Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to provide you the 2nd quarter update for 2016. I should state upfront that the boundaries of the quarters are not quite exact. The last set of data was based on the time period between Jan. 1st and April 5th. This latest data set covers the period between April 5th and June 30th.

2nd Quarter 2016 - New Submissions	
	counts
Total Received	**184**
Un-submitted after initial screening	41
Total Checked In (reached Editor Desk)	**143**
Special Reject (without review)	44
Special Accept (without review)	2
Awaiting Desk Review	29
Total Sent for Peer Review	**68**
In review	55
Decision made	**13**
Revision (Major or Minor)	5
Reject after review	4
Accept	4

As compared to the last quarter, total number of submission was about the same. The desk reject rate was a bit lower (31% as compared to 42% previously).

Below we are showing the data on review load distribution.

2nd Quarter 2016 - RE load distribution	
Total new RE assignments*	82
Assigned to managing editor as RE	12
Special submission categories	
Assigned to Brief Communications AE	4
Assigned to AIS AE	1
Assigned to Book Review AE	5
Assigned to Special Issue Guest Editor	1
Assigned to the rest of EB members	59

   *Does not include revised submissions; based on assignment date, not submission date.

About the same number of manuscripts has been sent out to editors for review as the last quarter (82 vs. 85 previously). There has been an improved distribution of manuscripts across members of the editorial board. In the last quarter 70 manuscripts were handled by

the editors and 12 had to be handled by the managing editor with support from me as special cases (12 vs. 25 last quarter).

I am happy to report that Philip Doty has taken charge of the AIS section of JASIST and he will be assisted in this task by Yang Zhang.   Both are new members of the JASIST board. To familiarize our readership and authors with our current editorial board, Julia and I have created a table containing brief descriptions of affiliations and interests of editors who regularly review articles and assist with editing the journal (see Appendix A). I would appreciate it if you could take a quick glance at the table and let us know of any changes you would like to see.   Our goal is to eventually create a version of this table which will be posted on our JASIST website.

I just returned from the ACM SIGIR Annual Conference and it was good to see several of you there! I got to talk to Elaine and Matt there and catch up on a few matters.   Thanks to Matt for emailing me several useful suggestions afterwards. One item I liked a lot is developing special "standing" tracks on key topics that are directly associated with the expertise and interests of current editors. We could advertise these special topic tracks in a similar way as special issues and in fact incorporate these into our JASIST website.   The goal is to have at least 5-6 such topical tracks, create a scope description for each topic, point to a few a "exemplar" papers that expand and elaborate on the topics, and invite submissions on the topics.   One or more members of the editorial board members could take charge of each topic.   Here is a nice example of a topical track which is supported by the Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research: http://www.jair.org/specialtrack-hcomp.html.

Some examples of track topics that are of immediate interest are the following:

1) Human-information interactions (see: http://sigir.org/chiir2016/), 2) Crowds, online networks, information sharing, and learning, 3) Balancing machine and human intelligence in information retrieval (see: http://www.humancomputation.com/2016/), and 4) Trust, credibility, and security in information sharing and retrieval. Please do note that it is not an exhaustive list; feel free to propose additional areas and I will consider them. Incidentally, if you know of colleagues working in these areas and would be interested in serving in the JASIST editorial board, please let me know their contact information.

We are planning to update the author-guidelines, particularly to clarify the following key items: 1) Format, 2) Scope of specific types of genres (e.g., Brief communication vs. Opinion paper), and 3) Conflict of interest.   Please feel free to make any suggestions regarding the guidelines. Our goal is to make the changes fairly soon (in about two weeks). I wish to keep additional changes to a minimum in the future.

Other News

The special issue on "Biomedical Information Retrieval", edited by Robert Moskovitch, Ben Gurion University, Israel, is shaping up well. We received 8 papers so far. I had a discussion with Steven Bedrick, Oregon Health and Science University, at the SIGIR

meeting, who was one of the key organizers of the Medical Information Retrieval Workshop. He expressed interest in encouraging some of the authors of workshop papers to submit to the special issue. Steven could potentially become a special issue editor in the future for another related topical area. I encourage you to "talk up" the potential of special issues among your colleagues and please ask them to contact me with ideas.

We are sponsoring the 4th Annual AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing, which will be held in Austin, TX this year (Matt is heavily involved with this event). As it is an important emerging area and intersects well with the interests of several editorial board members, I thought this would be a useful investment. For more details, please take a look at: http://www.humancomputation.com/2016/sponsors.html.

I was made aware by Jamshid Behesti (ASIST Board Representative in JASIST) that the proposal to hold a special session on "Meet the Editors" (of information science journals) to be held at the Annual ASIST Meeting was accepted! I plan to be there and we will hold our annual board meeting there. An invitation will be sent out to you regarding the board meeting in due course.

Conclusion

My heartfelt thanks to you for the hard work you do for JASIST. You are the backbone of JASIST and without your assistance it would be impossible to maintain the quality of the journal and to offer the contributions we make to our academic community.

