

Editor's Report

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Overview

This report focuses on the 12 month period of **January 1 to December 31st 2012** and includes the limited data available from the Scholar One database extending back to July 2010. The report presents data on papers submitted to, and published in the Journal over the course of 2012. It discusses major developments in the operations of the Journal and steps that are planned for the Journal in the coming year.

In summary:

- Papers submitted to the Journal for 2012 are stable at just over 100 papers per year (n=106).
- The mean time for Editors to meet a revision decision is 51 days.
- The Journal's most recent impact factor is 0.592, which is predicted to remain stable over the next 12 months.
- The Journal has 65 subscribing institutions, of which over one-third do not take print copies.

Editorial team and publisher

Over 2012 a number of changes associated with the Journal's Editorial team and Publisher occurred.

In July 2012 a new Editorial team commenced a four year term. This team comprises Editor in Chief, Dr Jonine Jancey (Curtin University) and Associate Editors, Professor Peter Howat and Professor Colin Binns (Curtin University) and Dr Stacy Carter (Sydney University). This larger Editorial team has proved advantageous as it increases the editorial expertise and supports a consensus approach to the editorship.

In August/September 2012 the new Editorial Board was established for a four year term. The Editorial Board now comprise 22 national and international researchers and practitioners providing a broad range of skills and expertise to support the Journal. This composition of the Editorial Board will positively influence the Journal's profile, provide greater access to expert advice in a range of areas and in turn supportive of manuscript submissions.

In late 2012 CSIRO Publishing commenced the transitioning process to fully take on the publishing management of the Journal. This transition has been relatively smooth with the CSIRO and Editorial team working effectively together.

Papers submitted and published

In 2012, 106 new papers were submitted to the Journal (see Figure 1), of which 25% were accepted (see Table 1). This represents a slight decrease from the 119 papers submitted in 2011. This constancy in the number of submissions indicates that the structures and management associated with the Journal over the course of the year have not impacted negatively on the Journal. In the future we anticipate that the contract with CSIRO publishing will enhance the profile of the Journal and support the submission of quality papers.

In last year's annual report, the Journal's *Impact Factor* was 0.51. This year it has risen slightly to 0.592. It is predicted that the calculated Impact Factor to be released in June 2013, will be between 0.52 to 0.61, depending on how the citations are counted.



Figure 1: Number of papers received by the Health Promotion Journal of Australia 2003-2012

