

European Accounting Review

Editor's report on the year 2011

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I. The 2011 volume (Vol. 20)

In 2011 four issues were produced (the normal number). As pursued, during the past years, the issues of the journal were published within schedule and included:

- 2 Editorials,
- 1 Debate Forum on Successful Research (4 pieces),
- 17 main articles,
- 1 Special Section
- 1 introductory piece to the Special Section
- 12 book reviews

In Number 4, 2011 the Special Section on “Accounting in Emerging and Transitional Economies” was published (guest editors: Mahmoud Ezzamel and Jason Xiao). It consisted of an introductory piece and four regular articles (a fifth article will be published in Number 1, 2012).

II. Editorial policy

During 2011 the journal faithfully continued to implement its aims and scope as defined in 2000. It is:

“European Accounting Review is the international scholarly journal of the European Accounting Association. Devoted to the advancement of accounting knowledge, it provides a forum for the publication of high quality accounting research manuscripts. The journal acknowledges its European origins and the distinctive variety of the European accounting research community. Conscious of these origins, European Accounting Review emphasises openness and flexibility, not only regarding the substantive issues of accounting research, but also with respect to paradigms, methodologies and styles of conducting that research.”

III. Submissions (January 1-October 31)

European Accounting Review received 291 regular submissions during the period January 1-October 31. As per the transition agreement with Editor Laurence Van Lent, submissions received after such date were handled from Tilburg.

For comparison purposes, submissions received in 2010, **259**; 2009, **222**; 2008, **204**; 2007, **191**; 2006, **159**; 2005, **127**; 2004: **123** submissions). In 2010,

additionally, we have processed 43 manuscripts for publication consideration for the Special Section on *Accounting and Reporting in Family Firms*.

Considering regular submissions, EAR remained highly international (see accompanying statistics).

IV. Editorial feedback

I would like to warmly thank associate editors under my term for their exceptional commitment to the journal. I feel privileged for the opportunity of counting on the scholarship of such high-profile team to run the journal. I am also most grateful to editorial board members and referees for their constructive feedback.

In 2011, turnaround times for editorial feedback to authors were as follows (data for 2010 are shown for comparative purposes):

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
1-8 weeks	12 %	17%
9-16 weeks	66 %	50 %
17-n weeks	22%	33 %
Range (in weeks):	1-30	1-31
Average (in weeks):	13	14

The above data do not comprise desk rejections, whose average turnaround was seven days as in 2010 and 2009.

In 2010, the number of editorial letters was 279*. For reference: 2010, **238**; 2009, **219**; 2008, **228**; 2007, **223**; 2006, **129**; 2005: **134**).

V. Indexing.

The Journal of Citation Reports released in 2011 its impact factor and half-cited life measures for 2010. For *European Accounting Review*, the results were as follows (data for 2009 and 2008 are shown for comparative purposes):

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Impact Factor	0.63	0.96	1.47
Half-Cited Life	7.8	7.3	7.1

As shown above, the Impact Factor of *European Accounting Review* has increased in 2010 and it now gets close to 1.5. Impact factors, though, are highly volatile, especially for journals that recently got indexed in the Social Sciences Citation Index, and hence caution is advised at the time of evaluating these results. However, these results do suggest that there exist good opportunities for a high-quality international and generalist journal in accounting, such as *European Accounting Review*. In this respect, pursuance of tolerance in the

*As in previous years, this figure refers to letters issued by the editor.

editorial policy towards various research paradigms and methods of conducting research will definitely make *European Accounting Review* a “first choice” journal.

