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Since January 2012, we have been suggesting a 30-days deadline to the referees. We have also adopted a screening process to determine whether a paper is to be considered as an academic paper or a professional paper. This screening is done by the director of the review and the editor-in-chief.

The list of the editorial board members has also been enlarged to reflect the international orientation of the journal. More than 50% of the international committee members are from European universities. The correspondence is managed by the main office at HEC Montréal or by the director.

PUBLICATIONS STATISTICS

Table 1 provides the historical summary of statistics since 2005. The number of submissions remains low since 2005 and for the past few years the acceptance rate is around 75% for academic papers and 80% for professional papers.

The table provides the international publication rates. A paper is considered international if the affiliation of the corresponding author is outside Canada. Statistics highlight the international status of the journal. The last column shows the statistics on papers published in English showing the bilingual status of the journal.

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Year	Volume	Nb of papers	Nb of pages	Foreign papers	Papers in english
2005	73	29	575	3 (10%)	8 (28%)
2006	74	26	624	6 (23%)	4 (15%)
2007	75	22	588	4 (18%)	3 (14%)
2008	76	22	472	5 (23%)	4 (18%)
2009	77	16	386	4 (25%)	5 (31%)
2010	78	16	401	4 (25%)	4 (25%)
2011	79	13	380	4 (30%)	3 (23%)

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