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Editorial report 2008-2009

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# 1. on-line submission: fast track, process and centralization of all manuscripts

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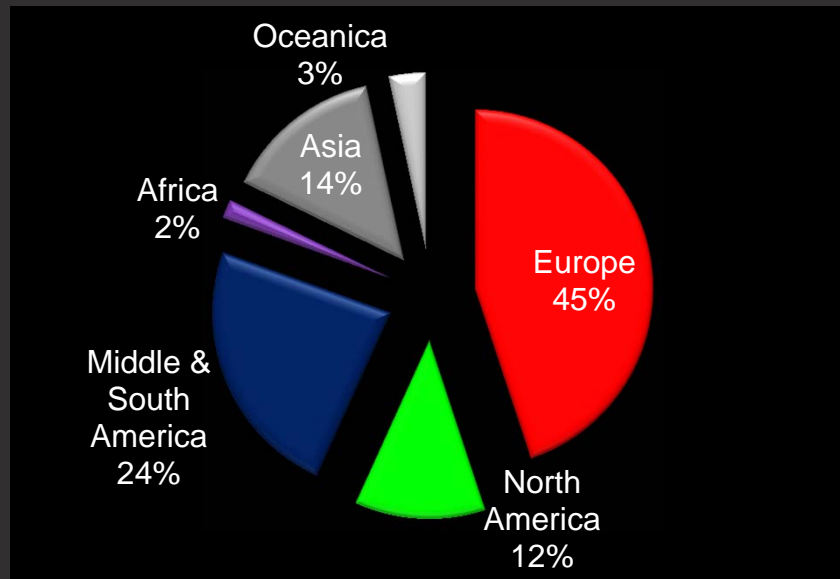
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We have simplified as much as possible the procedures

## B. Submissions (2008)



Origin country of the first author of submitted manuscripts

2008 Rejection rate : 50%  
2008-2009 rejection rate : 60%

118 submissions

34 countries

Top 5: Argentina (13), U.S. (12), Spain (11), Germany (7), Portugal (6)

**We particularly welcome reviews**

## B. Speed

### A.1. Editors

Mean number of days between assignement and :

first reviewer contacted ( $n = 183$ ) : 7 days

a decision ( $n = 167$ , including editorial rejection) : 18 days

### A.2. Reviewers

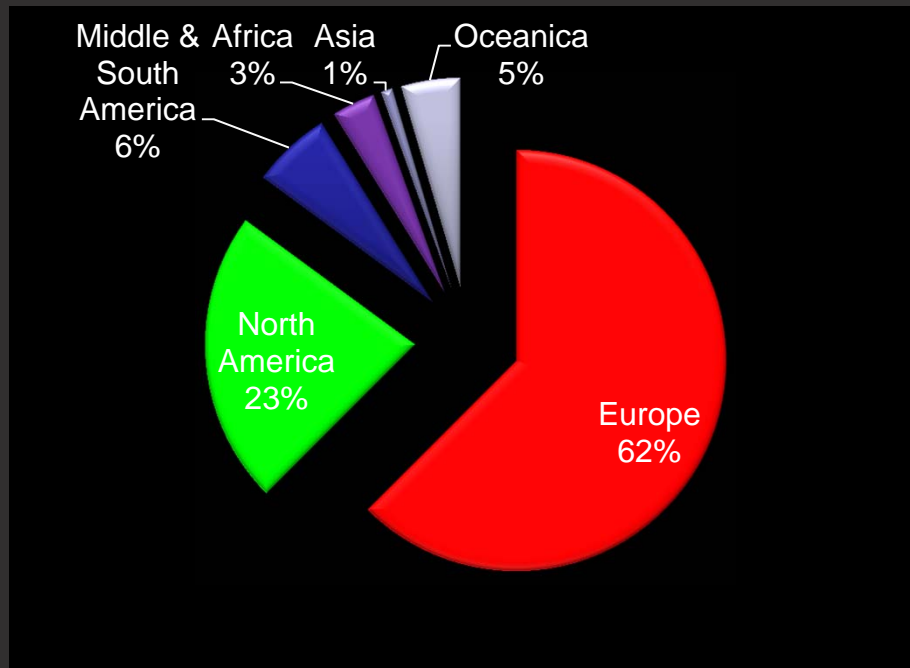
Mean number of days to review ( $n = 167$ ) : 19 days



## C. Reviewers

327 requests to review manuscripts

- 200 positive replies (61%)  
but in terms of reviewers: 126 replied positively, 118 negatively...



Contacted reviewers: Country of origin

### 34 countries around the world

Top 5 (contacted): U.S. (68),  
U.K. (39), Germany (28),  
Spain (26), Italy (23)

Top 5 (replied): U.S. (25),  
U.K. (25), Spain (18), Italy (17),  
Portugal (17)

*Thanks for their help*

## 2. Board of Associate Editors

Now 8 Associate Editors, four new ones for amphibian biology:

- Sebastian Steinfartz (Germany) replacing Robert Jehle  
*Thanks to Robert for his great work during the two last years*
- Marc Mazerolle (Canada)
- Ana Ivanovic (Serbia)
- Caitlin Gabor (U.S.A.)



More specialized editors  
A broader international coverage



### 3. On-line archives of all issues of Amphibia-Reptilia: all available for SEH members



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Faster indexing than before : e.g. issue 3 already indexed in August

Impact factor: slight decrease from last year : 0.929 to 0.794.



## 5. Advanced online publications : a fast publication service

Current back log : almost 2 issues in the pipeline

From 2010, a new online service is going to be launched:

Advanced Online publications on Ingenta Connect : papers pre-published one by one almost immediately after acceptance (i.e., this should start for manuscripts accepted from this fall)

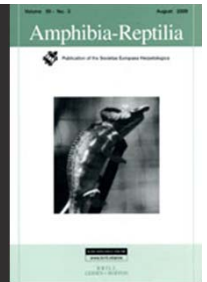
→ Time from submission to on-line publication could be very fast  
(i.e. less than 6 months on average)

## 6. Better citations involve better distribution

Not much new, but good to remind: Authors are entitled to post postprint pdfs of their papers (i.e. the published final pdf) on their website and to archive post-refereed preprints in official open-access repositories.

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