

Quantitative Economics
Editor's Annual Report for year ending June 30, 2020
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1. INTRODUCTION TO TABLES AND CHARTS, HIGHLIGHTS, AND ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION

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 295, which is large increase from last year's 212 submissions and the highest number of submissions we have had. At the same time the number of acceptances and revisions requested has fallen.

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; 89% of decisions on new submissions and 90% of decisions on revisions were made within 6 months. The respective percentages last year were almost the same, 85% and 97%.

The time between acceptance and publication has averaged 8.5 during this past year which is a decrease from last year's reported 10.25 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 by next year.

Figures 1–2 provide a more visual description of the time to decisions. For all the papers whose decisions were made during the past year, the mean time to decision was 96 days, while for all decisions made during the last three years, that mean was 98 days. The corresponding numbers in last year's report were 104 and 102. The median number of days to first decision of all papers whose decision were made during the past year was 98, while the corresponding number in last year's report was 104.

The number of submissions where the authors asked to transfer the correspondence for their papers from *Econometrica* to *Quantitative Economics* decreased from 19 last year to 17 this year.

On the Associate Editors front, Peter Reinhard Hansen (University of North Carolina), Marcelo J. Moreira (Fundação Getúlio Vargas), Salvador Navarro (University of Western Ontario), Leeat Yariv (Princeton University) have rotated off. We have four new Associate Editors: Nagore Iriberry (University of the Basque Country), Michal Kolesár (Princeton University), Andrew Shephard (University of Pennsylvania), and Paolo Surico (London Business School).

Peter Arcidiacono's term as Co-Editor of *Quantitative Economics* ended on June 30, 2020. Peter has been an outstanding Co-Editor of QE since 2016, and the journal has greatly benefited from his energy, leadership, and thoughtfulness.

Limor Golan started her co-editorship beginning on July 1, 2020. Limor's broad expertise and perspective will be of great value to the journal.

TABLE 1. Status of manuscripts.

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

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

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

TABLE 3. Time to decision.

	Decisions on New Submissions			Decisions on Revisions			Decisions on All Papers		
	#	%	Cumulative %	#	%	Cumulative %	#	%	Cumulative %
In ≤ 1 months:	88	33%	33%	22	38%	38%	110	34%	34%
In 2 months:	9	3%	36%	8	14%	52%	17	5%	39%
In 3 months:	32	12%	48%	7	12%	64%	39	12%	51%
In 4 months:	46	17%	66%	8	14%	78%	54	17%	68%
In 5 months:	34	13%	79%	7	12%	90%	41	13%	81%
In 6 months:	27	10%	89%	3	5%	95%	30	9%	90%
In 7 months:	12	5%	93%	2	3%	98%	14	4%	94%
In 8 months:	8	3%	96%	0	0%	98%	8	2%	97%
In > 8 months:	10	4%	100%	1	2%	100%	11	3%	100%
Total:	266			58			324		

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.

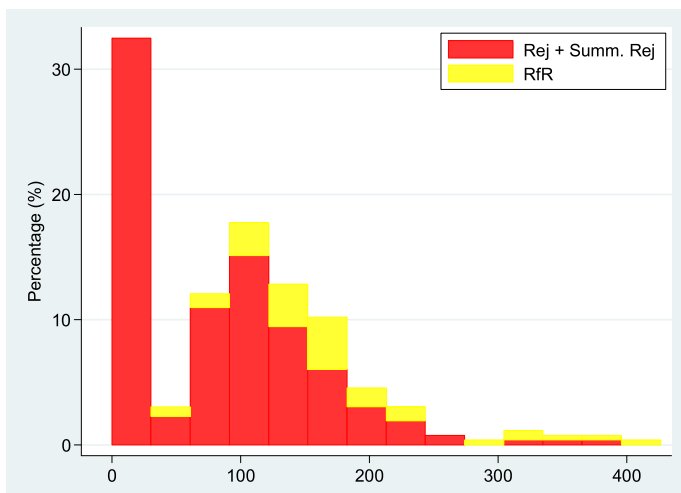


FIGURE 1. Statistics on Paper Handling

Average Days to First Decision: 96

Median Days to First Decision: 96

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, 2019–June 30, 2020.

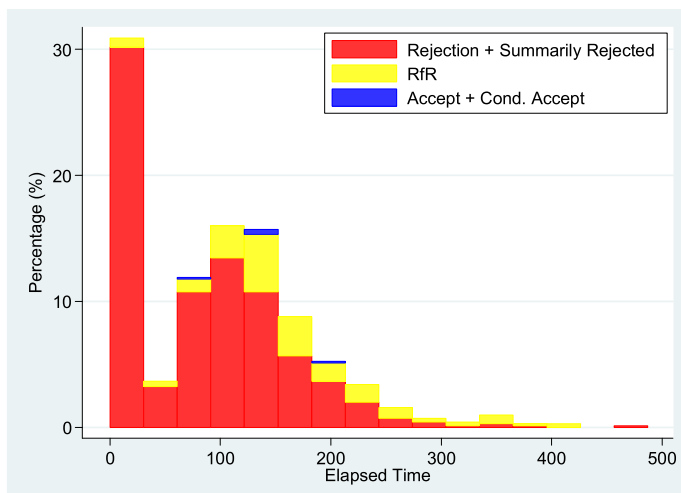


FIGURE 2. All decisions made during reported years 2017–2020

Average Days to First Decision: 98

Median Days to First Decision: 99

The above bar chart gives data on the time to first decision for decisions made during July 1, 2017–June 30, 2020.