Respectfully submitted,

Javed Mostafa

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Appendix A

Name	Primary Affiliation	Research Interests/Expertise
Bar-Ilan, Judit	Bar-Ilan University, Department of Information Science	Informetrics, IR and information behavior
Birnholtz, Jeremy	Northwestern University, School of Communication	HCI issues, such as attention, information sharing, and collaboration through the use of technology.
Bornmann, Lutz	Max Plank Society, Division of Science and Innovation studies	Bibliometrics, Scinetometircs, Altmetrics
Boyack, Kevin	SciTech Maps, Inc.	Information visualization and classification
Camp, Jean	Indiana University - Bloomington, School of Informatics and Computing	Privacy and security issues, particularly intersection of security and economics
Case, Donald	University of Kentucky, College of Communication and Information	Information behavior, social and educational informatics
Chen, Hsinchun	University of Arizona, MIS Department	Knowledge Management, AI, cybersecurity
Cheshire, Coye	UC Berkeley, School of Information	Computer-mediated communication, particularly collaboration and social dynamics in online environments
Collins-Thompson, Kevyn	University of Michigan, School of Information	Intelligent information systems, educational informatics, mobile technologies
Dirndorfer Anderson, Theresa	University of Technology Sydney	Decision making, interactive IR and e-scholarship
Doty, Philip	UT Austin, School of Information	Social informatics and information policy, including copyright, privacy, government policy and digital libraries
Efron, Miles	U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, School of Information Sciences	IR and information filtering with emphasis on digital repositories and social media
Giovanello, Kelly	UNC at Chapel Hill, Departent of Psychology and Neuroscience	Cognitive neuroscience with emphasis on human learning and memory; use of neuroimaging methods in research
Goker, Ayse	Robert Gordon University, School of Computing	Personalized and contextualized IR, mobile information system
Haythornthwaite, Caroline	Syracuse University, School of Information Studies	Computer-mediated communications for work, learning and social interactions; social network analysis; online communities
Hendry, David	University of Washington, Information School	Design of Information systems with emphasis on human values in design process
Hjørland, Birger	University of Copenhagen, Royal School of Library and Information Science	Knowledge Organization, Domain Analysis, Information Science theory

Ingwersen, Peter	University of Copenhagen, Royal School of Library and Information Science	Information Seeking, Interactive IR, Scientometrics, Webometrics
Jansen, Bernard	Pennsylvania State University, College of Information Science and Technology	Information Seeking, particularly web searching
Kurtz, Michael	Harvard University, Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics	Bibliometrics, Scientometrics
Lam, Wai	Chinese University of Hong Kong, Department of Systems Engineering and Management	Text Mining and Machine learning; intelligent information retrieval
Lariviere, Vincent	University of Montreal, School of Library and Information Science	Bibliometrics, Scholarly Communications
Larson, Ray	UC Berkeley, School of Information	IR system design and evaluation
Lease, Matthew	UT Austin, School of Information	Crowdsourcing, IR and NLP
Li, Hang	Huawei Technologies, Inc., Hong Kong	IR, NLP, Data Mining and Machine Learning
Liddy, Elizabeth	Syracuse University, School of Information Studies	IR, NLP, Data Mining
Lioma, Christina	University of Copenhagen, Department of Computer Science	IR and NLP; computational linguistics
Lueg, Christopher	University of Tasmania, School of Engineering & ICT	HCI, information visualization, info system design
Marchionini, Gary	UNC at Chapel Hill, School of Information and Library Science	HCI, information seeking
Meho, Lokman	American University of Beirut, University Libraries and Department of Political Studies	Bibliometrics and Scientometrics, Scholarly Communication and Network Analysis
Mitra, Prasenjit	Pennsylvania State University, College of Information Science and Technology	Applied Machine Learning, Bid Data and Visual Analytics
Nov, Oded	NYU, School of Engineering	HCI and social computing; CSCW
Payne, Philip	Washington University in Saint Louis, Institute for Informatics	Biomedical informatics, HCI
Rieh, Soo Young	University of Michigan, School of Information	Information behavior, particularly information seeking
Rubel, Alan	University of Wisconsin - Madison, School of Library and Information Studies	Information Ethics and policy, privacy, information laws

Ruthven, Ian	University of Strathclyde, Department of Computer and Information Sciences	IR and Information seeking.
Sandvig, Christian	University of Michigan, School of Information	ICT infrastructure and public policy
Sawyer, Steven	Syracuse University, School of Information Studies	Social informatics, information systems
Seki, Kazuhiro	Konan University, Faculty of Intelligence and Informatics	IR, NLP & Machine learning, particularly as they apply to intelligent information system
Shrihari, Rohini	Universit at Buffalo SUNY, Department of Computer Science and Engineering	AI, Multilingual Text and Social Media Mining,
Sonnenwald, Diane	University College Dublin,	Collaboration technologies, information behavior, information technology design and use
Sugimoto, Cassidy	University of Indiana Bloomington, School of Informatics and Computing	Scientometrics and informetrics, Scholarly communication
Thelwall, Mike	University of Wolverhampton, School of Mathematics and Computing	Scientometrics, Webometrics, altmetrics, sentiment analysis
Toms, Elaine	Sheffield University, Management School	Human information interaction, particularly information seeking and decision science
Twidale, Michael	U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, School of Information Sciences	HCI, CSCW, system design
van Eck, Nees Jan	Leiden University, Center for Science and Technology Studies	Bibliometrics and Scientometrics
Vydiswaran, V.G.Vinod	University of Michigan, School of Information	NLP, text and data mining, machine learning applications in Medical and Health Informatics ,
Weigle, Michele	Old Dominion University, Department of Computer Science	Web Science, Digital Preservation, Information Visualization, Mobile Computing, Wireless Networks
West, Jevin	University of Washington, Information School	Information visualization, mapping, bibliometrics and scientometrics
Wolfram, Dietmar	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, School of Information Studies	IR, Bibliometrics and informetrics, Scholarly Communication, user studies and simulations
Wouters, Paul	Leiden University, Center for Science and Technology Studies	Scientometrics, scholarly communication
Zhang, Xiaolong (Luke)	Pennsylvania State University, College of Information Science and Technology	HCI, virtual environments, information visualization
Zhang, Yan	UT Austin, School of Information	Information behavior and information use