

The 2013 “State of the Journal” report

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Executive Summary:

- 213 days from submission to final accept or reject. This should be better.
- As the backlog became too large, we do two things: SoSyM permanently increases the number of papers per issue from 192 to 224 pages (+32 pages) and we almost double (!) the number of pages for 2014 to 448 pages (issue 1 and 2) and 304 pages (issue 3 and 4).
- Impact factor SCI: 1.250 (previous: 1,061). This is an increase of 17.8 %.
- New domains of modeling, like CPS, modeling big data, scientific models, or models of the world are not yet present enough.
- In overall SoSyM is doing very well.

SoSyM continues to experience an increasing number of submissions. In 2013, 245 manuscripts were submitted, of which 67 % were reviewed for regular issues, while the other 33 % were submitted for special or theme sections or industry voice. The average number of days from initial submission to a final decision (that is, a final accept or reject) was 213 days. It should be noted that this time includes the time

authors spend on making major and subsequent minor revisions (typically 4–5 months). The number of months to online publication of an accepted paper is between three to four weeks. We will continue to work on improving the review turnaround time.

The impact factor published this year is 1.250. The current acceptance rate is 19 % for regular papers and 47 % 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. SoSyM permanently increases the number of papers per issue from 192 to 224 pages (+32 pages) and to almost double (!) the number of pages for 2014 to 448 pages (issue 1 and 2) and 304 pages (issue 3 and 4). Additionally, accepted papers are available online soon after acceptance, and thus the current pipeline should not pose a significant problem to accepted authors. Online first articles are cited and their citations contribute to the impact factors of the overall articles.

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 see that is and will always be difficult 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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