



We Are Getting Thicker!

No, I do not mean your editor, and certainly not the hardworking editorial staff. In response to the flow and acceptance of an increasing number of excellent papers, the Society has increased the page budget for *Optical Engineering* again. This will allow us to continue to print articles on a timely basis after acceptance. At the moment, it is taking about six or seven months, but we are still trying to reduce that time to our goal of five months.

The October issue of *Optical Engineering* had 297 technical pages, which brings the total number of technical pages for this year, through October, to 2414. Table 1 shows a comparison of the number of pages published, from January through October, for the last few years.

We had a 41% increase in the number of pages in 1992 over the previous years. The number of pages last year (1992) and this year (1993) were about the same through the June issue, but then we began adding pages and coming close to 300 pages a month. Thus, by the end of this year Volume 32 will contain approximately 3000 pages. This is a threefold increase since 1988 (Volume 27) and more than a twofold increase since 1991 (Volume 30).

The driving force for this change is the quantity and the quality of the papers submitted to *Optical Engineering*. Through the end of August of this year we had handled 264 contributed papers and 177 papers associated with special sections. The number of contributed papers has increased by 111% over the last four years as of the August date. The number of special section papers has increased by a greater percentage than that since there has been tremendous interest in our special sections.

Each month, as your editor, I submit a report to the management of SPIE and to the chair of the Publications Committee. I thought you might like to see the type of data that I prepare. Table 2 shows the activity report for August 1993.

Table 1 Technical pages published from January through October—1988 through 1993.

Year	Technical Pages (10 Months)	% Change
1988	922	—
1989	1144	24.0
1990	1318	15.2
1991	1427	8.3
1992	2013	41.1
1993	2414	19.9

Table 2 Activity report for August 1993.

Papers received during month	38	Papers closed	4
Papers sent to reviewers	37	Papers withdrawn	0
Number of reviewers solicited	88	Papers received for future special issues	13
Reviews received	49	Papers accepted for future special issues	13
Revised manuscripts received	19	Papers for Communications	1
Papers accepted	16	Papers published in August issue	44
Papers rejected	11	Communications published in August issue	2
Papers returned to authors for revision	14	Transferred to other journals	0
Papers completed and sent to managing editor	16		

Rest assured that you, the authors and reviewers, are pressing your editor and the editorial staff in Bellingham to the limit—but that's the way we like it!

The old British proverb says "practice makes perfect." We don't claim to be perfect but we certainly get lots of practice. A more modern American version of that proverb that we might say is "use it or lose it." We are busy using all our faculties and facilities, so I am sure we are not getting thicker—just the journal.

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