

## **Report of the editors of JEEA for 2008**

### **Editorial Team**

The board during 2008 was made up of George-Marios Angeletos (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Orazio Attanasio (University College London), Fabio Canova (CREI and Universitat Pompeu Fabra), Roberto Perotti (Bocconi University) and Xavier Vives (IESE Business School and UPF).

Xavier Vives ended his term as editor at the end of 2008 and was replaced by Fabrizio Zilibotti (IEW, University of Zurich).

### **Submissions and decisions on articles in 2008**

A total of 387 papers were submitted in 2008 (up from 2007); 443 decisions were made in 2008. Of these, 383 were final decisions (39 papers accepted and 344 rejected). This is in line with 2007. (See Table 1).

About 70% of the final decisions were for papers submitted from Europe, while 25% were for papers submitted from North America (See Table 3). The percentage for Europe has decreased by 4.4 points compared to 2007.

In regard to field composition (according to standard JEL categories) of the 2008 submissions, we have the following pattern: microeconomics (16.1%), labor (14.8%) and public economics (9.1%) had the greatest submissions, followed by industrial organization, economic development and macroeconomics (see Table 7).

### **Acceptance rate and backlog**

The proportion of accepted papers was 10.2%, a slightly higher rate than in 2007 (Table 1). The expected publication lag after acceptance was about 14 months on average. The acceptance rate for papers submitted from Europe was 8.9 and the rate for North America was 15.5 (see Table 3). Over 40 final decisions on papers that went through a “revise and resubmit” process, 2 ended up being rejected (see Table 2).

### **Decision lags**

For decisions made in 2008, we calculated the mean time between when the papers were submitted and when the decisions were made. Here are some highlights; see Tables 4 and 5 for details. (We report also in parentheses the figures for 2007.) The mean decision time was 153 days (160 days) for rejections; for revise-and-resubmits it was 281 days (288 days), counting only the last such decision if there were more than one within the year. The distributions of time to a first decision on papers have been quite stable over the last years (see Table 6), except for the 2007 figures which were slightly higher than past years. In 2008 we improved the decision time and brought it to past years' figures. 34% of the first decisions were taken in three months or less, going up to 77% within six months.

### **Papers and Proceedings**

The statistics presented are for the regular editorial activity of the Journal. In addition, a special issue (numbers 2-3) was devoted to the Papers and Proceedings (P&P) of the XXII Annual Congress of the EEA. The Program Chairman of the Congress was Giancarlo Corsetti, who edited the issue in collaboration with the Co-editor of the Journal Fabio Canova. It contained 34 papers. This issue was printed 8 months after the conference.

### **Lectures**

Jordi Galí delivered the Fundación BBVA-JEEA Lecture “New Perspectives on Inflation and Unemployment: Pitfalls and Promises”, at the ASSA San Francisco Meeting in January 2009 and will deliver it also at the Fundación BBVA in Madrid in November.

### **Indexing of the Journal and impact factor**

JEEA is indexed back to inception in EconLit and EconPapers (RePEc) and since 2005 in the SSCI. For the first time JEEA was included in the Journal of Citation Reports (Social Science Citations Index, ISI Web of Knowledge) in 2008. The impact factor in 2007 for all papers published in JEEA in the years 2005 and 2006 was 0.87. The impact factor in 2008 for all papers published in JEEA in the years 2006 and 2007 went up to 1.36. Impact factors are calculated including the papers published in the P&P issue. The impact factor for regular papers in 2008 is estimated to be 1.66.

**Table 1****Submissions, decisions and acceptance rates**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of new submissions	389	320	336	423	374	387
Number of final decisions (D)	228	314	335	326	386	383
Number of accepted papers (A)	15	27	33	25	38	39
Acceptance rate (%) (D/A)	6,6	8,6	9,9	7,7	9,8	10,1

**Table 2****Breakdown of decisions (1<sup>st</sup> round and Revise and Resubmit)**

	Total decisions	On 1st round	After R&R	% of decisions over R&R
Accepted	39	1	38	95,00
Rejected	285	283	2	5,00
Summarily Rejected	59	59	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 3****Country breakdown of final decisions**

	Decisions				% of decisions per area			
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Europe</b>	260	235	288	269	77,6	72,1	74,6	70,2
<b>N. America</b>	6	64	76	97	19,1	19,6	19,7	25,3
<b>Other Areas</b>	11	27	22	17	3,3	8,3	5,7	4,4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

