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1. Management Report

1.1. Editorial Team

Membership of the editorial team remained stable throughout 2013. For the production of the thematic issues, the editorial team was assisted by the following guest editors:

2013/1: John Nerbonne & William A. Kretzschmar;

2013/2: Katherine Walter, Matt Jockers & Glen Worthey.

2013/4: Paul Spence, Susan Brown & Jan Christoph Meister

Ron Van den Branden will step down as Book Reviews Editor at the end of 2013. Ron has managed to increase the number of published book reviews considerably in his three years of service to the Journal. As a member of the Editorial Team, together with the Associate Editors, he has been instrumental in advising the Editor -in-Chief on many occasions and in many issues. The Editorial Team wants to record their thanks to Ron for his enthusiasm, punctuality, wit and adamant determination to improve the Journal's quality.

The appointment of members of the Editorial Team has been the prerogative of the Editor-in-Chief. Nonetheless, suggestions are welcome for a new Book Reviews Editor. The Journal is typically looking for an early career and young scholar who could profit from the introduction to the DH community through the Journal's network and from the overview of new publications. The minimal term of service would be 2 or 3 years.

At the end of 2013, the EIC Edward Vanhoutte leaves his current position at the Royal Academy of Dutch Language & Literature and moves to a position as independent scholar at his own company while his affiliation with UCL as research associate remains. Part of this company is involved with research, copy-editing and publishing. The editorial office of LLC will move to this new address and can from January 2014 be contacted via <llcjournal@edwardz.be>.

1.2. Editorial Board

The Editorial Board of the Journal consists of a number of permanent members and the members of the executive committees of ADHO's constituent organisations. Although the last category is very important for both the representation of the member organizations in the Journal and for the representation of the Journal in the member organizations, this mixed model of permanent and changing members is difficult to work with.

The Editorial Team is currently discussing a new model with clear responsibilities in 2013-2014 and will report on this discussion to the current Editorial Board.

1.3. OUP

From 2013 onwards, the Journal's new marketing manager is Jane Wijek who has taken over from Cailin Deery. The Editorial Team wishes to extend their thanks to Cailin for the past years of collaboration. From August 2013 onwards, Deborah Hutchinson has taken over from Sarah Beattie as the Journal's production editor. The Editorial Team wishes to record their thanks to Sarah for the productive collaboration.

On 21 & 22 March 2013, Edward Vanhoutte attended the gathering of Oxford Journal Editors during the Oxford Journals Days and participated in discussions, workshops, and meetings with OUP staff and fellow journal editors.

1.4. Objectives

In 2013, the Journal has invested in reaching the objectives which were outlined in the editorial of LLC 26/1:

1. *Active policy to publish contributions and thematic issues which reflect the total field of Digital Humanities:*

The following thematic issues/sections were published in 2013:

