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A Report on *Personal Relationships*

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I assumed the active Editorship of *Personal Relationships (PR)* on June 1, 2005. Since then, I have recruited six Associate Editors. Susan Boon (Psychology, University of Calgary, Canada), Mario Mikulincer (Psychology, Bar-Ilan University, Israel), and Denise Solomon (Communication Studies, Pennsylvania State University, United States) have been serving as Associate Editors since last summer. Rodney Cate (*Emeritus*, Family Studies, University of Arizona, United States), Catrin Finkenauer (Social Psychology, Free University, The Netherlands), and Susan Branje (Adolescent Development, Utrecht University, The Netherlands) began serving terms as Associate Editors in October 2005, December 2005, and April 2006, respectively. We are currently in the process of recruiting an additional Associate Editor. It is possible this position will be filled by the time this issue of *RRN* is distributed, but interested scholars should feel free to express interest nonetheless.

Thus far 80 scholars, who represent 12 countries and 7 disciplines, have agreed to serve as members of the Editorial Board. The representatives from Psychology include Social, Clinical, Applied, and Counseling Psychologists. Two hundred and thirteen established scholars and 65 new scholars have each reviewed one or more of the 175 manuscripts which were submitted to *PR* between June 1, 2005 and May 31, 2006. Twenty-eight established scholars and 20 new scholars who have not yet reviewed for *PR* have expressed interest in doing so. We try to have each manuscript reviewed by three scholars from two countries and two disciplines, including at least one member of the Editorial Board and sometimes including a fourth reviewer who is a new scholar. We are always interested in adding new *ad hoc* and new scholar reviewers to our database, so please contact me if you are interested. We are especially in need of reviewers who are familiar with the evolutionary psychology or attachment literature and those who are interested in health issues that affect personal relationships.

During our first year, we received 175 submissions ($M=3.4$ per week, $SD=1.6$). The average amount of time between submission and initial decision was approximately 109 days ($M=108.8$, $SD=29.2$). It took me an average of 3.8 days ($SD=3.8$) to assign a manuscript to an action editor; it took the action editors an average of 20.7 days ($SD=15.0$) to recruit reviewers; and it took an average of 85.4 days ($SD=27.3$) from the time the manuscript was under review until a decision letter was sent. (Note these figures do not add up precisely to 108.8 because not all manuscripts received had been completely processed through first decision when these figures were computed). We have now made decisions regarding 159 of these manuscripts; in 47 cases we invited the authors to revise and resubmit (29.6%). Of those 47, seven are no longer in the queue, which means our acceptance rate for our first year of operation will be lower than 25.2%. For the 14 who had revised and resubmitted their manuscripts by June 1, the average turn-around-time between date of first decision letter and

resubmission was approximately 109 days ($M=109.1$, $SD=59.64$).

The first authors of the 175 submissions represent 16 countries (US=70.3%, Canada=7.4%, UK=4.0%, Australia and Israel=3.4% each, New Zealand=2.3%, The Netherlands=1.7%, Norway, Turkey, and Italy, 1.1% each, and 1 manuscript each from Spain, Iran, China, Japan, Mozambique, Germany, and Switzerland). They represent 14 disciplines (Psychology=64.6%, Communication=10.3%, Family Studies/HDFS=9.1%, Sociology and Behavioral Science/Psychosocial Science/Human Ecology=3.4% each, Marriage and Family Therapy/Counseling=2.3%, Psychiatry, Social Work, and Anthropology=1.1% each, and 1 manuscript each from Women's Studies, Economics, Nursing, Medicine, and Biology). Approximately a third of the first authors are graduate students (32.6%).

We decided to continue the tradition of inviting a distinguished scholar to write an invited article for the March issue. Our first distinguished scholar is Harry Reis (2007) and our second will be Graham Allan (2008). We have not yet selected our third and final distinguished scholar.

A few other comments seem worth adding. *Personal Relationships* will be included in the second edition of *Cabell's Directory of Publishing Opportunities in Psychology*. *PR's* Editorial Assistant, Brandi McCullough supplied Chris Agnew, newly appointed Chair of the Membership Committee, with a list of *Personal Relationship* reviewers who do not belong to the International Association for Relationship Research and he is sending them an invitation to join. Sue Sprecher continues to host the *PR* web page.

It has been a delight to work with Sue Sprecher, the previous Editor of *PR*, who continues to advise me on a regular basis. I am also grateful for the past and current support of IARR Presidents Terri Orbuch, Beverly Fehr, and Sandra Petronio, the IARR Board, former Treasurer Chris Agnew, the Associate Editors, the Editorial Board, the reviewers, and the

authors. I would also like to give special thanks to Brandi McCullough, *PR's* Editorial Assistant, for her hard work. I look forward to the remainder of our term.

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