	Accepted				% accepted/total accepted				% accepted/decisions per area			
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2005	2006	2007	2008	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Europe</b>	22	19	27	24	66,7	76	71,1	61,5	8,5	8,1	9,4	8,9
<b>N. America</b>	11	6	10	15	33,3	24	26,3	38,5	17,2	9,4	13,2	15,5
<b>Other Areas</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	2,6	0,0	0,0	0	4,5	0,0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,9</b>	<b>7,7</b>	<b>9,8</b>	<b>10,2</b>

**Table 4****JEEA regular editorial activity in 2008**

		Status	No.		Time (days)			
					Mean	Min	Max	Std
Pending on January 1, 2008	164	1. Accept	39	Initial submission to Accept decision between Jan 1 and Dec 31, 2008 <sup>1</sup>	665	2	1421	289
		2. Reject	285	Initial submission to Reject decision between Jan 1 and Dec 31, 2008	153	7	644	85
		3. Summarily Reject (no referees consulted)	46	Initial submission to Summarily Reject decision (no referees consulted) between Jan 1 and Dec 31, 2008	24	3	77	16
New Submissions	387	4. Summarily Reject (referees consulted)	13	Initial submission to Summarily Reject decision (referees consulted) between Jan 1 and Dec 31, 2008	34	20	60	14
		5. Revise & Resubmit (R&R)	59	Initial submission to R&R decision between Jan 1 and Dec 31, 2008	281	76	1125	191
		6. Pending at December 31, 2008	164	Duration from initial submission to Dec 31, 2008	179	1	1429	223
Resubmissions	61	7. Withdrawn	0	Initial submission to withdrawal	-	-	-	-

**Table 5****Some elements of comparison 2008 vs. 2007**

	No.	Mean	Min	Max	Std
All submissions pending at Jan 1, 2007: duration from initial submission	159	170	1	1148	193
All submissions pending at Dec 31, 2007: duration from initial submission	164	179	1	1429	223
New submissions pending at Dec 31, 2007: duration from initial submission	67	162	10	415	96
Author's revision time: manuscripts R&R on Jan 1, 2007	83	599	13	1749	486
Author's revision time: manuscripts R&R on Dec 31, 2007	757	9	2114	626	82

<sup>1</sup> Note that this delay includes the time papers stay with authors for the requested revisions.

**Table 6****Time to First Decision, 2004-2008****Distribution of JEEA Editorial Lags between Receipt and First Decision**

Weeks to response	Cumulative decisions completed									
	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>0-5</b>	42	12%	46	14%	55	15%	51	13%	58	17%
<b>6-13</b>	114	32%	112	33%	113	31%	115	30%	116	34%
<b>13-25</b>	286	80%	265	78%	288	80%	268	69%	263	77%
<b>26-51</b>	351	98%	335	99%	356	99%	378	98%	339	99%
<b>52-</b>	359	100%	340	100%	359	100%	386	100%	343	100%
<b>Mean</b>	18.60		17,81		17.21		21.39		18.41	
<b>Median</b>	17.3		16		16		19.60		16.57	

**Table 7****Breakdown of submitted papers in 2008 by field**

JEL Categories		% over total submissions		
		2006	2007	2008
D	Microeconomics	6,2	11,8	16,1
J	Labor and Demographic Economics	18,3	15,8	14,8
H	Public Economics	7,6	8,8	9,1
L	Industrial Organization	10,9	13,9	8,8
O	Economic Development, Technological Change, and Growth	5,2	5,3	8,8
E	Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics	15,4	12,8	7,7
C	Mathematical and Quantitative Methods	4	2,1	6,7
G	Financial Economics	9,3	7,8	6,2
F	International Economics	8,6	8,3	6,0
I	Health, Education and Welfare	5,2	5,1	5,7
K	Law and Economics	1,9	1,1	3,4
P	Economic Systems	2,9	1,6	2,1
R	Urban, Rural and Regional Economics	0,5	1,3	1,6
Q	Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics	0,7	1,3	1,0
M	Business Administration and Business Economics; Marketing; Accounting	1,4	0,5	1,0
A	General Economics and Teaching	0	1,6	0,5
Z	Other	1,9	0	0,5
N	Economic History	0	0,5	0,0