

editorial

Submission results for 2005

Scientific journals increasingly make yearly reports to their readers on the numbers of papers submitted, rejected, and accepted. We last offered these statistics in the *Journal of Gambling Issues* (*JGI*) for 2003–2004 (see http://www.camh.net/egambling/issue13/jgi_13_intro.html, with an explanation of how the peer-review process functions at the *JGI*), and we offer them again for 2005. They provide a benchmark against which we will judge our future publications.

You may wonder why we are not publishing statistics for 2006. This is because the peer-review process usually takes longer than 6 months, so many papers submitted at the end of last year are still in review.

In summary, in 2005, 25 papers were submitted for peer review to the *JGI*. Of these, 16% (4 papers) were rejected by the editor upon submission (for lack of scientific value or poor research design, and for copying already-published graphics without permission). Another 16% (4 papers) were rejected by the reviewers, while 12% (3 papers) of papers were not rewritten after peer review, another 12% were withdrawn by the author (the author felt that the peer-review process was unfair, or decided to publish elsewhere, or felt that other published work had rendered the paper redundant), and 44% (11 papers) were accepted for publication. The latter statistic compares with an acceptance rate of 39% for 2003–2004. We see two factors reflected here. One is that we now receive more papers of higher quality and so more are accepted. The other is that authors are more willing to write revised versions, for in 2003–2004 about one third of authors did not respond with a second version after peer review—a figure that dropped to 12% for 2005.

We hope that what you find in the *JGI* is of value to you in understanding the place of gambling in our world.

We welcome your comments.

Reference

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