The Year 1992 in Review: Part II

In last month's editorial I gave some of the statistics regarding Volume 31 of *Optical Engineering*, published in 1992. When I did a similar review last year, I included a chart of the number of technical pages published per year since 1978. In this editorial, this chart is updated with the 1992 datum point (see Fig. 1).

Fig. 1 The number of technical pages published from 1978 through 1992.

A significant number of the papers published in 1992 were papers received at our editorial office starting in December 1990. Through the end of 1991 I had received 242 papers, all of which have completed the review process. Readers might

be interested in the following results.

Published	64.0%
Rejected	26.4%
Closed	7.0%
Withdrawn	1.3%
Transferred	1.3%

The "closed" papers are those that were returned to the authors for revision, and after a reasonable interval of time and several reminders, if I've heard nothing I finally close the files. I then treat any resubmission of the papers as new submissions.

Papers Received in 1992

We again had a record number of papers submitted to the journal during 1992—a total of 311. In addition, 167 papers were received for special sections of the journal. Figure 2 shows a chart of the cumulative number of papers received by month for the last four years, exclusive of papers for special sections. The year 1992 shows a 35.8% increase over 1991.

Listed here are some of the important measures of activity that we track:

Papers received	311	+35.8%
Number of reviewers solicited	801	+60.5%
Reviews received	468	+44.0%
Revised manuscripts received	160	
Papers accepted	192	+137.0%
Papers rejected	61	+2.0%
Papers withdrawn	7	
Papers closed	17	
Papers transferred	5	
Papers returned to authors for revision	184

Fig. 2 The cumulative number of papers received each year for the years 1989 through 1992, exclusive of special-section papers.

Status of Papers Received in 1992

The following summarizes the current status of the 311 papers received during 1992:

Published	18
Accepted and in press	94
Rejected	44
In review	91
In revision	52
Withdrawn	6
Closed	3
Transferred	3

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As you know, this year's volume of *Optical Engineering* is already well under way. We certainly expect to see the activity level of your journal continue to increase during 1993, but not with the same percentage increase as last year (please!).

Biomedical Optics Special Section

Included in this issue is the second of two planned biomedical optics special sections of *Optical Engineering*—the first appeared in the July 1992 issue. We would like to thank Abraham Katzir for initiating these special sections and a special thanks goes to the following members of the review panel that coordinated the paper review process: Dr. Lawrence S. Bass, New York University Medical Center; Prof. James Harrington, Rutgers University; Dr. Douglas Johnson, University of Texas; Dr. Joseph Lakowicz, University of Maryland School of Medicine; Dr. Raymond J. Lanzafame, University of Rochester School of Medicine; Dr. Thomas Mang, Roswell Park Cancer Institute; Prof. Sohi Rastegar, Texas A&M University; Dr. Eva Sevick, Vanderbilt University; Dr. Bruce Tromberg, University of California at Irvine; and Dr. Gerald Vurek, Abbott Laboratories.

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