



International Journal of Communication (IJOC) **Report: Our First Four Years**

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The *International Journal of Communication (IJOC)* was launched in January, 2007, as an online, open access, multi-media academic journal that adheres to the highest standards of peer review and engages established and emerging scholars from anywhere in the world. Our vision for the *International Journal of Communication* was to create an interdisciplinary journal that, while centered in communication, would be open and welcoming to contributions from the many disciplines and approaches that meet at the crossroads that is communication study. As we begin our fifth year, it is clear that we have achieved our goals, and that the Journal is more than meeting our expectations.

In this brief report, we would like to note some of the indicators of *IJoC's* performance, and to thank the scores of colleagues who have assisted us in our work. The data we report here are compiled from Volume 1, which launched January 2007, through Volume 4, which closed on December 31, 2010.

IJoC includes several categories of contributions: articles, which are subject to the standard conventions of scholarly peer review; book reviews, which are assigned, reviewed and edited by the Book Review Editors and the Journal Editors; and features, which allow us to take advantage of the possibilities afforded by online publication. Features include interviews, lectures, short critical and analytic articles, and other essays that do not fit the standard journal article contours, but that make valuable contributions to our common conversation.

From the start, we were asked about the possibility of including "special issues" on topics appropriate to the Journal, and we have been happy to accommodate such suggestions, provided the topic was appropriate and the guest editors committed to the standards we expect in *IJoC*. In Volume 1, for example, we included a Special Section on Net Neutrality, guest edited by John Peha, William Lehr and Simon Wilkie, that included an introduction by the guest editors and 15 articles by noted scholars. In Volume 3, we included a Special Section on Media Reform that included six articles. In order to more clearly identify these special sections, beginning in Volume 4, we created a distinct category, in addition to

Articles, Book Reviews, and Features, on "Special Sections," which included Special Sections on both Structural Media Pluralism and the Global Financial Crisis. We have other Special Sections currently underway that will appear in the current volume later this year.

We have also utilized the Features section for groups of articles that constitute special sections, such as a series of articles honoring our late colleague Roger Silverstone in Volume 1, and two special sections edited in collaboration with the Social Science Research Council: one on Academic Research and Communication Policy in Volume 2, and one on Making Research Matter, in Volume 4.

Now, for the numbers:

<i>IJoC Publications by Type</i>			
Year	Articles	Features	Book Reviews
2007	34	30	44
2008	42	13	20
2009	43	6	34
2010*	40*	23	33

* Includes 9 articles in new Special Section category.

<i>IJoC Submissions by Year (All Sections)</i>	
2006	55*
2007	158
2008	169
2009	211
2010	290

* Articles submitted prior to journal launching.

<i>IJoC Acceptance Percentages by Year*</i>	
Year	Acceptance
2006	69%*
2007	45%
2008	33%
2009	25%
2010	12%

* Many in the initial pool were solicited.

IJoC has received submissions from 58 countries. The top countries of origin are the United States (51%), India (9%), the United Kingdom (5%), Australia (3%), China (3%), Canada (2%), and Israel (2%). Other countries from which we have received multiple submissions include Nigeria, Spain, Sweden, Germany, Singapore, France, Iran, and Brazil.

The number of IJoC visitors and registered users has steadily increased. At the end of our first year, we had 1,481 registered users. This number has increased each year, to 2,404 by the end of 2008, 3,364 by the end of 2009, and 4,475 by the end of 2010. At the moment, we have 4,565 registered users. Many of our visitors do not register, however. In 2009, we had 17,268 unique visitors; in 2010, this number rose to 29,966.

We could not have achieved this much without the assistance of the members of our editorial board and the hundreds of colleagues who have reviewed articles for us [often multiple times]. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the 382 colleagues who have provided this essential service to the Journal and to the field.

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