

## 1 OVERVIEW

The journal maintains its position as a high-impact publication vehicle with a strong reputation. Our submissions were up for the reported year, but our speed of reviewing was down.

The major issue this year has been a continuation of our copy-editing and typesetting problems. MIT Press switched typesetters to an operation based in the Philippines; during the first year we had various problems with typesetting, most of which have now been resolved but some of which still remain; in particular, we have yet to obtain a bug free set of macros for our authors to use. Then, our long-standing freelance copy editor resigned to take up another position, and MIT Press switched to using the typesetter for copy-editing. Although this has some apparent advantages it has also been something of a nightmare, with significant problems arising in the copy editing process. We are still trying to resolve a number of issues here.

Some minor changes to the journal:

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At the end of each year, we now print the names of all the non-editorial-board reviewers who helped out that year.

- The 'Last Words' is in the process of switching from one column per year to one per issue, as of the first issue in 2007.

- Just after Coling/ACL, we will announce a new category of 'review papers'.

## 2 SPECIAL ISSUES

One close to appearance: 'Question Answering in Restricted Domains'. The quality of the papers received for this was not great, so we will end up with three papers; this will probably appear as a special section rather than being an entire special issue.

Two others with closing submission dates around now:

- Prepositions in Applications
- Semantic Role Labeling

## 3 STATISTICS

Time to first decision for new submissions:

For 2001 papers: 110 days  
For 2002 papers: 127 days  
For 2003 papers: 129 days  
For 2004 papers: 131 days  
For 2005 papers: 146 days

80 Submissions consisting of 62 New (+3 Resubmissions of a new submission in 2005), 14 Resubmissions (+1 Resubmission of a resubmission in 2005).

Here's the traditional 'disposition by first decision' table:

Decision	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Submitted	62	53	65	65	57	64	47
Accept	13	11	16	23	18	15	13
Reject	29	22	20	20	12	11	9
Resubmit as squib	0	3	2	2	2	1	3
Revise and resubmit	37	23	25	18	22	27	12
Withdrawn	0	1	0	2	3	3	2
No decision	1	2	2	0	0	7	8

This looks like our numbers of submissions are fairly static with a drop in 2004, but that's not the case:

since 2004, we now factor out resubmissions of papers initially submitted in earlier years whereas previously these were counted in the total number of submissions. This means our number of submissions is actually up.

Here's the breakdown by country of first author for the paper submitted in 2003 and 2004:

	2003	2004	2005
Europe			
Bulgaria	1	0	0
Finland	1	2	0
France	3	1	1
Germany	4	2	4
Iran	2	1	0
Ireland	0	1	0
Israel	1	2	0
Italy	1	1	0
Netherlands	1	1	1
Poland	1	1	0
Portugal	2	0	1
Romania	0	1	0
Slovenia	0	1	1
Spain	2	5	4
Sweden	2	0	0
Switzerland	0	1	2
Turkey	1	0	1
United Kingdom	7	8	14
North America			
Canada	5	4	6
Mexico	1	0	0
United States	21	12	25
Asia			
China	0	3	3
Hong Kong	3	0	1
India	1	1	1
Japan	2	1	0
Iran	0	0	1
Korea	0	1	1
New Zealand	0	0	1
Singapore	0	0	2

Taiwan	2	0	0
Thailand	1	0	0
Vietnam	0	1	0
South America			
Brazil	1	2	0
Total	65	53	76

At the time of writing, for 2006 we have the following:

31 Submissions and Resubmissions consisting of 18 New, 12 Resubmissions (+1 Resubmission of a resubmission in 2006)

Ave time to decision for New submissions: 66 days

2006 Decisions:

Submitted	31
Accept	4
Reject	3
Revise and resubmit	4
No decision yet	20

(Note: At this time in 2004, we had 42 submissions)

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