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Scientific Advisory Board

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ERE

- **ERE:** The official journal of EAERE
- **Field:** Economic theory and methods as applied to environmental issues and problems
- **Objective:** To further develop its standing as an international quality journal

Achieving Quality: Objectives

- Publish high quality, interesting papers
- Increase readership
- Attract high quality authors
- High submission numbers
- Healthy rejection rate
- Improve the journals' international appeal
- Ensure a dynamic Editorial team
- Reduce throughput time

Results: Submission Numbers

Submissions up by more than 65%

Raising Quality: Rejection rate (%)

Since 1999 the rejection rate has more than doubled to 64%

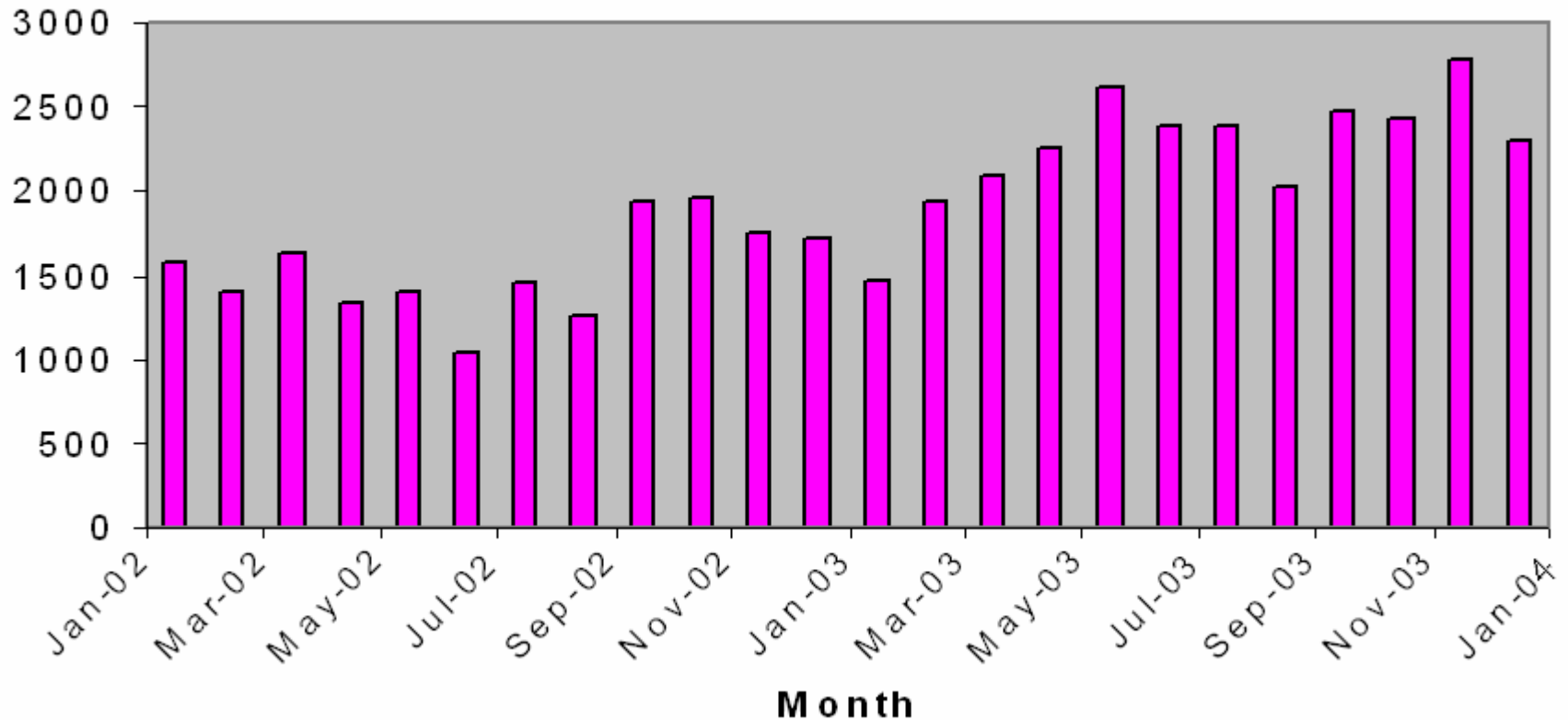
ERE: Publishing interesting papers that people
want to read

Downloads from the journal website

With its electronic download facilities, the journal website at kluweronline.com is proving very successful in promoting access to the journal and raising exposure for published papers

