

## ***Quantitative Economics***

### **Editor's Annual Report for year ending June 30, 2021**

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This annual report presents tables, graphs, classification analysis, and additional information.

Table 1 presents the status of manuscripts. The number of submissions during the past year was 266, which is slight decrease from last year's 295 submissions (much of which could be due to the implementation of the submission fees). At the same time the number of acceptances and revisions requested has increased.

Table 2 describes how the new submissions were distributed among co-editors. Table 3 provides data on the time to first decision for decisions made in this reporting year; 83% of decisions on new submissions and 97% of decisions on revisions were made within 6 months. The respective percentages last year were almost the same, 89% and 90%.

The time between acceptance and publication has averaged 8 months during this past year which is a decrease from last year's reported 8.5 months. We increased the number of issues starting in January 2019 from 3 to 4 and if we continue to publish more papers in the QE issues (as we have been) we should make our target of 6 months in the near future.

Figures 1–2 provide a more visual description of the time to decisions. For the papers that were submitted between July 1, 2020 and June 30th, 2021, and for which a decision has been made, the average days to first decision was 81 up from 73 and the median 87 up from 72. For all the papers whose decisions were made during the past year, the mean time to decision was 111 days, while for all decisions made during the last three years, that mean was 104 days. The corresponding numbers in last year's report were 96 and 98. The median number of days to first decision of all papers whose decision were made during the past year was 104, while the corresponding number in last year's report was 96.

The number of submissions where the authors asked to transfer the correspondence for their papers from *Econometrica* to *Quantitative Economics* increased from 17 last year to 23 this year.

On the Associate Editors front, Ulrich Doraszelski (University of Pennsylvania), Ivana Komunjer (Georgetown University), Lars Nesheim (University College London), and Yoram Halevy (University of Toronto) have rotated off. We have added several new Associate Editors: Adrien Auclert (Stanford University), Abigail Barr (University of Nottingham), Timo Boppart (Institute for International Economic Studies), Tim Christensen (New York University), Xavier D'Haultfoeuille (CREST – ENSAE), Joachim Freyberger (University of Bonn), Jean-François Houde (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Arnaud Maurel (Duke University), Nirav Mehta (Western University), Anna Mikusheva (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Eduardo Morales (Princeton University), and Matthias Sutter (Max Planck Institute).

TABLE 1. Status of manuscripts.

	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21
In process at beginning of year	57	63	62	85	72	112
New papers received	149	173	250	212	295	266
Revisions received	64	76	85	81	69	85
Papers accepted	30	32	40	43	31	47
Papers accepted for Online Only						1
Papers conditionally accepted	20	22	16	20	11	20
Papers returned for revision	65	56	70	65	59	78
Papers rejected	92	141	185	178	223	225
[of these rejected without full refereeing]:	[37]	[50]	[66]	[62]	[77]	[65]
Papers Withdrawn	2	1	2	1	4	0
Papers in process at end of year	63	62	85	72	112	92

TABLE 2. Distribution of new papers among co-editors.

		15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21
Current Editors	Taber			97	74	94	<b>82</b>
	Golan						<b>37</b>
	Santos			38	35	48	<b>41</b>
	Storesletten			32	26	41	<b>40</b>
	Zha				43	66	<b>49</b>
	Guest		5	3	1	0	<b>14</b>
Previous Editors	Arcidiacono		33	35	33	46	<b>3</b>
	Matzkin	58	71				
	Schmedders	32	25				
	Schorfheide	35	39	45			
	Todd	24					
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	149	173	250	212	295	<b>266</b>

TABLE 3. Time to decision.

	Decisions on New Submissions			Decisions on Revisions			Decisions on All Papers		
	#	%	Cumulative %	#	%	Cumulative %	#	%	Cumulative %
In ≤1 months:	69	24%	24%	39	44%	44%	108	29%	29%
In 2 months:	5	2%	26%	10	11%	56%	15	4%	33%
In 3 months:	44	16%	42%	14	16%	72%	58	16%	49%
In 4 months:	54	19%	61%	11	13%	84%	65	18%	66%
In 5 months:	44	16%	76%	6	7%	91%	50	13%	80%
In 6 months:	18	6%	83%	5	6%	97%	23	6%	86%
In 7 months:	20	7%	90%	3	3%	100%	23	6%	92%
In 8 months:	13	5%	94%	0	0%	100%	13	4%	96%
In >8 months:	16	6%	100%	0	0%	100%	16	4%	100%
Total:	283			88			371		

