

Six years of modeling in SoSyM

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Already 6 years? Wow. Time is passing quickly. Since we began, the International Journal on Software and Systems Modeling (SoSyM) is now a well established journal with many quality papers communicating research and experience related to building and using models in the development of software-based systems. Time to rethink the form of publication and what can be improved—Feedback on the Journal as well as our considerations is welcome.

As we have done on previous anniversaries, we take this opportunity to give a “state of the journal” report and to acknowledge the reviewers, editors, and publication staff that have contributed to another very good year of publication. We thank these dedicated persons who have contributed to the success of the journal, as well as you the readers.

The 2007 “State of the Journal” report

The number of institutional subscribers for the paper version of the journal is increasing steadily. On-line stabilized at a level of roughly 900 downloads/month.

The average number of days from submission to final decision has stayed at a handsome average of 4 months in the last 3 years. We thank our editors and reviewers for their effort in this respect, even though we know that this is not always easy. Again, we have also seen a steady increase in the number of submissions to the journal.

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In the past year we were able to extend the editorial board with the following editors:

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Fifty-nine special issue papers and 41 regular papers have been published thus far in SoSyM. A total of 274 authors have papers published in SoSyM.

The good reputation that the journal enjoys is a direct result of the effort and expertise of the editors and reviewers. Below we list the reviewers who reviewed one or more papers for the journal in the last year. A complete list of reviewers can be found on our website <http://www.sosym.org/>.

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Last but not least, we thank our assistant editors, namely Geri Georg who handles new submissions and monitors the review of regular papers, and Martin Schindler who handles special section and expert papers and 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 publishers and editors have given every indication that they are committed to ensuring quality. Finally, because the topic of modeling will continue to play an important role in software engineering we are confident that the journal will continue to play an important role in the dissemination of knowledge in the software-based system modeling community.

Contents in this issue

This issue includes significantly extended journal versions of six of the eight best papers from the MODELS'05 conference. Geri Georg and Lionel Briand organized the conference and acted as editors for these papers. The remaining two papers will be published in the first issue of next year. Please have a look at the editorial by Geri and Lionel.

We hope you enjoy reading the articles in this issue and have enjoyed reading all the papers that were published in SoSyM this year.

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 Editors in Chief