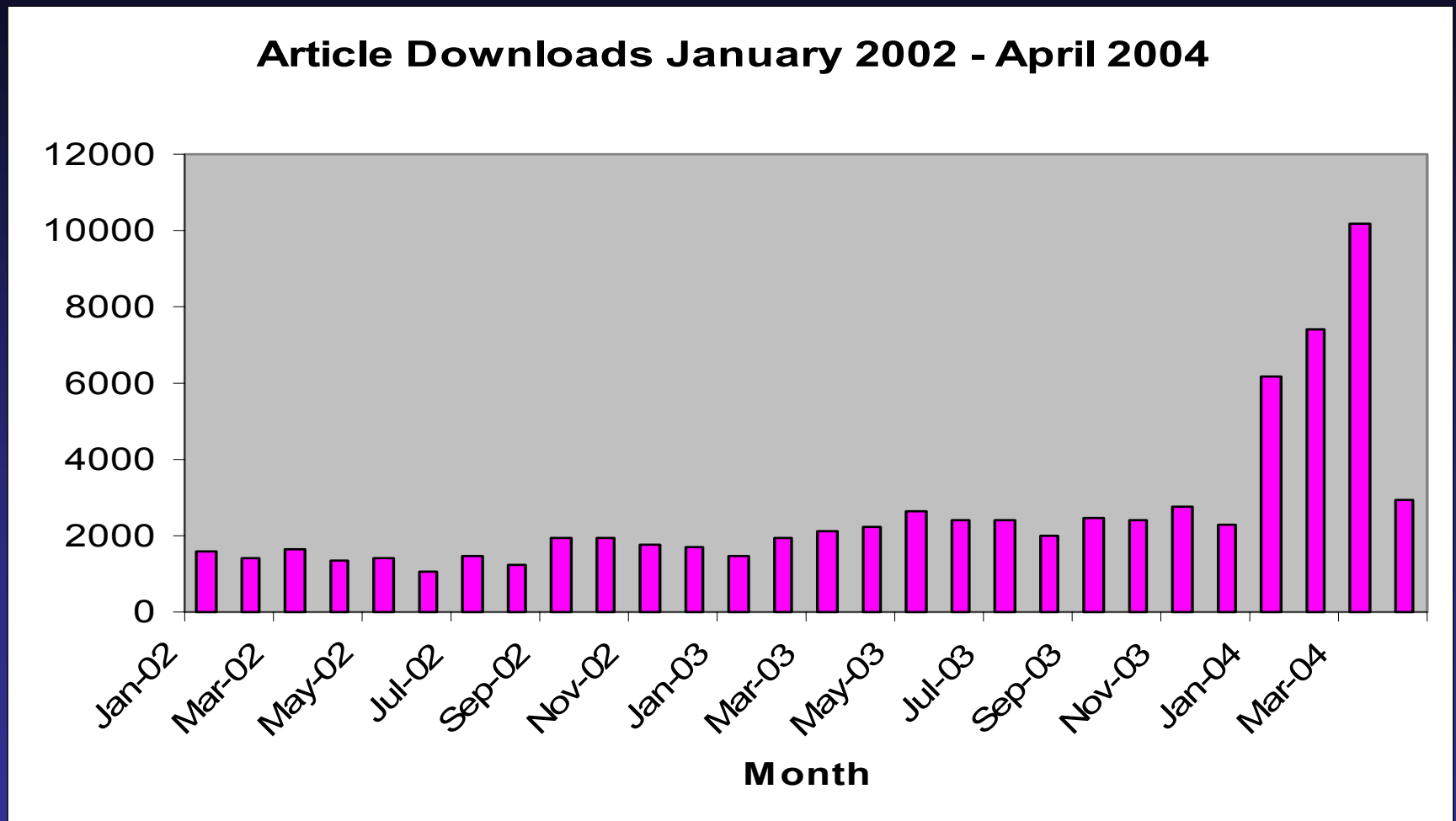
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Article Downloads January 2002 - December 2003



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Promotional period: Free downloads Jan-March 2004



The publishers are undertaking a large international promotional campaign for the journal

Growth in ERE downloads

- 18,454 downloads in 2002 (1,538 / month)
- 27,139 downloads in 2003 (2,262 / month)
 - an increase of 47% over the previous year
- 23,762 downloads in promotional period 1st Jan - 31st Mar 2004
(promotional period)
- Downloads in April 2004 alone were 2,931 / month
 - an increase of 47% over the previous year
 - an increase of 91% over 2002.

