



## Papers in Regional Science

Editorial report 2007

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Report by Jouke van Dijk, Editor-in-Chief

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## Editorial board meeting

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  - Welcome everybody, especially Katherine Wheatley of Wiley Blackwell visit the stand at the exhibition reception tomorrow at 3.30
  - Agenda
    - Editorial report 2007
    - Preliminary results 2008
    - Editorial Policy
    - Discussion / Suggestions


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## New Editorial Team 2007-2009:

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  - Jim LeSage: Editor representing NARSC
  - Phil McCann: Editor representing PRSCO
  - Jouke van Dijk: Editor representing ERSA and Editor-in-Chief
  - Charlie Karlson: Book Review Editor Manuscript Central online submission and electronic manuscript handling
  - Editorial Office: Sophia Klaassen

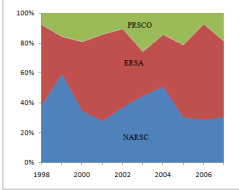

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## New features

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  - 2007: Publisher Blackwell → Wiley Blackwell
  - More space
    - 25% page size increase for PIRS in 2008
    - 50% more pages (600 → 900) in 2009
  - Spanish and Japanese abstracts
  - Early View publishing
  - New RSAI Policy Journal launched in 2008: Regional Research and Policy (RSPP)

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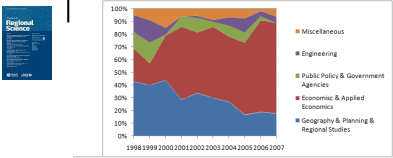
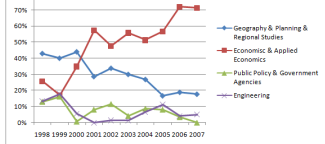
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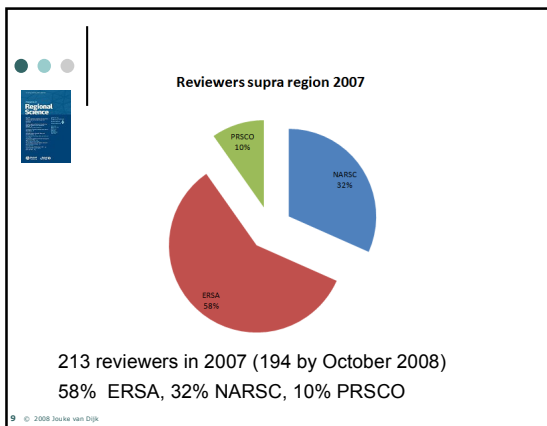
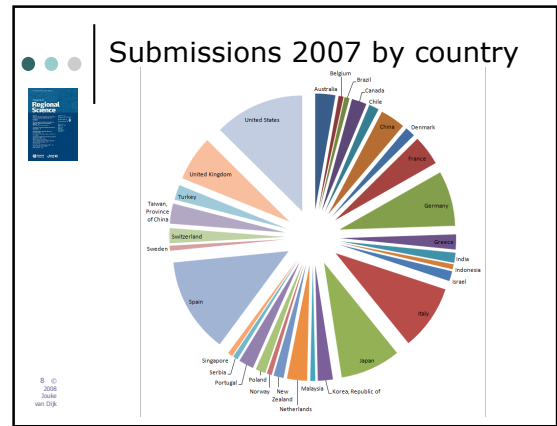
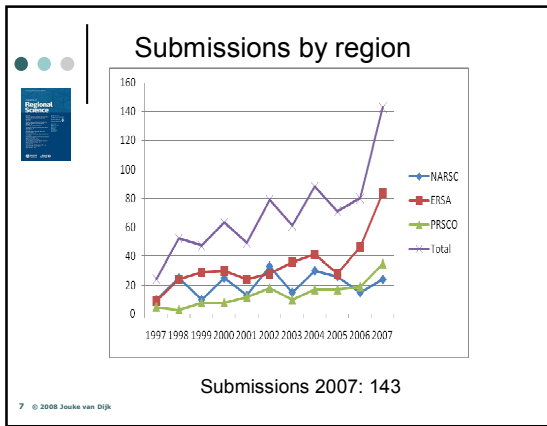
2007 (2006): 50% (60%) from Europe, 30% (30%) from America and 20% (10% from Pacific)

