

Annual Editor Report

Journal of Information Systems

For the Year Ending December 31, 2018

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I. INTRODUCTION

The *Journal of Information Systems (JIS)* is the academic journal of the Accounting Information Systems (AIS) Section of the American Accounting Association (AAA). *JIS*, founded in 1987, publishes high-quality, leading-edge research that advances AIS knowledge. The journal takes a wide view of the field of AIS, maintains an interdisciplinary perspective, and is open to a large variety of relevant research topics and methods.

The current editorial team of *JIS* consists of two senior editors: Alexander Kogan and Patrick Wheeler, and eight editors: Renata Paola Dameri, Graham Gal, Gregory Gerard, Diane Janvrin, Robert Pinsker, Rajendra P. Srivastava, Carla Wilkin, and David Wood. This editorial team started handling new *JIS* submissions on January 1, 2017, and has responsibility for the *JIS* issues published in 2018–2020.

II. EDITORIAL PROCESS

After an article is submitted, the *JIS* editorial office assigns it to one of the two senior editors (on the basis of the article's research method) who then assigns one of the eight editors to handle the submission. The senior editors assign the editor who has the most expertise to handle the submitted paper, while at the same time attempting to balance the workload of the editors. In some special circumstances, the assigned senior editor may also fulfill the role of the editor. The editor then assigns at least two confidential reviewers who will be asked to accept this assignment in double-blinded manner. The reviewers are asked to complete their reviews within 30 days. The *JIS* editorial system will generate reminders in case the reviews are late. After the reviews are received, the assigned editor will make the accept/revise/reject decision on the basis of those reviews. If necessary, additional reviews may be solicited at this stage to provide more input to the editor's decision.

III. NEW AND ONGOING INITIATIVES

In 2018, the journal published three issues with 21 articles. The journal continued to place emphasis on generating high quality submissions through research conferences and special issues. The 2018 *JIS* conference devoted to cloud computing generated significant interest, and the conference, which took place on March 15-16, 2018, was an overwhelming success. The journal received many high quality submissions for the special theme issue on cybersecurity (that had the submission deadline of March 31, 2018). Another important initiative was the preparation for a special theme issue on blockchain technology in accounting and auditing (with the submission deadline of March 31, 2019). The journal will continue these activities.

One major change regarding the journal research conference was the decision by the Publications Committee of the Accounting Information Systems section to make the conference a special track of the midyear meeting, starting with the January 2019 meeting. *JIS* research conference submissions will be generally due about a month before the regular meeting submission deadline, and will be open to all the relevant topics. The papers accepted for the conference will have to be suitable for *JIS* publication subject to minor revisions after the conference. As before, the *JIS* conference submissions will be handled by two co-editors: one chosen from the standing editorial board and one chosen among well-known AIS researchers currently not serving as editors of *JIS*.

IV. MANUSCRIPT FLOW AND PUBLICATION STATISTICS

In 2018, the journal received 67 new submissions and 87 resubmissions. All the new submissions were handled by the new editorial team, while resubmissions mostly stayed with the editors who originally handled them (with few exceptions when new editors had to take over if the previous editors could not continue handling the process).

Table 1 shows the number of papers submitted to *Journal of Information Systems* for the period from 2014 to 2018.

TABLE 1
Annual Activity Summary—For the Journal Year

Year	Manuscripts In-Process, Beginning of Year	New Submissions Received	Resubmissions Received	Manuscripts Available for Evaluation	Decision Letters Sent	Manuscripts In-Process, End of Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)+(b)+(c) = (d)	(e)	(d)–(e) = (f)
2018	31	67	87	185	152	33
2017	31	62	89	182	151	31
2016	24	65	67	157	126	31
2015	32	61	93	187	163	24
2014	39	85	79	203	171	32

(a) Includes submissions in the editor's hands, but excludes revise and resubmit editorial decisions in authors' hands.

(b) New manuscripts, excluding resubmissions.

(c) Resubmissions of previous revise and resubmit editor decisions.

(d) Evaluation means all actions by referees, associate editor, and/or editor are complete and the manuscript has been returned to the authors.

(e) Manuscripts processed with a decision returned to the author, including manuscripts returned by the editor without involving referees.

(f) Submissions where a decision has not yet been sent to the author (note that in-process excludes revise and resubmit editorial decisions that are now in the authors' hands).

Table 2 shows acceptance and rejection rates for the period from 2014 to 2018.

TABLE 2
Annual Outcome Summary—By Journal Year Annual Cohort

Year	New Submissions Received	Number of Rejections	Percentage of Rejections	Number of Papers in Process	Percentage in Process	Number of Acceptances	Percentage of Acceptances
	(a)	(b)	(c) = b)/(a)	(d)	(e)=(d)/(a)	(f)	(g)=(f)/(a)
2018	67	29	43%	36	54%	2	3%
2017	62	26	42%	17	27%	19	31%
2016	65	34	52%	3	5%	28	43%
2015	61	32	52%	0	0%	29	48%
2014	85	60	71%	0	0%	25	29%

(a) Number of submitted manuscripts from that year's cohort

(b) Number of rejected manuscripts from that year's cohort

(c) Percent of rejected manuscripts from that year's cohort

(d) Number of manuscripts still being evaluated (no report yet, revise, resubmit)

(e) Percent of manuscripts from that year's cohort still being evaluated

(f) Number of accepted manuscripts from that year's cohort

(g) Percent of accepted manuscripts from that year's cohort

While the journal makes the utmost effort to complete the reviewing cycle as fast as possible, many reviewers submit their reviews later than the 30-day deadline, and this leads to a longer median time to the first decision, which was 74 days in 2018. The median time to the final decision was 165 days.

In 2018, no papers were accepted in the first or second rounds of review, that is every paper went through three or more rounds of review before it was accepted for publication. The first round of review resulted in about 43% of papers rejected, while the remaining 57% of papers received a revise and resubmit decision.

JIS has established itself as a highly reputable scholarly journal in the general accounting field, and the premier journal in AIS. In 2018, it has the fifth highest CiteScore (2.54) among the AAA journals. The journal reach is not limited to the U.S. researchers, as almost one fifth of the journal authors are from other countries. *JIS* ranks as A (second on a five-point scale) on the widely followed Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) journal list.

The articles published in the journal receive significant attention online, judging by the almost 73,000 downloads from the AAA Digital Library and content aggregators. In 2016, *JIS* was accepted into the Emerging Sources Citation Index (Web of Science).

For additional journal data and citation analysis, see the December 2018 *Journal of Information Systems* Journal Information Packet, <https://aaajournals.org/userimages/ContentEditor/1557499519408/JIS-Info-Packet-2018-EOY-FINAL.pdf>.

APPENDIX A

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