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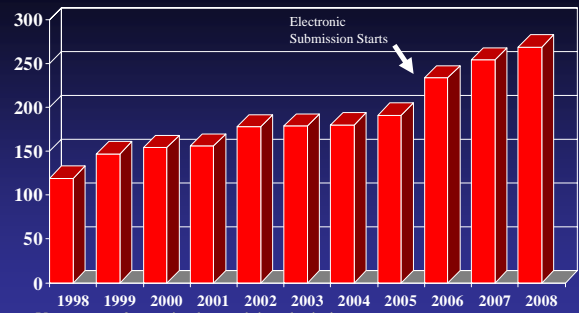
Report to the EAERE General Assembly

Ian J. Bateman, Joint Chief Editor

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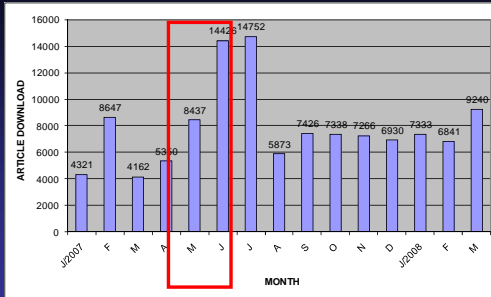
Results: Submission Numbers



- Very strong & sustained growth in submissions (up more than 125% over period)
- Switch to electronic system has given a further boost to growth (2008 rate is 41% higher than pre-electronic levels)

2008 figure based upon 119 submissions to 10th June 2008

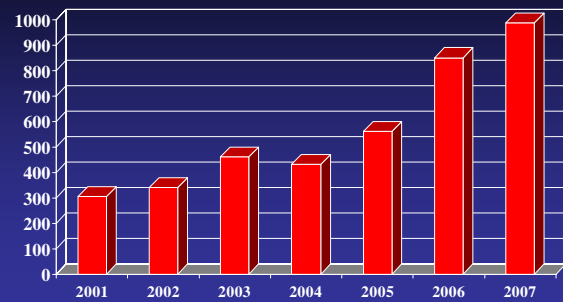
Download trends



- Total PDF Downloads 2002 < 20,000 (1,660/month)
- Total PDF Downloads 2007 = 94,928 (4,109/month) Free Trial
- Total PDF Downloads 2008 (JAN-MAR) = 23,414 (7,804/month)
- Usage has more than quadrupled since the start of the site in 2002

Total cites to all ERE papers each year

- Examines cites to ERE papers irrespective of the year of publication
- Calculated by summing the ISI total cites table.



- More than tripled over the period. Strong recent growth (129% since 2004).
- Higher growth rate than JEEM, Land Economics or Ecological Economics.

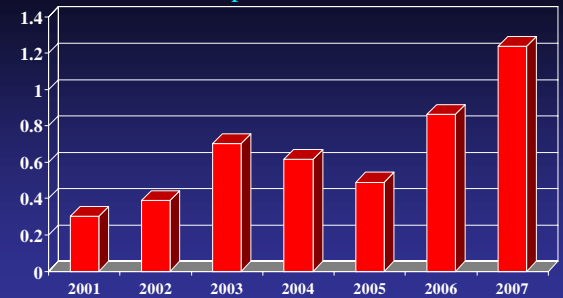
ISI Impact Factor

The ISI impact factor for 2007 was released earlier this month.

It is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Cites from all journals in 2007 to ERE papers published 2005-06}}{\text{Number of ERE papers published 2005-06}}$$

ISI Impact Factor for ERE



- 2005 impact factor diluted by lack of Special Issues in 2004 and an effort to clear a publication backlog.
- With this over, the most recent impact factor is the highest yet at 1.237
- This is more than four times the level of when ERE was first listed in 2001

ISI Impact Factor (IF) Comparison

Journal Title	IF
American Economic Review	2.239
Ecological Economics	1.549
JEEM	1.438
Environmental & Resource Economics	1.237
Journal of Risk & Uncertainty	1.122
Resource and Energy Economics	1.050
Land Economics	1.042
American Journal of Agricultural Economics	1.034
Journal of Agricultural Economics	1.000
Journal of Forest Economics	0.759
Australian Journal of Agricultural & Resource Economics	0.635
Agricultural Economics	0.603
Environment and Development Economics	0.595
Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics	0.380

Strategies for boosting citations

- Citations analysis to be conducted (e.g. which papers attract higher citation rates) for refining strategies to present to the Board.
- Special Issues remain a vital source of heavily cited papers. Suggestions for SI's are welcome.

Special Issues: 2007-09

Volume	Title	Guest Editors
2007 (36.1)	Sustainable Resource Use and Economic Dynamics	Lucas Bretschger & Sjak Smulders
2007 (37.1)	Environmental Economics & Policy: Essays in Honour of David Pearce	Ian Bateman, Edward B. Barbier & Scott Barrett
2008 (39.1)	Economic and Nature: Compatibility or Conflict?	Sir Partha Dasgupta FBA FRS
2009	New Frontiers in the Economics of Climate Change	Simon Dietz & David Maddison
2009	The Household, Gender, Children and Environmental Economics	Alistair Munro

Electronic ERE

- ◆ Journal website improved
 - ◆ Easier searching & access to back catalogue.
- ◆ Electronic submission/editing/review/revision system has:
 - ◆ Boosted submissions
 - ◆ Substantially reduced throughput time

Summary

- ◆ The switch to an electronic submission/review/editorial system has greatly improved throughput speed.
- ◆ Submissions growth has been very strong (more than doubled under present Editorial Board) and this has been further enhanced by the move to an electronic system.
- ◆ Quality measures such as rejection rates are at high levels.
- ◆ Strong growth in downloads.
- ◆ Very strong growth in total citations to stand at their highest level ever.
- ◆ The ISI impact factor has increased more than four-fold since the journal was first listed and is now at its highest level ever.
- ◆ A programme of measures is in place designed to maintain the growth of the journal.

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