Top 10 ERE Downloads 2003-04 (total = 43,581)

1. Kenneth J. Arrow, Partha Dasgupta and Karl-Göran Mäler, “Evaluating Projects and Assessing Sustainable Development in Imperfect Economies”, *ERE*, 26-4, 2003.
2. Partha Dasgupta and Karl-Göran Mäler, “The Economics of Non-Convex Ecosystems: Introduction”, *ERE*, 26-4, 2003.
3. Richard T. Carson, Robert C. Mitchell, Michael Hanemann, et al., “Contingent Valuation and Lost Passive Use: Damages from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill”, *ERE*, 25-3, 2003.
4. Richard T. Carson, Nicholas E. Flores and Norman F. Meade, “Contingent Valuation: Controversies and Evidence”, *ERE*, 19-2, 2001.
5. Clas Eriksson and Joakim Persson, “Economic Growth, Inequality, Democratization, and the Environment”, *ERE*, 25-1, 2003.
6. Jérôme Chave and Simon Levin, “Scale and Scaling in Ecological and Economic Systems”, *ERE*, 26-4, 2003.
7. Ian J. Bateman, Andrew Jones, Andrew Lovett, et al., “Applying Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to Environmental and Resource Economics”, *ERE*, 22-1-2, 2002.
8. Anthony C. Fisher and Urvashi Narain, “Global Warming, Endogenous Risk, and Irreversibility”, *ERE*, 25-4, 2003.
9. Geir B. Asheim, Wolfgang Buchholz and Cees Withagen, “The Hartwick Rule: Myths and Facts”, *ERE*, 25-2, 2003.
10. Twan Huybers and Jeff Bennett, “Environmental Management and the Competitiveness of Nature-Based Tourism Destinations”, *ERE*, 24-3, 2003.

Ongoing Initiatives: Attracting high quality authors

Authors of recent and forthcoming papers include:

Vic Adamowicz, Kenneth Arrow, Ed Barbier, Jeroen van den Bergh,
Buz Brock, Dan Bromley, Richard T. Carson,
Jean-Paul Chavas, Sir Partha Dasgupta, J.R. DeShazo,
Anthony Fisher, A. Myrick Freeman, Michael Hanemann,
Nick Hanley, Joseph Herriges, Michael Hoel, Michael Jones-Lee,
Daniel Kahneman, Larry Karp, Jack Knetsch, Graham Loomes,
John Loomis, Jordan Louviere, Karl-Göran Mäler, John
Pezzey, Till Requate, V. Kerry Smith, David Starrett, Chris
Starmer, Robert Sugden, Tim Swanson, Olli Tahvonen,
Richard Tol,, Anastasios Xepapadeas, Aart de Zeeuw, and
others.

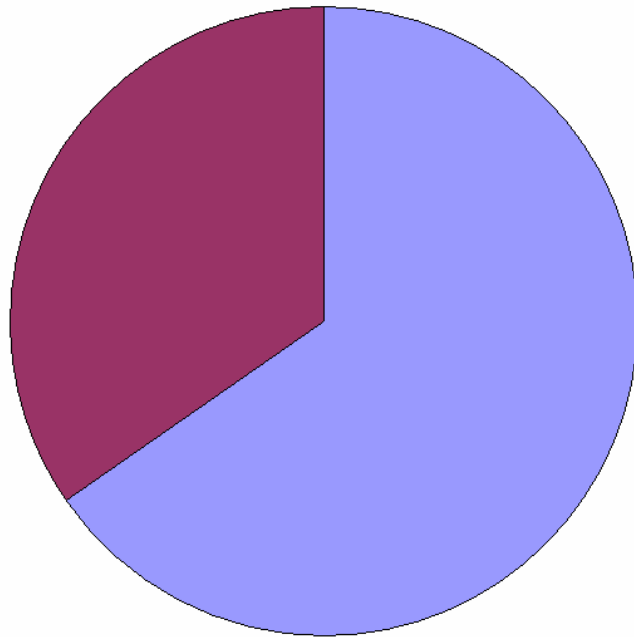
Ongoing Initiatives: Special Issues

- *Sustainable Resource Use and Economic Dynamics*: Lucas Bretschger (ETH Zurich) and Sjak Smulders (Tilburg)
- *Implementing Environmental Regulation*: Matti Liski (Helsinki) and John List (Maryland)
- *Environmental Decision-Making When Preferences are Inconsistent*: Robert Sugden (UEA)
- *Assessing Trends in State Preference Methods*: Vic Adamowicz (Alberta) and J.R. DeShazo (UCLA)
- *Economic Valuation of Health for Environmental Policy*: John List (Maryland)
- *Proposal: Energy and Climate (Bremen 2005)*: Frank Convery (Dublin) and Nick Hanley (Glasgow)