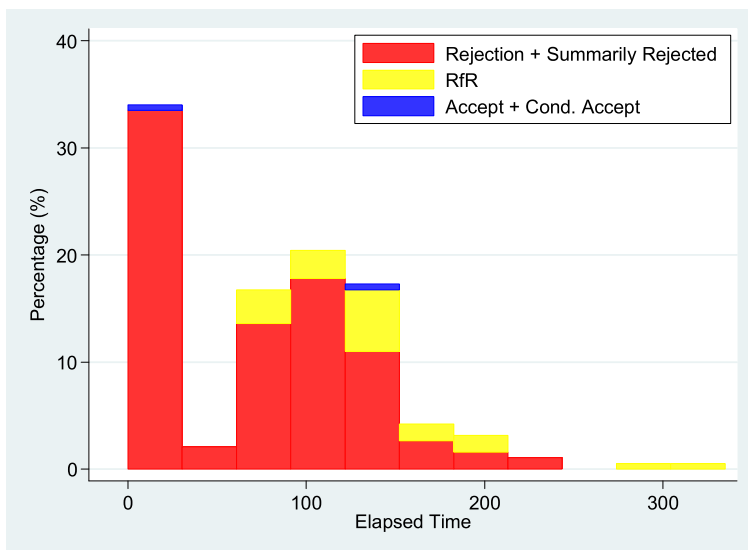


FIGURE 1. Statistics on Paper Handling

*Average Days to First Decision: 81*

*Median Days to First Decision: 87*

Decisions made in the last reported year

The above bar chart gives data on the time to first decision for decisions made during July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021.

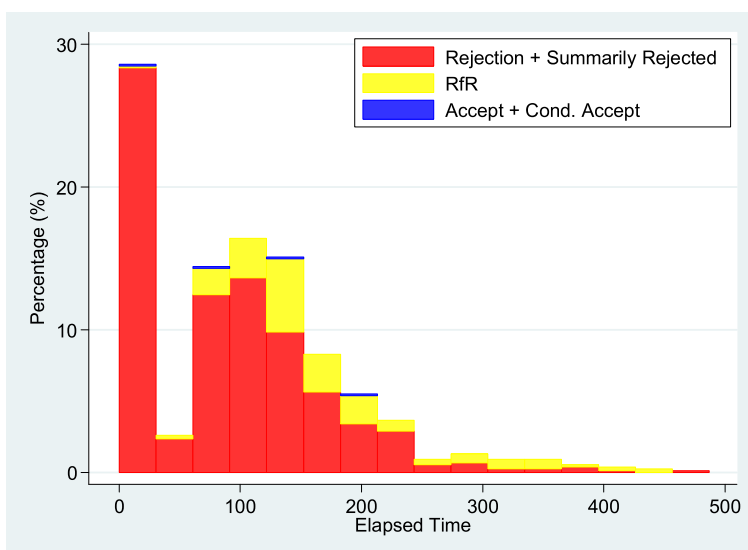


FIGURE 2. All decisions made during reported years 2018–2021

*Average Days to First Decision: 104*

*Median Days to First Decision: 101*

The above bar chart gives data on the time to first decision for decisions made during July 1, 2018–June 30, 2021.

Christopher Taber's term as Editor of Quantitative Economics ended on June 30, 2021. Andres Santos' and Kjetil Storesletten's terms as Co-Editors of Quantitative Economics ended on June 30, 2021. Chris, Andres, and Kjetil have all been an outstanding members of QE's editorial staff since 2017, and the journal has greatly benefited from their energy, leadership, and thoughtfulness.

Stéphane Bonhomme started his Editorship beginning on July 1, 2021.

Garance Genicot started her Co-Editorship beginning on July 1, 2021.

Morten O. Ravn started his Co-Editorship beginning on July 1, 2021.

We are very excited about the broad expertise and perspective that the combination of Stéphane, Garance, and Morten bring to the journal and think it is in excellent hands.

As in the previous years, QE benefitted enormously from the management of Mary Beth Bellando-Zaniboni. Her dedication and initiative, as well as her constant reliable support to the editors and authors have been critical for QE's operations.