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Between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011 the English editorial team received a total of 129 new manuscripts (115 original studies, 5 field reviews and 5 research notes), including Dr. Graham White's presidential address. The editorial team is pleased to note that 2011 was the fourth year in a row that the Journal received over 100 new manuscripts. The number of English manuscripts published in the four volumes of the calendar year was 34 including the presidential address. Of these, 41% (14 out of 34) were published by female first authors.

The average number of days from submission to first decision was reduced in two manuscript categories: 71.8 days for original studies (vs. 88.2 days last year); 28.3 days for field reviews (vs. 69.8 days last year); and 51 days for research notes (vs. 48 days last year).

During the course of the year, we issued 765 reviewer invitations to 469 individual reviewers (up from 761 last year). Unfortunately, reviewer fatigue remains a major problem: of the 765 reviewer invitations only 234 were accepted and completed. However, once an agreement was secured it took the average reviewer 34.2 days (down from 35.4 days last year) to complete an assessment.

Tables 1 through 4 provide detailed information about our authors and reviewers. Table 1 shows that the Journal continues to maintain its strong international exposure: 24% of all newly received manuscripts in 2011 came from abroad, down slightly from 2010. (32%) Within Canada, the Journal continues to receive most of manuscripts from Ontario, followed by Quebec.

Table 2 shows the distribution of subfields in which the Journal published articles throughout the year. The Journal continues to be an important outlet for scholarship in the area of Canadian politics: 23.5% of the manuscripts published in 2011 were in the fields of Canadian politics and institutions, followed by Comparative Politics and Institutions, Provincial and Territorial Politics, and Law and Public Policy (11.7% each)

Table 3 provides information about the distribution of editorial decisions in 2011. The rejection rate declined slightly to 62.1% of all newly submitted manuscripts (vs. 65.21% in 2010) while Revise and Resubmit decisions accounted for 29.5% (vs. 30% in 2010) of all decisions. In 2011, 3 manuscripts were rejected after having been revised and we made 34 offers of acceptance.

The gender balance among authors of newly submitted manuscripts shows significant improvement over last year's numbers. In 2011, 34 of all new manuscripts were submitted by female authors, up from 22 in 2010.

**Table 1 / Tableau 1**  
**Geographical Location of Authors and Assessors /**  
**Répartition géographique des auteurs et des évaluateurs**  
**New Manuscripts / Nouveaux manuscrits\***  
**January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011**

	<b>Authors/Auteurs*</b> <b>English/Anglais</b>	<b>Assessors Requested/</b> <b>Évaluateurs à qui on a demandé</b> <b>English/Anglais</b>
British Columbia / Colombie-Britannique	10	39
Prairies	10	55
Ontario	54	181
Québec	17	45
Atlantic/Atlantique	7	38
USA/É.-U.	12	53
Europe	6	37
Other/Autre	13	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>469</b>

\*The numbers in the second column refer to the geographic location of the first author of each new manuscript. / Les chiffres dans la deuxième colonne réfèrent à la région géographique du premier auteur de chaque manuscrit.

**Table 2 / Tableau 2**  
**Manuscripts Published by Field / Manuscrits publiés par domaine**  
**January 1 –December 31, 2011 / 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2011 au 31 décembre 2011**

	English/Anglais
Canadian Politics and Institutions Politique et institutions canadiennes	8
Political Theory / Théorie politique	3
International Relations and Canadian Foreign Policy Relations internationales et politique étrangère canadienne	3
Comparative Politics and Institutions Politique et institutions comparées	4
Local and Urban Politics / Politique locale et urbaine	2
Political Behaviour/Sociology / Comportement politique/sociologie	1
Political Economy / Économie politique	0
Provincial and Territorial Politics Politique provinciale et territoriale	4
Public Administration / Administration publique	0
Law and Public Policy Droit et analyse de politiques	4
Women, Gender and Politics Femmes, genre et politique	2
Race, Ethnicity, Indigenous People and Politics	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>

**Table 3 / Tableau 3**  
**Summary Assessment of New English Manuscripts**  
**(January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011)/**  
**Résumé des évaluations des nouveaux manuscrits en anglais**  
**(1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2011 au 31 décembre 2011)**

Manuscripts Submitted / Manuscrits soumis	129
Rejected without review / Rejetés sans évaluation	23
Rejected after review/ Rejetés après évaluation	57
Accepted by assessors / Acceptés par les évaluateurs	1
Revise and resubmit / À réviser et à resoumettre	38
Withdrawn by authors / Retirés par des auteurs	0
Withdrawn by editors / Retirés par les directeurs	0
Under review (as of April 15, 2012) / En cours d'évaluation	21

**Table 4 / Tableau 4**  
**Gender Distribution of Authors and Assessors/**  
**Répartition des auteurs et des évaluateurs selon les sexes**  
**English / Anglais**

	Authors / Auteurs	Assessors / Évaluateurs
Female / Femme	34	131
Male / Homme	95	338
TOTAL	129	469

**Table 5 / Tableau 5**  
**2011 English Book Reviews - Fields / Recensions de livres en anglais en 2011 - Domaines**

Canadian Politics and Institutions / Politique et institutions canadiennes	3
Political Theory / Théorie politique	6
International Relations and Canadian Foreign Policy / Relations internationales et politique étrangère canadienne	4
Comparative Politics and Institutions / Politique et institutions comparées	12
Local and Urban Politics / Politique locale et urbaine	1
Political Behaviour/Sociology / Comportement politique/sociologie	
Political Economy / Économie politique	
Provincial and Territorial Politics / Politique provinciale et territoriale	1
Public Administration / Administration publique	
Law and Public Policy / Droit et analyse de politiques	2
Women, Gender and Politics / Femmes, genre et politique	2
Total	31

**Table 6 / Tableau 6**  
**Geographical Distribution of Reviewers, 2011 / Répartition géographique des critiques,**  
**2011**

	English / Anglais
British Columbia / Colombie-Britannique	3
Prairies	3
Ontario	7
Québec	8
Atlantic/Atlantique	2
United States / États-Unis	4
Europe	3
Other / Autre	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>

**Table 7 / Tableau 7**  
**Gender Distribution of Reviewers 2011 / Répartition des critiques selon les sexes, 2011**

	English / Anglais
Male / Homme	20
Female / Femme	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>