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This is the fifth annual report prepared on behalf of the English editorial team based at Concordia University. Our operation continues to be funded by generous contributions from the Canadian Political Science Association and Concordia's Faculty of Arts and Science in the amount of \$10,000 per annum respectively.

Between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010 the English editorial team received a total of 115 new manuscripts (105 original studies, 6 field reviews and 4 research notes), including Dr. Keith Banting's presidential address. The editorial team is pleased to note that 2010 was the third 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 32 including the presidential address. Of these, 25% (8 out of 32) were published by female first authors.

The average number of days from submission to first decision was reduced in all three manuscript categories: 88.2 days for original studies (vs. 134.9 days last year); 69.8 days for field reviews (vs. 88 days last year); and 48 days for research notes (vs. 69 days last year).

During the course of the year, we issued 761 reviewer invitations to 409 individual reviewers (up from 617 last year). Unfortunately, reviewer fatigue remains a major problem: of the 761 reviewer invitations only 308 were accepted and completed. However, once an agreement was secured it took the average reviewer 35.4 days (down from 37.4 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: 32% of all newly received manuscripts in 2010 came from abroad, up slightly from 2009. 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: 25% of the manuscripts published in 2010 were in the fields of Canadian politics and institutions, followed by Political Theory, and Political Behaviour (9.4% each). The number of articles published in the field of Comparative Politics has increased considerably to 37.5% (vs. 9.4% in 2009).

Table 3 provides information about the distribution of editorial decisions in 2010. The rejection rate continued to increase and reached 65.21% of all newly submitted manuscripts (vs. 57.3% in 2009) while Revise and Resubmit decisions accounted for 30% (vs. 34.7% in 2009) of all decisions. In 2010, 5 manuscripts were rejected after having been revised and we made 36 offers of acceptance. The latter decisions were made on manuscripts that had been initially submitted in 2009.

The gender balance among authors of newly submitted manuscripts shows slight change over last year's numbers. In 2010, only 22 of all new manuscripts were submitted by female authors, down from 32 in 2009.

**Table 1 / Tableau 1**  
**Geographical Location of Authors and Assessors /**  
**Répartition géographique des auteurs et des évaluateurs**  
**New Manuscripts / Nouveaux manuscrits\***  
**January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010**

	<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	5	51
Prairies	4	53
Ontario	56	135
Québec	10	62
Atlantic/Atlantique	6	21
USA/É.-U.	10	45
Europe	14	30
Other/Autre	10	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>409</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, 2010 / 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2010 au 31 décembre 2010**

	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	1
Comparative Politics and Institutions Politique et institutions comparées	12
Local and Urban Politics / Politique locale et urbaine	1
Political Behaviour/Sociology / Comportement politique/sociologie	3
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	
Race, Ethnicity, Indigenous People and Politics	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>

**Table 3 / Tableau 3**  
**Summary Assessment of New English Manuscripts**  
**(January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010)/**  
**Résumé des évaluations des nouveaux manuscrits en anglais**  
**(1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2010 au 31 décembre 2010)**

Manuscripts Submitted / Manuscrits soumis	115
Rejected without review / Rejetés sans évaluation	9
Rejected after review/ Rejetés après évaluation	75
Accepted by assessors / Acceptés par les évaluateurs	0
Revise and resubmit / À réviser et à resoumettre	34
Withdrawn by authors / Retirés par des auteurs	0
Withdrawn by editors / Retirés par les directeurs	--
Under review (as of April 22, 2010) / En cours d'évaluation (au 22 avril 2010)	7

**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	22	115
Male / Homme	93	294
TOTAL	115	409

**Table 5 / Tableau 5**  
**2010 English Book Reviews - Fields / Recensions de livres en anglais en 2010 - Domaines**

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

**Table 6 / Tableau 6**  
**Geographical Distribution of Reviewers, 2010 / Répartition géographique des critiques,**  
**2010**

	English / Anglais
British Columbia / Colombie-Britannique	
Prairies	
Ontario	

Québec	
Atlantic/Atlantique	
United States / États-Unis	
Europe	
Other / Autre	
TOTAL	

**Table 7 / Tableau 7**

**Gender Distribution of Reviewers 2010 / Répartition des critiques selon les sexes, 2010**

	English / Anglais
Male / Homme	
Female / Femme	
TOTAL	