

# ANZJS Report to the 2013 AGM

## ANZJS Editors

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Applications Editor: James Curran (U. Auckland)

Book Review Editor: Petra Graham (Macquarie U.)

Technical Editors: Neville Bartlett (N. R. Bartlett Consulting) and Rolf Turner (U. Auckland)

## 1. Overview

The Editors worked very hard in 2012 to get the issues back on schedule and we have continued to focus on this in 2013. We have managed to get the two 2013 issues produced so far out on time, although this was achieved by publishing a "thin" issue when there was a potential delay. Being on schedule is important for the status of the journal and for the citation measures used to evaluate journals these days. According to Wiley, the impact factor (released in June) increased slightly from 0.436 to 0.529 in 2012. The journal still has a low impact factor rank (91/117) and we would like to improve this, although it is not a simple matter to do so. Our continuing efforts are directed towards trying to attract good invited papers and high quality submissions.

## 2. Editorial Team

The Editors met face-to-face in Melbourne in February this year to discuss a number of the matters covered elsewhere in this report. Subsequent meetings were by Skype.

There has been a change to the editorial team in 2013, with Dr Neville Bartlett stepping down as Technical Editor. I record here the appreciation of the other editors for the superb service that Dr Bartlett has given to ANZJS.

Dr Rolf Turner has been appointed as the new Technical Editor. Rolf and Neville have been working in tandem for most of this year to facilitate a smooth transition.

## 3. Acceptance Rates

In the last 9 months 162 manuscripts were submitted. Of these, 35 have been accepted, 80 rejected and the remainder are under revision or review. This means that we have seen a slight drop in the number of submissions and our acceptance rate has crept up a bit (from 10%) so we are getting fewer, hopefully better submissions which is a good sign.

## 4. ARC Open Access Policy

ANZJS conforms with the new ARC open access policy.

## 5. Publication of Papers from Named Lectures

ANZJS to trial the SSAI-NSW proposal to publish Lancaster lectures every second. Other SSAI branches and NZSA should be aware of the possibility for publication of named lectures.

## 6. Applications Papers

Many Referees and Associate Editors appear to have a poor understanding of what is required in an applications paper. In particular, many papers are being rejected on the grounds that they lack novel methodology, yet this is not a requirement for publication in the Applications section. As a consequence, the acceptance rate for applications papers is far lower than for theory and methods submissions. The Editors have advised the Associate Editors of the expectations for applications papers.

## **7. Associate Editors**

Changes have been made to the list of Associate Editors. Inactive or hopelessly tardy AEs were pruned from the list, and replacements appointed.

## **8. Administration**

We have recently been informed that the Wiley Production Editor responsible for the journal is being promoted. Her replacement is based in India which will be much less convenient and may impact on the production process. The Editorial Committee will monitor this closely.

As the contract with Wiley is due for renewal in 2016, with any alterations requiring agreement by 2015, we need to discuss any possible changes to the publishing model over the next year or two. We have started thinking about this within the Editorial Committee but perhaps a wider discussion amongst the membership would be useful?

Martin Hazelton

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