

2013 SSB Council Meeting
Snowbird, Utah
21 June 2013
Editor-Elect's Report

I. Submissions and Decisions: 2013 (as of Thursday, June 13, 2013).

Total manuscripts submitted since 1 January 2013: 144
Original manuscripts submitted since 1 January 2013: 131
Final decisions on original submissions: 97
Not appropriate for journal: 28
Reject: 18
47% rejection (no resubmission) rate
Reject; resubmission encouraged: 20
Accept with major revision: 15
Accept with minor revision: 13
Accept: 3

Manuscripts currently in review/awaiting recommendation: 39
Original submissions: 33 Revisions: 6
Manuscripts accepted in 2013: 30

105 manuscripts (originals plus revisions) have been returned by AEs for EE decision between 1 Jan and 13 June; EE decisions have been rendered for 104 of these.

There are currently 8 “long-standing” papers. The longest-standing paper submitted in 2013 is USYB-2013-56, received on 5 March. It has now been in the system for 100 days (it is currently awaiting AE recommendation, which is 20 days overdue).

Average times from submission to decision for manuscripts submitted in 2013, by manuscript type: book reviews (3 decisions, all in <1 day), POVs (12 decisions, average = 44.58 days), regular manuscripts (75 decisions, average = 51.69 days), Software for Systematics and Evolution submissions (6 decisions, average = 6.00 days)
Average days from submission to first decision = 52.9 (prior 12 months).

Submissions by country: USA (44), UK (10), China (8), France (8), Sweden (8), Germany (7), Spain (6), Canada (5), Australia (4), Switzerland (4), South Africa (3), Denmark (2), 15 others with one submission each.

We are on pace to receive ~285 original submissions this year.

II. Associate Editors:

The following AEs chose to step down at the end of 2012: Elizabeth Jockusch. On behalf of the Society, I thank Elizabeth for her excellent service.

The following individuals have graciously agreed to join the ranks of Associate Editorship: Benoit Dayrat, Penn State University; Erika Edwards, Brown University; John McCormack, Occidental College; Austin Mast, Florida State University.