

Editors' Notes

ERRATUM

In the December 1999 issue, in John Connelly's review of the book *Decades of Crisis: Central and Eastern Europe before World War II* by Ivan T. Berand, the name Jenő Szűcs appeared as "Jen Sz cs" due to a production error.

EDITORS' REPORT, SEPTEMBER 1999

The publication of *The Journal of Economic History* continued to run smoothly this past year in the face of Jan de Vries's travel, Gary Libecap's Sabbatical, and changes in editorial office personnel at Berkeley. Jan is now ably assisted by Heath Pearson and Edna Tow. Gary gratefully acknowledges the contribution of the University of Arizona Economics Department toward editorial office expenses over the last four years. The editors are also grateful for Tom Weiss's expert management of the JOURNAL'S finances. At the end of June 2000, Gary's term as co-editor for the North American office will end and Gavin Wright will begin his term as co-editor.

1998/99 saw a decline in new submissions relative to last year from 112 to 90. As Figure 1 shows, the trend in the number of submissions for the last 20 years appears stable, though 1998/99 equaled 1993/94 as the lowest year. The editors are satisfied that the quality of submissions has remained high.

Tables 1 through 3 show the distribution of new submissions by topic, region, and era. Each of these measures of the scope of the JOURNAL'S coverage reflects a continuation of the breadth that is a central goal of this publication.

The decline in the number of new submissions was more than offset by a rise in the number of resubmissions and meant that the offices handled ten more papers than last year. Given that resubmissions formed a larger percentage of papers, the fact that the acceptance rate was higher and both the rejection and revise-and-resubmit rates were lower than last year's is not surprising (see Table 4). The time required for a decision lengthened slightly.

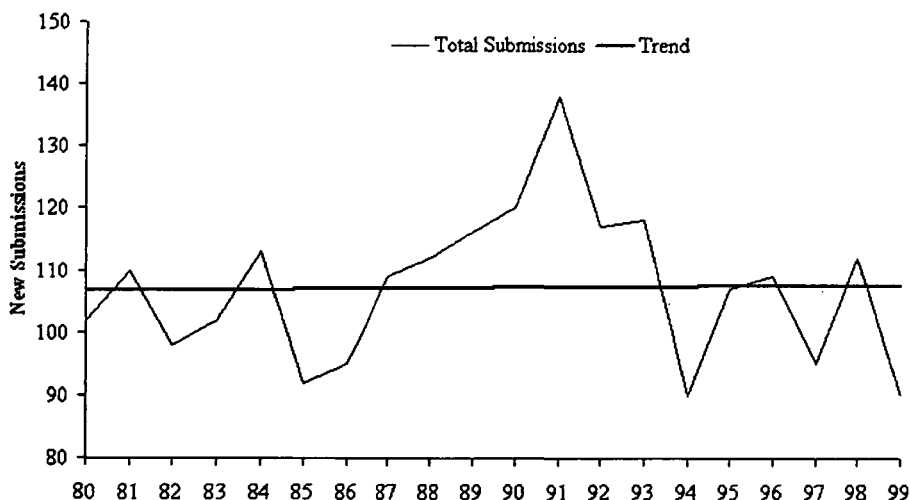


FIGURE 1
TREND IN NEW SUBMISSIONS, 1979/80–1998/99

Source: The yearly totals were taken from the published Editors' Notes.

TABLE 1
REGULAR ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS BY WORLD AREA, BROKEN DOWN BY TOPIC,
JULY 1996–JUNE 1999 (totals)

Topic	July 1996–June 1997		July 1997–June 1998		July 1998–June 1999	
	North America	Rest of the World	North America	Rest of the World	North America	Rest of the World
Agriculture	0	4	4	4	3	7
Demography	4	3	6	5	3	5
Growth	2	5	1	7	0	10
Industry	4	4	8	2	7	2
Technology	1	3	3	3	2	1
Labor	6	6	6	2	4	4
Money and macro	4	3	5	5	8	7
Public finance	4	1	2	4	0	4
History of thought	0	0	1	3	0	1
International trade, finance	1	2	2	8	3	2
Urban and regional	3	0	1	0	2	1
Political economy	10	8	9	7	7	9
Private finance, capital markets	7	10	6	8	5	4
Total	46	49	54	58	44	46

Note: The numbers include new submissions only. The totals equal the number of new submissions received because a paper is classified in only one topic category. In the latest year, the North American Office had 79 total submissions, 43 new and 36 resubmitted. The Rest of the World office had 78 total submissions, 47 new (one of which dealt with a North American topic) and 31 resubmitted.

TABLE 2
REGULAR ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS BY REGION, 1 JULY–30 JUNE
1995–1996, 1996–1997, 1997–1998, AND 1998–1999

Region	Submissions			
	1995–1996	1996–1997	1997–1998	1998–1999
Australia	1	4	4	2
United States and Canada	57	52	55	44
Non-Spanish speaking Caribbean	0	1	0	0
Great Britain	21	19	13	11
Western Europe	18	20	25	24
Asia	14	9	12	6
Latin America	3	9	5	5
Eastern Europe/Russia	4	1	2	4
Africa	3	3	0	1
Middle East	2	2	0	2
Not applicable or unknown	2	2	3	3

Note: The numbers include new submissions only. Totals may exceed submissions because a paper can be classified as pertaining to more than one region.

TABLE 3
REGULAR ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS BY PERIOD, 1 JULY–30 JUNE
1996–1997, 1997–1998, AND 1998–1999

Period	Submissions		
	1996–1997	1997–1998	1998–1999
Twentieth century	54	59	61
Nineteenth century	42	62	68
Seventeenth and eighteenth centuries	17	20	20
Pre-seventeenth century	12	9	12
Not applicable or unknown	0	0	0

Note: The numbers include new submissions only. Totals may exceed submissions because a paper can be classified as pertaining to more than one period.

TABLE 4
ACCEPTANCE AND TURNAROUND

Decision	North American Office		International Office		Total	
	1997/98	1998/99	1997/98	1998/99	1997/98	1998/99
Accepted	16	25	8	19	24	44
Revise and resubmit	29	21	26	26	55	47
Rejected or withdrawn	32	33	36	32	68	65
Undecided				1		1
Total	77	79	70	78	147	157

Decision Lags (in days)

Year	minimum	maximum	mean	median
1996/97	1	281	85	77
1997/98	1	393	99	99
1998/99	1	383	112	101

Note: The numbers include new submissions plus resubmissions.

The editorial offices of *The Journal of Economic History* are immeasurably helped by the editorial board, conscientious referees, and book review authors. Only with the professional, scholarly commitment of these individuals can the *JEH* maintain its reputation as the premier journal in economic history. During this year, John Brown, John Nye, Elyce Rotella, Peter Solar, and David Weiman completed their service on the board; and joining the board are Margaret Levenstein and Joshua Rosenbloom. In addition to the members of the editorial board, our referees for the past year were

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