Report and acknowledgments for the year 2014

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Here is the annual report for Judgment and Decision Making. I welcome suggestions and questions, including those concerning issues not mentioned here.

News

Catherine Eckel and Edward Cokely have joined the board as associate editors. Eldad Yechiam and Konstantinos Katzikopoulos have jointed as consulting editors. Charles Noussair has resigned as an associate editor (as a result of becoming co-editor of Experimental Economics).

Data about the journal

Our last “impact factor” (2013) from Thompson was 1.738 overall (down from 2012) and 2.599 for five years (up from 2012). By comparison, the Journal of Behavioral Decision Making was 2.082 overall (also down) and 2.552 (also up). In Google Scholar’s “Metrics”, our 5-year h-index was 30. JDBM was 28.

The rate of submissions is holding steady. For the years 2007 through 2014, the approximate numbers of submissions per year were, respectively, 59, 77, 114, 143, 181, 216, 243, and 249. The number of published articles is staying roughly constant: approximately 46, 49, 57, 45, 40, 58, 60, and 47 for the eight years respectively (excluding special issues).

The submission rate is not as meaningful as it seems when we consider the fact that, for the last 5 years, the number of articles rejected in one day was 9, 45, 59, 68, and 128. To some extent, I have become more efficient in foreseeing immediately when an article has no chance of being published. But most of the 128 articles rejected immediately in the last year were from scholars who seem not to have looked at what the journal is about, not as it is described in its main page and certainly not as illustrated in its published articles. I have the feeling that, in some parts of the world (mostly parts not known for the integrity and high standards of their academic institutions), “open access” is equated with “no serious review”. There are now hundreds of open-access journals that will publish almost anything if you can pay. Many promise “speedy review in 2 weeks or less” (as if real review by volunteers could be done according to such a timetable). As it happens, many of these articles are about application of the Analytic Hierarchy Process to a particular business decision in the author’s country.
Thanks

This journal is a complete volunteer effort. Reviewers and board members have been extremely cooperative and prompt in processing articles. I would like to thank everyone and hope that the quality and speed continue. The following reviewed articles (roughly) in 2014:


Technical stuff

I remain indebted to the many writers of the open-source software that make the production process possible and sometimes even fun: \LaTeX, OpenOffice, Emacs, Firefox, Perl, Linux, R, other GNU software, and especially Writer2LaTeX (which extracts papers from the clutches of Microsoft), and Hevea (which makes the html versions with almost no extra effort on my part).

Recently more authors have been submitting articles in text format with \LaTeX
formatting, which makes it easier for me. I still have problems with authors following the technical guidelines for word processing documents, and I am enforcing these more rigorously, even if it means delaying an article by two months.

The good news for \LaTeX users is that (with help from authors Arthur Carvalho, Pantelis Analytis, and Saiwing Yeung) I have now figured out how to use bib\LaTeX so that it works with Hevea (which makes the html version).