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## Publications by discipline

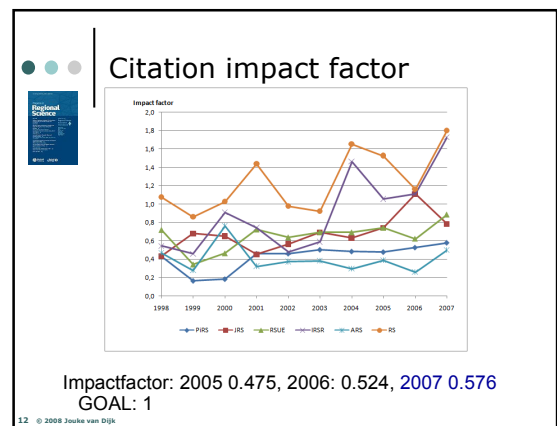



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- ### Highlights operations stats
- Editorial operations and Preliminary results 2008
  - Rejection rate: 0.75 in 2007, 6 pending → ± 0.72 (0.62 in 2006)
  - Final decision to publication 2007 10.6 months (2006: 12.1 months). In Early View: 7.3 months
  - Manuscript handling, time to first decision:
    - 2007 3.1: months → 2008: ± 3 months
  - Submissions 2007: 143, two special issues
  - 2008: ±100-110 without special issues
  - Issue #3 2008 delayed, issue #4 on schedule
  - 2009: fully booked!
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- ### Highlights operations stats
- #### Sales
- RSAl members in 2007: 3,607 (2006: 3,317)
  - Institutional sales: 282; >1,500 electronic access
  - Number of downloads in 2007: 35,349 (2006: 27,605)
  - Most downloaded articles in 2007:
    - 'Frontiers of the New Economic Geography' (Fujita and Mori, 2005)
    - 'The New Economic Geography: Past, present and the future' (Fujita and Krugman, 2004)
    - Published in 2007: 'Spatial and sectoral composition effects of agglomeration economies in the Netherlands' by Frank G. van Oort
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## Martin Beckmann Prize 2007

- ▶ The second Martin Beckmann Award for the best article published in Papers in Regional Science in 2007 is awarded to:
- ▶ **J. Paul Elhorst and Annette S. Zeilstra** for their article "Labour force participation rates at the regional and national levels of the European Union: An integrated analysis" published in November 2007, Volume 86, Issue 4.
- ▶ The jury comprised of: Masahisa Fujita, Jean H. Paelinck, John M. Quigley and Jouke van Dijk (Chair)



## Special Issues



- Issue # 3, 2008 Giuseppe Arbia & Bernard Fingleton, 'New spatial econometric techniques and applications in regional sciences'
- Issue # 2, 2009: Antonio Páez, 'The use of spatial techniques in hedonic analysis applied to housing markets'
- Proposal 2010: Michaela Trippel & Gunther Maier, 'Knowledge Spillover Agents and Regional Development'



## Editorial board



- ▶ Minor changes in 2007 and 2008
- ▶ Terms run from 2004 till 2009
- ▶ Changes in 2009 and later years
- ▶ Criteria:
  - Fields of expertise: NEG, spatial econometrics
  - Performance as reviewer
  - Add young scholars that do excellent reviews
  - Terms of office
  - Geographical spread



## Editorial policy



- Keep quick turnaround time on first submissions at ± 3 months average
- Increase impact factor → 1
- Attract more and higher quality submissions
- Publish accepted papers in print within one year and on Early View within 6 months
- Acceptance rate: ± 30 – 35%
- One special issues (10-12 articles) versus two theme Issue (6-8 articles)
- Answer emails of (guest) editors, authors, reviewers and Wiley Blackwell to the Editorial Office on average within two days.



◦ Discussion / Suggestions

◦ Meet the editors Friday Reception at 3.30



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