Report and acknowledgments for the year 2017

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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

Andreas Glöckner will join me as an editor, so we will now have two co-editors. This will, I hope, give me the time I need to do other things. We plan to divide papers largely by topic, although there will be some overlap. Andi plans to make more use of associate editors, and I will probably do that too. As a result, we are trying to appoint (with the approval of the board) several new associate editors. I will still do the production. (It can be fun, like a hobby.) Other details of this change are being worked out, but one is a change in the way articles are submitted. Please read the journal’s web site before you submit anything.

Robin Hogarth retired from his role as associate editor. Will Skylark and Ulrich Schmidt have joined, so far.

New consulting editors are Netta Barak-Corren, Andrew Gelman, and Erin Krupka. Elke Weber and Max Bazerman have retired.

Data about the journal

JDM ranked 9th out of 104 psychology journals in the “replicability index” at https://replicationindex.wordpress.com/2017/10/24/preliminary-2017-replicability-rankings-of-104-psychology-journals/ This is an automatically derived measure based in part on statistical power of reported rejections of the null hypothesis. It ignores within-paper replications of low-power rejections, and, most importantly, it neglects other factors that affect the importance and credibility of claims made, such as their plausibility (based on both understanding and prior evidence) and their centrality to the purpose of a paper.

The rate of submissions is slightly increasing. For the years 2007 through 2017, the approximate numbers of submissions per year were, respectively, 59, 77, 114, 143, 181, 216, 243, 249, 253, 277, and 286. The number of published articles is staying roughly constant: approximately 46, 49, 57, 45, 40, 58, 60, 47, 56, 52, and 49 for the same years (excluding special issues).

For the last 7 years, the number of articles rejected on the day of submission was 9, 45, 59, 68, 128, 110, 125, and 112. (And in 2016 and 2017, 16 and 32, respectively, were rejected the next day.) Thus, about half of the submissions are
rejected nearly immediately, and, of those that remain, about 35% will eventually get published.

I am not including the “impact factor”. See last year’s report (in the January issue) for an explanation.

For what it is worth, articles from *Judgment and Decision Making* continue to be cited at about the same rate as those from the most similar journal, *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*. The respective h5 indices from Google Scholar, as of January 29, 2018, are 27 and 27. The new journal *Decision*, also fairly similar, is still less than 5 years old.

**Thanks**

The journal depends on the help of many people. 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 2017:


**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.