

The other major development with the journal is that SAGE has contracted with Scholar One to provide Manuscript Central, a customized web-based system designed to streamline the submission, review, and decision-making processes. I have just started working on it, but it certainly looks as though it is going to streamline several editorial processes. Every task performed manually in the current system will be performed automatically in the new one. I have just started to work with the system and we have to customize it to our unique workflow (and the unique styles of the Associate Editors), but it looks slick. I can't think of an editorial task or process that won't be facilitated by this system. I expect that the system will be working some time in the next several months. My best guess is toward the end of summer (in the Northern Hemisphere, that is).

For the most part, the editorial team has remained intact since my last report. The one upcoming exception is that Kristin Davis, my editorial assistant for the past 2+ years is stepping down as she has accepted a faculty position at the University of Central Florida (US) that starts in the fall. I will miss her and the working relationship we have established. I can't thank her enough for all her hard work in support of the journal. I am looking forward to working with Beth Babin-Gallagher, another doctoral student here in the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication, who will be assuming the reigns some time over the summer.

IARR Members:

**Submission deadline for Fall issue
of RRN**

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A Report on

Personal Relationships:* Report from the New Editorial Team of *Personal Relationships

**by Rebecca G. Adams,
Editor**

Since my last report on the status of *Personal Relationships (PR)* to *Relationship Research News*, our editorial team has grown. 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. They joined Susan Boon (Psychology, University of Calgary, Canada), Mario Mikulincer (Psychology, Bar-Ilan University, Israel), and Denise Solomon (Communication Studies, Pennsylvania State University, United States), who have been serving as Associate Editors since last summer. Thus far 73 scholars, who represent 11 countries and 8 disciplines, have agreed to serve as members of the Editorial Board. In addition, 221 established and 80 new scholars have reviewed one or more of the 150 manuscripts which were submitted to *PR* between June 1, 2005 and April 4, 2006.

Nonetheless, our team is not yet complete. We plan to recruit a seventh Associate Editor. We are also still recruiting members to the Editorial Board to increase its international and disciplinary diversity even further and to address gaps in coverage of personal relationship topics. As always, we are interested in adding names to our *ad hoc* and new scholar reviewer databases. If you are interested in reviewing manuscripts for *PR*, please contact me at Personal_Relationships@uncg.edu. Editorial Assistant Brandi McCullough (predasst@uncg.edu) will then contact you for some information about your areas of expertise. Please note that Information for *PR* Reviewers is posted at

<http://lilt.ilstu.edu/personalrelationships/editorialteam/editorialteam.htm>. This information will be useful to all reviewers, but especially to new ones.

We have been receiving submissions at a higher rate than Sue Sprecher's editorial team. Her team received between 100 and 120 submissions per year. With two months still to go in our first year, we have received 150 (M=3.4 per week, SD=1.7). I suspect our turnaround time has suffered as a result. For the first 60 submissions we received, our average turn-around-time from submission to decision was almost 4 months (M=113.6 days, SD=26.7). I expect this to improve now that our team is closer to complete. We are very grateful to authors for their patience and to members of the Editorial Board, *ad hoc* reviewers, and new scholar reviewers for helping us keep turn-around-time as short as possible by returning reviews promptly. Another potential consequence of the increased submission rate might be a lower acceptance rate. I am not yet sure what our acceptance rate will eventually prove to be, but the other action editors and I invited 26.7% of the authors of the first 60 submissions to revise and resubmit their manuscripts and rejected the remainder. All but two of the 16 authors we invited to revise and resubmit their manuscripts have indicated that they intend to do so.

The Associate Editors and I are looking forward to the IARR meetings in Crete this summer, where we will meet face-to-face for the first time. We also look forward to meeting with the Editorial Board at a time yet to be scheduled. Note that a "Meet the Editors of *PR* and *JSPR*" reception is tentatively scheduled for 6-7 p.m. on Friday, July 7, at Theartemis Hotel. I look forward to meeting our reviewers and authors then or at other times during the conference. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourself.

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