

Editorial

Starting with the first 2014 issue, we introduce new „Instructions for authors“. They will be available at <http://ps.ueb.cas.cz/> together with „Detailed instructions“. The former one aims to make easier to follow our formal demands for both authors and editorial staff and finally it should lead to faster publication. Authors will find there many useful links to websites dealing with nomenclature used in various fields of plant science. The „Detailed instructions“ show numerous examples how to prepare text, figures, and tables properly. Twenty five examples of different figure types are attached. The list of abbreviations that can be used without explanation is newly introduced.

I am pleased to welcome the new members of the Editorial Board, namely Prof. Roland Valcke (Belgium), Prof. Manuela Chaves (Portugal), Prof. Jaume Flexas (Spain), and Prof. Ichiro Terashima (Japan), who all started working as Associate Editors (AE) for *Photosynthetica*. I hope this will help to reduce the burden of our AE in the peer-review process.

Since January 2014, a new member of the editorial staff, Ing. Monika Lohová, began to work in *Photosynthetica*. It should speed up preparing accepted manuscripts for publication.

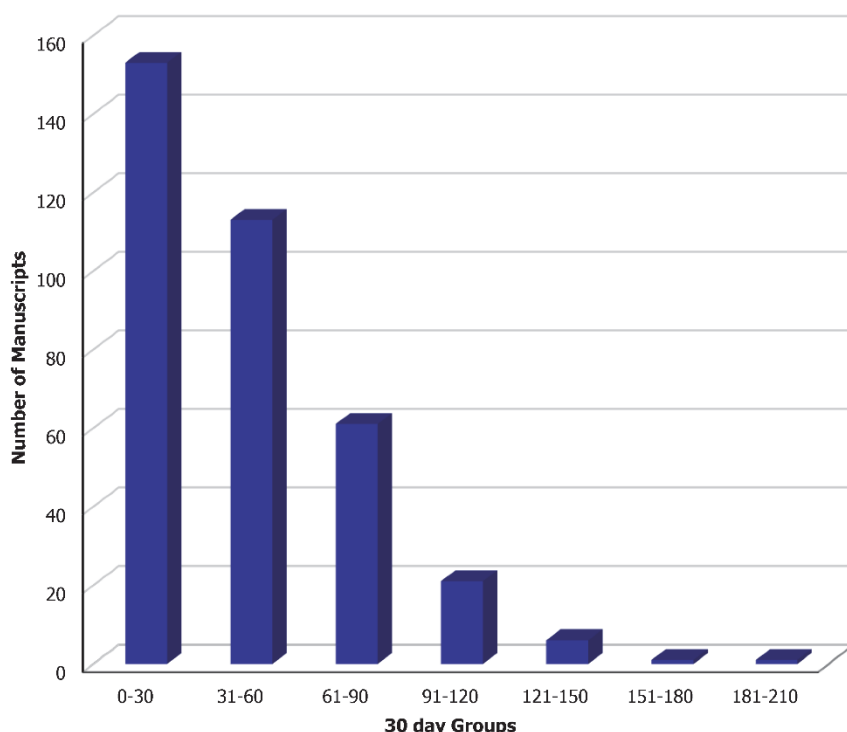
Increasing number of submitted papers could lead to change of *Photosynthetica* volume format in near future. However, until then we intend to publish faster at least online versions of papers to maximize their impact. We are discussing the Open Access (OA) experiment with Springer to enable at least a part of research papers to be freely available (so called hybrid model of OA). Even if *Photosynthetica* is fully committed to broadening access to its publications, we want to keep it open to all authors despite their financial possibilities. We are interested in your views and opinions concerning this matter.

