Year   | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Accept   | 17%  | 16%  | 10%  | 10%  | 12%  | 14%  | 8%   |
| No. articles publ./<br>No. submissions                 | 13%  | 17%  | 14%  | 14%  | 15%  | 14%  | 15%  |
| No. articles publ./<br>No. submissions<br>previous yr. | 15%  | 17%  | 16%  | 16%  | 18%  | 14%  | 14%  |

Table 2: Current Status of Papers (as of April 2014)

| Index \ Year | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Accept       | 50   | 45   | 42   | 38   | 50   | 37   | 10   |
| Revise       | 12   | 5    | 4    | 5    | 12   | 6    | 25   |
| Reject       | 224  | 239  | 300  | 294  | 345  | 389  | 358  |

Table 3: Submitted Papers from ESPE Conferences

| Index \ Year            | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012  | 2013 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| No. of submitted papers | 29   | 25   | 24   | 20   | 13   | 25    | 9    |
| Before/after conference | 6/23 | 4/21 | 4/20 | 4/16 | 2/11 | 14/11 | 5/4  |

Figure 4: Impact Factor