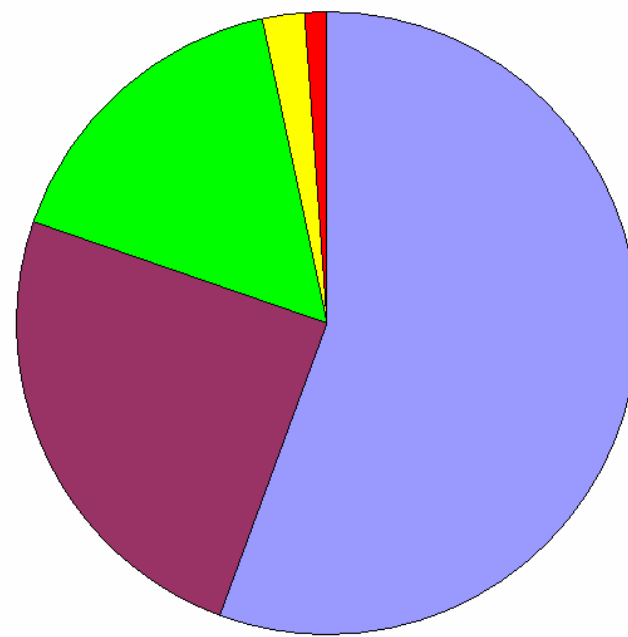
Raising the International Profile of *ERE*

ERE Papers by Country

1998



2003-04



■ Europe ■ Americas ■ Asia ■ Australasia ■ Africa & Middle East

Submissions by Country 2003-04

Europe	112	Americas	50
Austria	6	Chile	2
Belgium	2	USA/Canada	48
Denmark	5		
Finland	6	Asia	33
France	7	China (Rep of)	8
Germany	15	India	9
Greece	1	Japan	12
Hungary	1	Korea	3
Ireland	1	Malaysia	1
Italy	4		
Netherlands	13	Australasia	5
Norway	12	Australia	4
Poland	0	New Zealand	1
Spain	6		
Sweden	14	Africa/Mid-East	2
Switzerland	1	Cameroon	1
UK	18	Israel	1

ERE Development

Creating a Dynamic and Enthusiastic Editorial Team

Changes to the Managerial Board

New appointments:

- Frank Convery (EAERE President)
- Alistair Munro
- Gregory L. Poe
- Daniel Rondeau
- Sjak Smulders

ERE: New Managing Editorial Board

- **Kerry Turner** (UEA) Chief Editor: Waste management
- **Ian Bateman** (UEA) Executive Editor: Valuation, spatial modelling.
- **Frank Convery** (Dublin): EAERE President
- **Bengt Kriström** (Umäa): Green accounting, economic instruments.
- **Alistair Munro** (UEA): Welfare theory, household decision making.
- **Gregory Poe** (Cornell): Experimental economics, regulatory theory, agriculture.
- **Michael Rauscher** (Rostock): Trade, international issues, econometrics.
- **Daniel Rondeau** (Victoria): Resource economics
- **Sjak Smulders** (Tilburg): Growth, technical change and dynamic systems
- **Richard Tol** (Hamburg, Vrije & Carnegie Mellon): Climate change, energy.
- **Harmen Verbruggen** (Vrije): Policy instruments.
- **Tomasz Zylicz** (Warsaw): Pollution control policy & instruments, transitions.

Changes to the Scientific Advisory Board

New appointments:

- Anna Alberini
- Klaus Conrad
- W. Michael Hanemann
- Nick Hanley
- John List
- John Loomis
- Laura O. Taylor
- Alistair Ulph
- Anastasios Xepapadeas

Ongoing Initiatives: Publisher Activity

- With the cooperation of the publishers (Kluwer) we have increased page numbers (without cost to subscribers) to reduce publication waiting time. This currently stands at about 6-7 months from acceptance including typesetting, proof reading, etc.
- Kluwer are undertaking a major international marketing campaign promoting the journal and have boosted readership of the journal in its electronic form via a three month free access trial.
- Non-subscribers can now purchase papers via the journal web site.

Summary

- The journal is developing rapidly both in terms of key quality indicators (e.g. rejection rate doubled) and submissions (increased by more than 65%).
- The journal is attracting top-quality authors.
- The international profile of the journal is improving
- Electronic access is boosting readership of journal articles considerably.
- We have a dynamic and enthusiastic Editorial team.
- A number of ongoing initiatives seek to build upon this growth.