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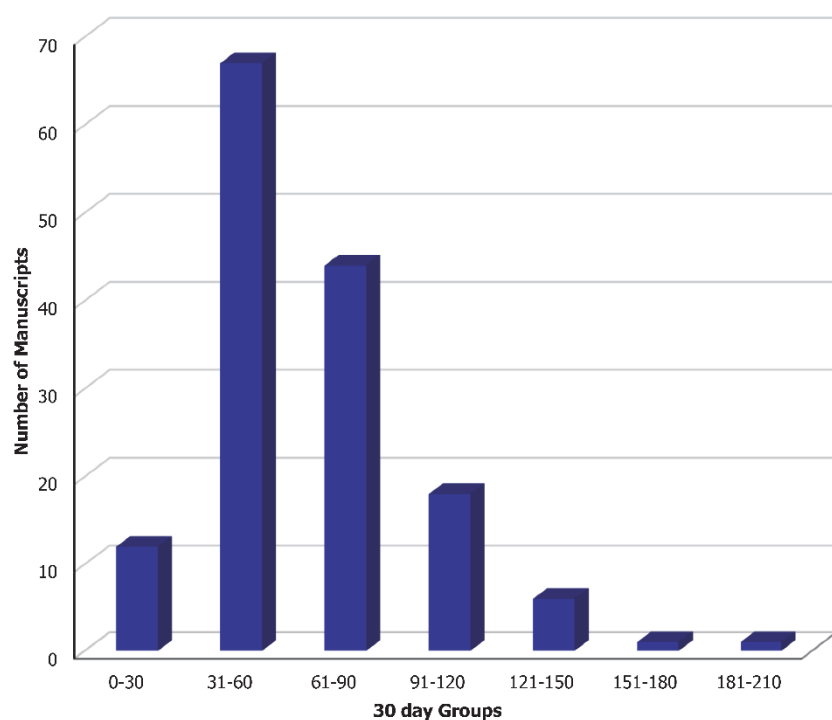
Some statistical data from 2013

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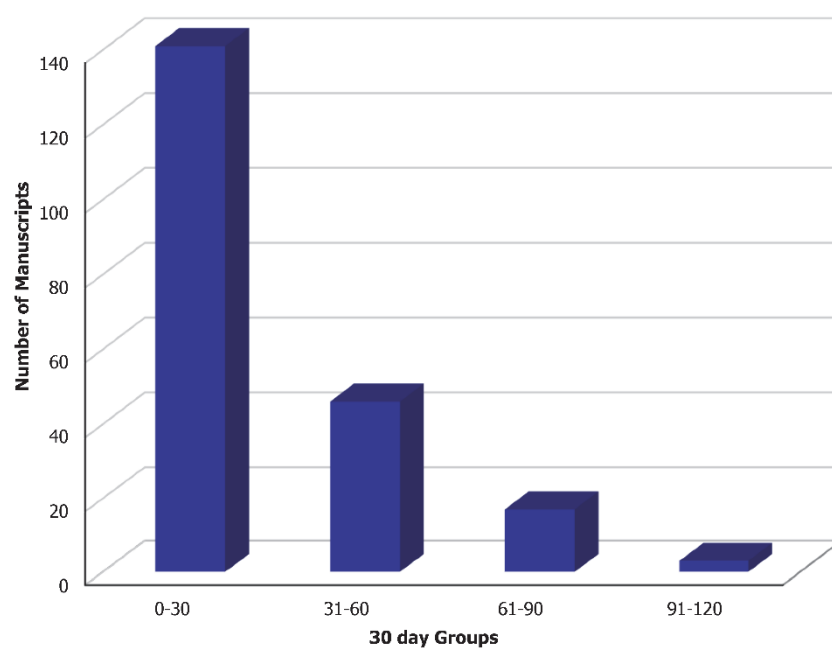
The editorial office received 196 papers in total, of which 173 were original papers (OP), 16 brief communications (BC), and 7 reviews (R). In four issues of the last volume 61 OP, 5 BC, and 2 R were published.



Time from submission to decision in 2013 – originally submitted + revised papers.



Time from submission to 1st decision in 2013 – originally submitted papers.



Time from submission to decision in 2013 – revised papers.

The decision ratios [%] for originally submitted and revised papers.

Originally submitted papers				Revised papers		
Decision	OP	BC	R	OP	BC	R
Accept	-	-	-	36	56	43
Minor revision	7	13	25	47	33	43
Major revision	45	20	50	11	-	14
Reject	48	67	25	6	11	-

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