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JARE Editors' Report

June 1, 2017–May 31, 2018

The *JARE* editorial team of David K. Lambert, Tian Xia, Hikaru Hanawa Peterson, and Jeffrey M. Peterson began their three-year term with manuscript 2015-2055, submitted April 1, 2015. Their first issue as an editorial team was Volume 41, Issue 2, published in May 2016.

As of May 31, 2018, the current team has handled 683 manuscript submissions and published 60 papers in seven issues. They will publish an additional two issues before management passes entirely to the new editorial team, which began managing the manuscript submission process on January 10, 2018.

The new team, led by Dragan Miljkovic, comprises Anton Bekkerman, Darren Hudson, and Richard Woodward. Between January 10 and May 30, they handled 98 submissions and accepted 3. Their first issue will be published in January 2019.

Table 1 reports publication details for the three issues published by in the past year.

Table 1: Articles and Page Counts

September 2017 (Volume 42, Issue 3)	January 2018 (Volume 43, Issue 1)	May 2018 (Volume 43, Issue 2)	Total
8 Articles (146 pages, plus 45 pages online supplements)	8 Articles (149, plus 10 pages online supplements)	8 Articles (155 pages, plus 16 pages online supplements)	28 Articles (24 pages, plus 71 pages online supplements)

JARE Publication Costs: *JARE* publication costs are incurred in three general areas: Editorial Team, Publications Editing, and Printing. The Editorial Team manages the review and publication process. The Team's costs are fixed on an annual basis and include editors' stipends (\$3,500/year/editor) and subscription fees for the manuscript submission software and database (\$2,500/year). Assuming that each volume (a total of three issues) contains 500 printed pages, these costs total approximately \$33/page.

Publications Editing involves both copyediting and formatting final documents into pdfs that are used by Sheridan Press during the printing process. This process involves formatting text and figures, checking references, resolving technical errors, and formatting figures/tables to maintain consistency and fit within available space. These costs are approximately \$24/page.

Finally, Sheridan Press prints, binds, and mails print versions of the Journal to members and other subscribers. Some of these costs are fixed and some are variable. Total costs for the most recent issue were approximately \$8/page. In January 2018, *JARE* opted to switch from traditional off-set printing to a digital print, a significant cost savings. Costs for Sheridan had previously been around \$25–\$30/page.

In summary, *JARE*'s costs per printed page are approximately \$65/page. These costs are met through a combination of page charges (\$79–\$89/page), member dues, subscriptions, royalties, and WAEA assets.

JARE Manuscript Management: Table 2 reports submission details from June 1, 2017, to May 31, 2018.

Table 2: Status of Manuscripts Submitted June 1, 2017–May 31, 2018

Submissions:	263	(0 pending)
Total Rejected:	231	(87.83%)
Desk Rejected:	101	(38.40%)
Rejected after Review:	58	(22.05%)
w/ Option to Resubmit:	72	(27.38%)
Accepted and Published:	32	(12.17%)

To situate these numbers in some historical context, table 3 provides the same information beginning with the 2009–2010 journal year.

Table 3: Manuscripts Submitted, June 2009 – May 2018

	Total	Rejected (Total)	Rejected (w/o Review)	Rejected (w/ Review)	Revise & Resubmit	Accepted	Acceptance Rate
2009–2010	231	195	81	38	76	36	15.06%
2010–2011	220	182	92	47	43	38	17.27%
2011–2012	219	187	106	39	42	32	14.61%
2012–2013	267	245	145	45	55	22	8.24%
2013–2014	273	243	128	61	54	30	10.99%
2014–2015	255	235	128	53	54	20	7.84%
2015–2016	301	268	131	82	55	32	10.63%
2016–2017	236	216	105	63	48	19	8.05%
2017–2018	263	231	101	58	72	32	12.17%
Average	252	223	113	54	55	29	11.70%

Table 4 reports summary statistics for reviewers.

Table 4: Reviewer Details, June 1, 2017–May 31, 2018

Total reviews assigned:	372
Pending:	0
Closed:	372
Status:	
Expired or unassigned:	69 (18.55%)
Declined:	88 (23.66%)
Completed:	215 (57.80%)
Completed review time (in days):	
Mean:	37.46
Median:	35

To provide context, table 5 presents reviewer information from previous years. Please note that these years do not have any pending reviews.

Table 5: Reviewer Details, April 2009 – May 2018

	Reviews Assigned	Expired or Unassigned	Declined	Completed	Mean Review Time	Median Review Time
2009–2010	296	47	40	209	43.78	39
2010–2011	229	16	45	168	47.70	37.5
2011–2012	230	26	48	156	41.80	36
2012–2013	370	60	79	231	43.28	36
2013–2014	433	66	109	258	43.96	36
2014–2015	391	61	94	236	53.09	41.5
2015–2016	427	66	90	271	54.07	37
2016–2017	322	53	55	214	43.17	36
2017–2018	372	69	88	215	37.46	37
Average	342	52 (15.20%)	72 (21.05%)	218 (63.74%)	43.78	37

Conclusion: The editors greatly appreciate the efforts of Amy Bekkerman, our Publications Editor; Kristen McGuire and Vanessa Nicholas of EDI; and Lisa Darrow and the staff of Sheridan Press for overseeing the review process, publication, and distribution of each issue. We also wish to thank the hundreds of reviewers who have provided us with extensive comments on the suitability of submitted manuscripts. We have also enjoyed working with George Chronis of the University of Missouri's FastTrack electronic submission management system.

Respectfully submitted,

Hikaru Hanawa Peterson, Jeffrey M. Peterson,
Tian Xia, and David Lambert, co-editors
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Harun Bulut. 2017. "Managing Catastrophic Risk in Agriculture through *Ex Ante* Subsidized Insurance or *Ex Post* Disaster Aid." 42(3): 406–426.

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