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During the 12-month period ended September 30, 2008, the JFQA received 530 newly submitted papers. A total of 734 papers were available for evaluation, the 530 new submissions, plus 102 invited resubmissions and 102 papers in process at the beginning of the period. We completed reviews and evaluations for 608 papers. We accepted 51 of these for publication.

The number of papers submitted to the JFQA for review increased somewhat from the previous annual reporting period. New submissions increased by 6% and total submissions increased by 5.5%.

The length of time required for us to review submitted manuscripts is one measure of the quality of service that we provide. During the reporting period, 75% of our publication decisions were rendered within 90 days of submission. The median turnaround time for decisions was 58 days, unchanged from the year before.

Our acceptance rate was 8.4%, down slightly from the year before when we accepted 8.7% of the papers reviewed. The JFQA has increased the number of pages published in recent years. Even so, space in the journal remains very scarce and we are unable to publish all of the sound papers that are submitted to us for review. Those that we do publish must survive the rigorous scrutiny of our double blind peer review process. We thank the authors of JFQA papers for their contributions to the journal, and we congratulate them on their achievements.

We congratulate also the winners of the William F. Sharpe Award for Scholarship in Financial Research for papers published in volume 42 (2007) of the journal.

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We would also like to take this opportunity to mention that, beginning with the 2009 volume, the JFQA will be published in partnership with Cambridge University Press. Cambridge is among the elite organizations in the field of scholarly publication and we look forward eagerly to working with them to improve our services to our authors and readers.

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