

Editorial

Five-Year Effort Accelerates Publication Process

The elapsed time between submission and publication of Research Papers and R&D Notes in the *AIChE Journal* has decreased in recent years. We not only converted the *Journal* from a bimonthly to a monthly five years ago, but also have reduced the time allowed for reviewing and editorial consideration as well as copyediting, typesetting, and proofreading. The average lag between first submission and publication of Research Papers and R&D Notes published in Volume 35, 1989, was ten months; the average time between acceptance of a final version and publication was four months. The editorial and production staffs have worked hard to attain this level of performance, which is at the forefront of technical journal publication.

Because of the reduced backlog of accepted papers, we will no longer require that each issue contain 176 pages; the size of each issue will be determined by the number of accepted papers for which corrected proofs are in hand. We will retain our goal of publishing approximately 2,100 editorial pages in an annual volume, provided a sufficient number of papers of the quality needed to pass the *Journal's* rigorous reviewing process are available.



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