

ISP Annual Report, 1 August 2012-31 July 2013

Summary

The ISP editorial team is pleased to report that we have continued to sustain the higher level of submissions, which has been an important team goal for this editorship as ISP had only 65 submissions the year before we took over. We have also moved to a sustained backlog of somewhere between 3 and 4 issues worth of accepted manuscripts. The online early system used by the other ISA journals has been adopted. Securing reviews is still an ongoing problem. We are uncertain if the significant drop in turn around times can be sustained through the end of the editorial team's term as the difficulties with securing reviews grows incrementally every month and we believe we have made the office procedures as efficient as possible.

Manuscript Flow

142 new manuscripts were submitted between 1 August 2012 and 31 July 2013.

Initial Decisions -- 65 Day Average.

Reject	88
Major Revision	28
Minor Revision	26

Total: **142**

Turn around time has dropped by 12 days, from an average of 77 last year to an average of 65 this year. A significant part of this can be attributed to streamlining the workflow at the editorial office. The number of extreme delays (over 120 days) on initial decisions has decreased from nine last reporting period, to twelve during this reporting period, despite a change of procedure where we increased the surveillance of manuscripts in process to better identify instances when reviewers will fail to deliver.

Manuscript Statistics

Submission Country

United States	59
United Kingdom	13
Canada	8
Australia	7
Germany	7
Sweden	6
Denmark	3
Israel	3
Norway	3
Turkey	3
Belgium	2
Brazil	2
China	2
India	2

Italy	2
Japan	2
Macao	2
Portugal	2
Switzerland	2
Austria	1
Czech Republic	1
Egypt	1
Ethiopia	1
Fiji	1
Greece	1
Hong Kong	1
Hungary	1
Korea, Republic of	1
Netherlands	1
New Zealand	1
Taiwan	1

Gender of Corresponding Author

65 Male
55 Female
22 Unclear

Gender of Corresponding Author - Minor Revisions

8 Male
16 Female
3 Unclear

Gender of Corresponding Author –Major Revisions

14 Male
13 Female
1 Unclear

Gender of Corresponding Author – Rejections

43 Male
26 Female
19 Unclear

Reviewers

We requested 782 reviews and a total of 377 reviews were provided, by 281 individuals. 117 of the reviewers had clearly feminine given names and 94 had clearly masculine given names. 60 could not be classified.