

Environmental & Resource Economics

Report to the EAERE General Assembly

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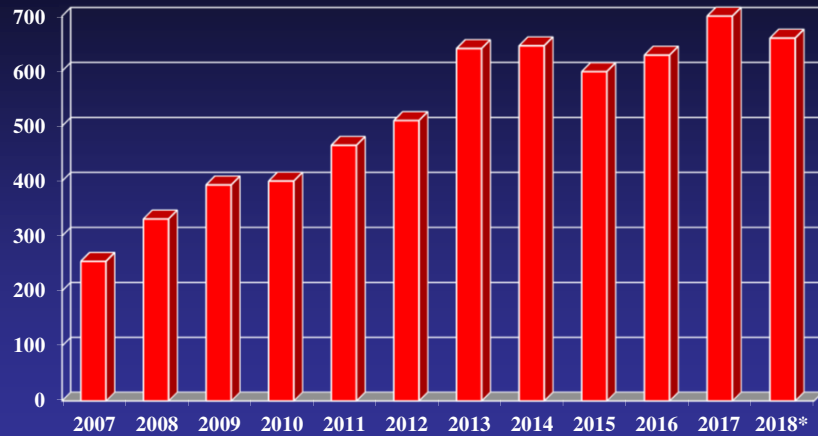
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Editorial Objective:

To develop the quality and international standing of the journal

Results: Submission Numbers



Strong & sustained growth in submissions

Once the post-WCERE bulge in submissions arrives this is likely to be the highest total to date

* Based on submissions to 20/6/18

Growth in international submissions

Year	Countries submitting to ERE
2007	41
2008	42
2009	49
2010	54
2011	57
2012	70
2013	61
2014	66
2015	58
2016	65
2017	68

A truly international journal

Second highest ever number of countries submitting to ERE

The USA and China remain the top two submitting countries followed by European nations and Australia.

However we now get substantial numbers of submissions from all continents

Journal Turnaround Time

Year	Average time between submission & first decision (days)
2012	116
2016	94
2017	84

This compares well to decision speeds in many economic journals

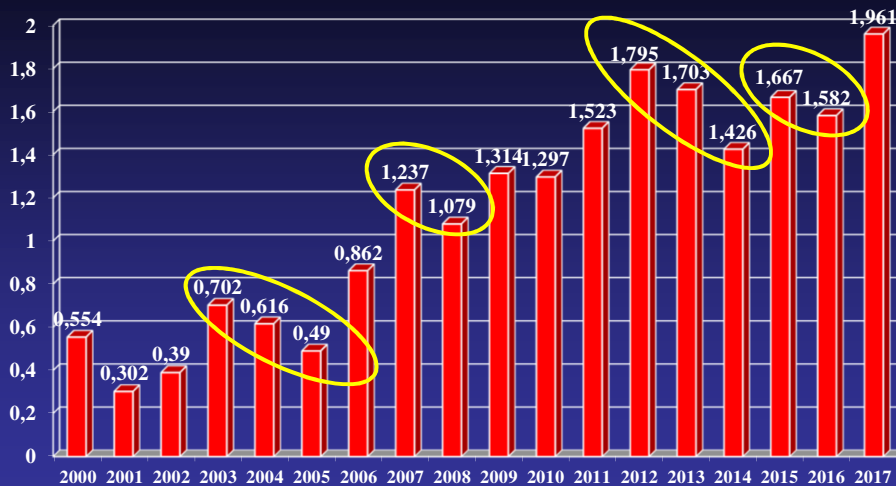
Disapproval Rate

Production turnaround times are sometimes affected by delays in handling proof corrections resulting in *proof rejections* (usually by the author, but sometimes by the Editor handling the proof). The figure indicates the disapproval rate for this journal. Springer has set the average for 2015 at 5%. Disapproval rates above 5% could be an indication for improving the proof turnaround times.

Authors' disapproval rate (2017)



ISI Impact Factor for *ERE*



- Highest ever Impact Factor
- Addressing backlog expands the journal & causes short term IF reductions
- Strong underlying growth

ISI Impact Factor (IF) Comparison

Journal Title	IF 2017
<i>Ecological Economics</i>	3.895
<i>JEEM</i>	2.635
<i>Environmental & Resource Economics</i>	1.961
<i>Resource and Energy Economics</i>	1.920
<i>Journal of Public Economics</i>	1.905
<i>Land Economics</i>	1.500
<i>Journal of Forest Economics</i>	1.408
<i>Environment and Development Economics</i>	1.264
<i>J. Agricultural and Resource Economics</i>	1.094

Editorial Board strategy

As before:

We should not accept papers just because there is nothing wrong with them; there also has to be something right with them!

They have to attract readers.

Summary

- ◆ Submissions growth is very strong.
- ◆ Download numbers are high and growing.
- ◆ Processing is generally rapid
- ◆ Quality measures such as impact factor at highest ever levels

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