

System Dynamics Review Executive Editor's Report Summer 2001

1. My apologies, pressures of time have prevented me compiling a full report for this meeting, and from attending the conference this year.
2. **Article backlog.** At the present time the backlog of accepted articles is quite healthy. Issue 17:3 – the special issue on *Consulting and Practice* is in press. Three articles have been accepted for 17:4, and assuming there will be a paper from the 2001 JW Forrester prize winner, then this issue is complete. Without having all the data to hand, the flow of papers in the pipeline also looks quite healthy. The fast-track refereeing exercise at last year's conference did boost the situation, although a couple of authors reneged on submitting a final version after referees' reports were received. I would like to thank the authors and referees who responded to this situation.
3. **Consulting and Practice special issue.** This issue proved to be a major headache. The guest editor attracted a number of submissions, but apparent work and other pressures meant he was then very slow in progressing them into the refereeing cycle, and contact was actually lost for some time. Eventually the EE had to take over this issue and trace back through the system, only to find that a number of people originally named as referees had not actually received anything to review. Thanks again to additional referees prepared to do a full review in double-quick time, the situation was retrieved and a full issue was eventually submitted to the publisher in good time.
4. **Special Issue 2002.** Carmine Bianchi is guest editing a special issue in 2002 on *Applications in SMEs and other Smaller Organisations*. Paper flow has been modest to date, and support and exhortations to potential authors to submit would be greatly welcomed. Carmine would also welcome offers from people with experience/interest in this topic to act as referees.
5. **Further special issues.** Proposals/ideas for future specials have been on *Environmental and Resource Modelling* (Bob Cavana and Andy Ford) and *Information Systems* (Dbembe Williams and Geoff Coyle). Both proposals are potentially very interesting issues, and include experienced editors in the guest editing team. However, I have deferred a decision on these to my successor.
6. **Page Extent.** At the present time, the page extent for Volume 17 appears to be on course to be close to the annual maximum budget, which was increased to 448pp (4x112) from Volume 16 onwards. (Note, this includes all pages, not just the page numbered contents.)
7. **Valediction.** Being Executive Editor of the Review has been a very interesting, and for the most part enjoyable experience. However, without the outstanding support received from Andy, Jac, Yaman, and Erich, as the major section editors, and others it would have been neither. I would like this last report again to formally record my thanks to them, also to the News and Reviews editors, and to all the unnamed referees, and ask that they continue to support my successor to the same extent. Wileys have also been excellent publishers, and Diane Taylor and their various production people have been very supportive and understanding of SDR's needs and limitations. Many thanks.