

**CANADIAN JOURNAL OF MATHEMATICS:
2008 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

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This is a brief statistical summary of the activities of the CJM office during the period December 1, 2008 - November 30, 2009. **The corresponding figures from the preceding year appear in red.**

New Submissions: 148 papers (3779 pages) **172 papers (3908 pages)**

Summarily declined: 118 papers (2967 pages) **103 papers (2334 pages)**

Declined based on detailed refereeing: 3 papers (68 pages) **8 papers (188 pages)**

Accepted based on detailed refereeing: 11 papers (323 pages) **28 papers (673 pages)**

Revision and resubmission requested: 1 papers (18 pages) **3 papers (59 pages)**

Referee's report pending: 7 papers (225 pages) **21 papers (478 pages)**

Editor's response pending: 8 papers (178 pages) **8 papers (approx 160 pages)**

Interpretation and outlook:

Submissions were down from last year 25% by number of articles but only 3% by number of pages. However, being in urgent backlog reduction mode, we elected to subject less than 25% of these 3779 pages to detailed refereeing -- as opposed to 40% last year. Of the 812 pages submitted to detailed refereeing, we have been declining about 20% so are on target to accept in the neighbourhood of 700 pages this year. Since we plan to publish 1440 pages, this amounts to a backlog reduction of half a year from about 27 months to 21 months. At this rate we will have the time of acceptance to publication under one year by the end of 2011. During the past year our time from submission to acceptance (for articles submitted to detailed refereeing) has averaged 7 months, which we consider very acceptable.

It is disappointing that this urgent backlog reduction mode does not provide much incentive to aggressively solicit articles which would help to increase the level and profile of our journal. Even so, we feel roughly 66% of our submissions would be of publishable quality in the absence of backlog pressure, and encourage the Canadian Mathematical Society to consider expanding its line of journals as discussed in previous meetings and reports.