

## The 2012 “State of the Journal” Report

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Executive summary:

- 136 days from submission to final accept or reject
- 200 pages / issue increase from issue 4, 2012
- Impact factor SCI: 1.061

SoSyM continues to experience an increasing number of submissions. In 2012, 308 new manuscripts were submitted, of which 49 % were reviewed for regular issues, while the other 51 % were submitted for special or theme sections. The average number of days from submission to a final decision (that is, a final accept or reject) was 136 days in 2012. This is 12 days less than the average in 2011. It should be noted that this time includes the time authors spend on making major and subsequent minor revisions (typically 4 to 5 months). The number of months to online publication of an accepted paper has continued to drop as well, and is now between 3 and 4 weeks. We will continue to work on improving the review turnaround time.

The impact factor published this year is 1.061. The current acceptance rate is 14 % for regular papers and 31 % for special or theme section papers. Due to the increase of submissions the current publication pipeline grew above one year. To reduce this pipeline we are pleased to announce that

Springer will significantly increase the number of printed pages per issue from 140 to 200 pages, starting with issue 4 of 2012. Additionally, accepted papers are available online soon after acceptance, and thus the current pipeline should not pose a significant problem to accepted authors.

The rather timely turnaround of papers and the high quality of accepted papers are a result of the excellent effort the editors and reviewers put into the review process. We understand how difficult it is to balance editorial and review responsibilities with other work responsibilities and thus we greatly appreciate the effort made by our editors and reviewers on behalf of SoSyM.

Below we list the reviewers who reviewed one or more papers for the journal in the last year. The complete list of reviewers can also be found on our website <http://www.sosym.org/>.

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The Springer management team for SoSyM changed at the beginning of 2012. Hermann Engesser, who supported SoSyM from its birth, and Dorothea Glaunsinger, who provided excellent assistance for many years as well, are now assigned to managing Germany's market of books and journals. They played a critical role in getting SoSyM to its current reputable status, and we are deeply indebted to them for getting us to this point. We thank them for their excellent work and support on all matters related to the management of the journal during the last 10 years. The publication process for SoSyM was handed over to Ralf Gerstner, Annette Hinze, and Kavidha Manikanan who already have provided excellent assistance during the year. We thank this new team for their great support in 2012.

Last but certainly not least, the editors-in-chief thank the assistant editors, namely Geri Georg who handles regular papers, and Martin Schindler who handles special and theme sections, expert papers, and who manages the publication process for all accepted papers.

The journal's reputation and quality is a direct result of the outstanding support provided by authors, reviewers, editors, and the publishing staff. The editors-in-chief are committed to ensuring that the journal continues to play an important role in the dissemination of knowledge in the software-based system modeling community. Finally, we thank you, the reader, for your support of SoSyM. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your comments about the journal.