

## *Editorial*

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Given the continuing pressures on academics to publish their research work in high quality publications, we find that authors are required to provide their institutions with increasingly more detailed information about the journals in which their papers appear. One frequently asked question relates to rejection rates. On average, fewer than fifty per cent of papers submitted to *ReCALL* are accepted. For example, in the current year 2005, 45 papers were submitted, of which 16 were published.

However, these figures apply only to first-time submissions and hide a sometimes lengthy review process: each paper is reviewed by at least two readers, working to the criteria laid down in the Notes for Contributors.<sup>1</sup> A few papers are accepted as they stand, or with very minor alterations, but more often suggestions for improvement are provided by the readers and authors are then asked to submit a revised version. If the changes required are extensive, the paper will then go through the review process again. From the feedback received from authors, this process is generally felt to be beneficial in producing a better finished article.

A geographical breakdown of published papers shows that more than half of them originate in European countries, but with a welcome proportion from North America, Australia, Japan and elsewhere.

Recent information from Cambridge University Press, providing figures for Table of Contents, Abstract and Fulltext views, shows an impressive increase in electronic usage of *ReCALL* over the past two years. The numbers of views for individual papers from 2001 have also been made available and, whilst we have no wish to join the trend for 'league tables', individual authors are welcome to contact me if they would like to know the figures for their own papers.

*ReCALL* has now been published by CUP for five years and, whilst subscription figures are lower than originally forecast, it is hoped that recent trends in institutional consortia sales – libraries grouping together to form consortia and negotiating online

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1. [www.eurocall-languages.org/recall/index.html](http://www.eurocall-languages.org/recall/index.html)

access to a publisher's entire list of journals, for all the libraries within each consortium – will boost circulation. Good news for authors and readers alike is that from 2007 there will be three issues each year instead of two, with a substantial increase in the overall number of pages. This should shorten the time-lag between submission and publication.

Both the continued emphasis on improving academic standards and the increased access to world-class scholarship (through electronic usage, consortia and more pages) should further raise the profile and impact of the journal.

The contents of this issue provide much food for thought, with Blended Learning high on the agenda. Please continue to submit your papers to *ReCALL*, and may we once again thank our dedicated team of reviewers, without whom it would be impossible to achieve the level of quality towards which we aspire.