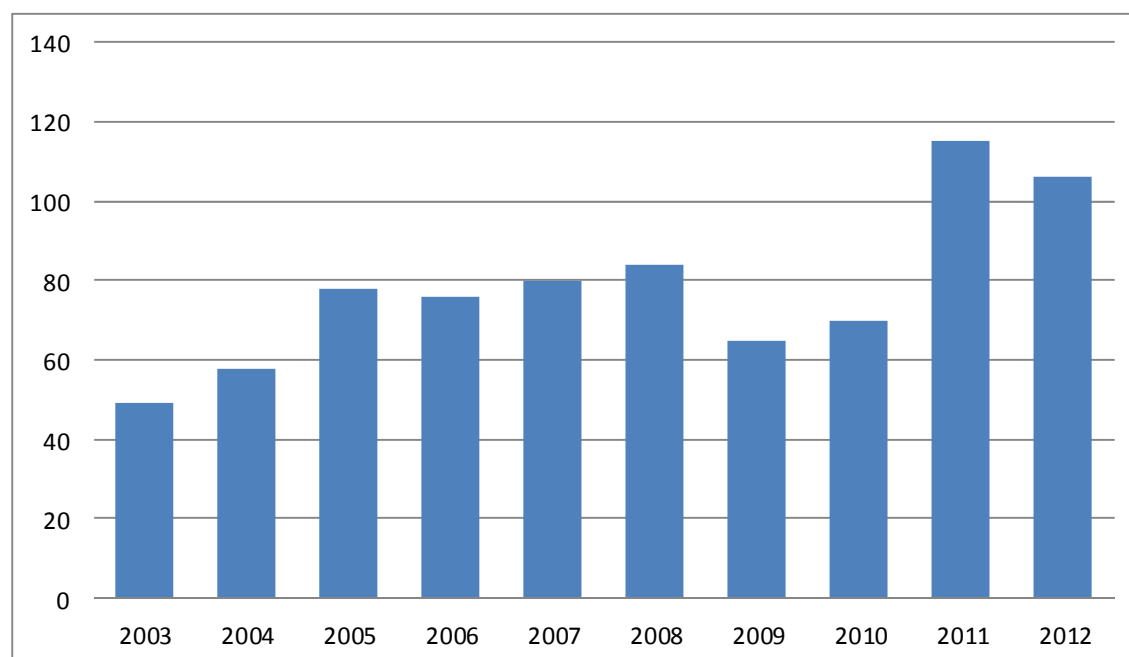


Table 1: Outcome of submitted papers

Outcome	2010 (July -December)	2011	2012
Submitted	61	120	106
Accepted	33 (54%)	65 (54%)	26 (25%)
Withdrawn/lapsed	7 (11%)	13 (11%)	9 (8%)
In process	-	-	4 (4%)

** access to historical data limited to July 2010*

Of those papers submitted to the Journal over the past three years as shown in Table 2, the largest number of papers is in the category of 'original articles.'

Table 2: Type of papers submitted to Health Promotion Journal of Australia

Type of Paper	2010 (July -December)	2011	2012
Original articles	50	93	83
Brief reports	9	19	16
Letter to editor	2	7	7
Total	61	119	106

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Geographical breakdown of submissions

On a state-by-state basis, authors from New South Wales submitted the highest number of papers (27) in 2012, while the number of submissions from Western Australia substantially increased (21). Submissions from Victoria (21) and Queensland (15) were at a similar level to last year. The number of papers from overseas (including New Zealand) slightly declined (8). The numbers of papers submitted by authors in other states and territories remained stable and relatively low: South



Australia (6), the Australian Capital Territory (4), the Northern Territory (1) and Tasmania (2) (see Table 3).

Table 3: Submitted papers by state of origin

Manuscript origin	2010	2011	2012
New South Wales	33	38.7	25
Western Australia	15.7	9.2	20
Victoria	23.5	21	20
Queensland	10.4	10.9	14
South Australia	4.3	3.4	6
Northern Territory	0.09	1.7	1
Australian Capital Territory	1.7	1.7	4
Tasmania	1.7	1.7	2
International	7	11.8	8
Unclear	1.7		
	100%	100%	100%

* access to historical data limited to July 2010

Editors' Reflections

Editorial Team

The current Editorial team of Jonine Jancey, Peter Howat, Colin Binns (Curtin University) and Stacy Carter (Sydney University) commenced in July 2012. They took on this role from Ben Smith and Craig Fry who have been the Editors of the Journal since 2008. Ben and Craig must be commended on their professionalism and commitment to the Journal. We sincerely thank them for their outstanding work.

On commencing in this role the new Editorial team identified and invited a new Editorial Board for a four year term. The Editorial team is much larger than previous teams, comprised of 22 national and international researchers and practitioners.

Impact Factor

The Journal's current Impact Factor (the ratio of cites measured in the ISI database in a given year to the number of papers published in the two preceding years) is 0.592 (last year reported as 0.51) and its immediacy index (the ratio of cites in a given year to papers published in the same year) is 0.205. It is predicted that the calculated Impact Factor to be released in June 2013 will be in the order of 0.52 to 0.61 depending on how the citations are counted.

Submission Numbers

Although submissions in 2012 are slightly less than 2011 (2011-120 submissions; 2012-106 submissions), the Journal remains in a healthy position. The mean time for Editors to reach a decision is 31 days for rejected papers and 51 days for those receiving revision decisions.

Online presence

The Journal has 65 subscribing institutions, with over one-third not taking print copies. CSIRO has estimated that the download rates were approximately 4000 with 5% of the usage coming through the AHPA website. Of website users, 78% are from Australia with the USA, UK and Canada representing another 15% of users.

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