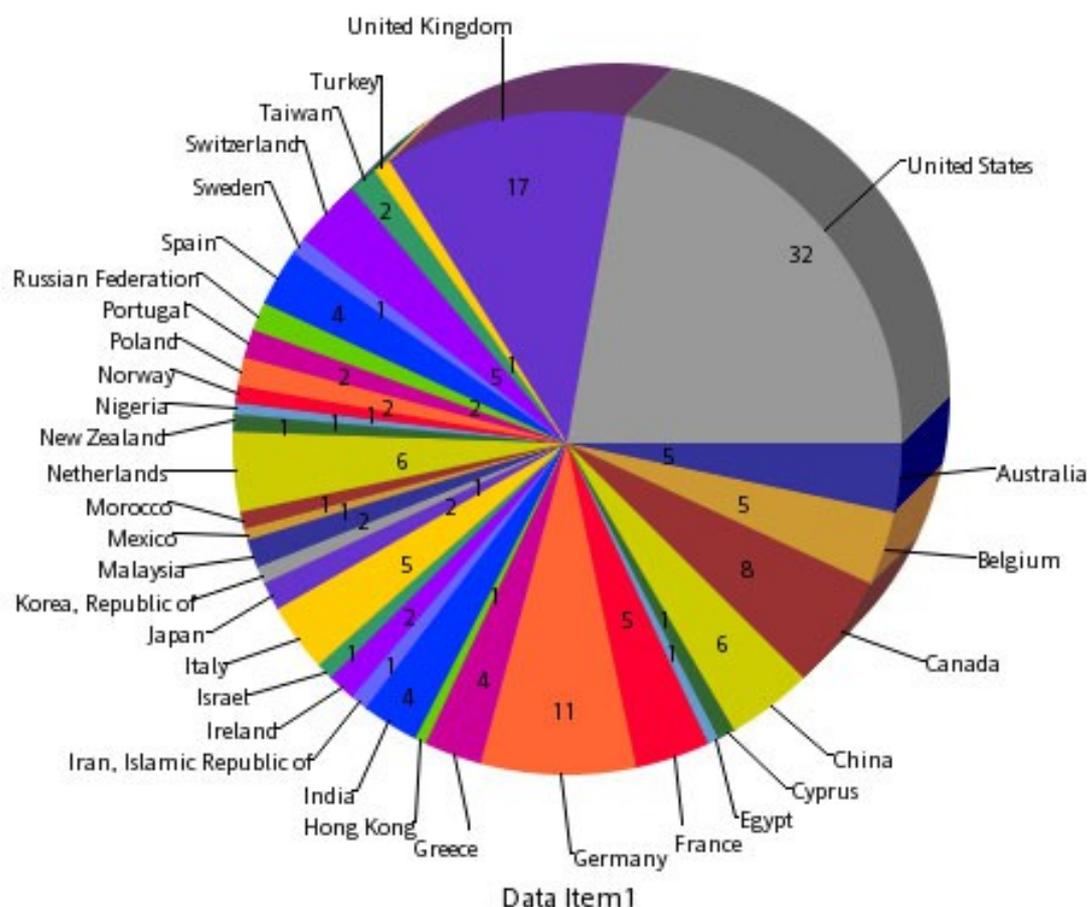
- 2013/1: Dialectometry ++
- 2013/2: DH2011
- 2013/3: Interface 2011
- 2013/4: DH2012

The following proposals for thematic issues/sections have been received:

- Computational Linguistics for Literature
- Computational Narratives
- Textual scholarship, editing & stemmatology
- The use of statistics in film studies
- Social, Digital, Scholarly Editions
- DH2013

2. *Outreach to scholars in Asia, Africa, South America, Australia & the Middle East:*

The breakdown of the submitted papers per country in 2013 shows that most submissions still come from Europe (74) with the UK (17), Germany (11), the Netherlands (6), Belgium (5), France (5), Italy (5), Switzerland (5), Spain (4) and Greece (4) as the main providers of copy. Other European submissions came from Norway (1), Portugal (2), the Russian Federation (2), Cyprus (1), Ireland (2), Poland (2), Sweden (2) and Turkey (1). The second most submissions came from the US (32). Asian authors produced 20 submissions: China (6), India (4), Japan (2), Malaysia (2), Taiwan (2) and 1 each from Iran, Israel, Hong Kong and Korea. The rest of the submissions were sent in from Canada (8), Australia (5), Africa (3 – Egypt, Morocco & Nigeria), Mexico (1) and New Zealand (1).



3. *Promotion of the short paper in order to engage young scholars and publish more research*

- ‡ In 2013, 8 short papers were submitted (12.1%) and 44 full papers (66,7%).
- ‡ A thematic section of short papers by graduate students was published in 28/3.

4. *Publication of more book reviews as a service to the community:*

- ‡ In 2013, LLC published only 5 book reviews in print (6 in 2011, 20 in 2012) due to the high number of thematic issues. However, 9 more book reviews and 1 review article were published online in advance access. In 2013, 11 book reviews were submitted (16.7% of total submissions)

5. *Close collaboration with DHQ:*

- ‡ Joint publications are in preparation

6. *More interaction with the readership:*

- ‡ on twitter as @LLCJournal and #LLCJournal (1,069 followers)

- ‡ with face to face meetings with (potential) readers on conferences and gatherings
- ‡ through a new web design with poll facilities

2. Journal Report 2013

2.1. Copy

2.1.1. Submissions

Submission rates remain high. In 2013, LLC received 144 submissions from 34 different countries. This means an increase of 34,58% compared to 2012.

Manuscript Type	2012	2013	Trend 2013
Editorial	4	2	-50.00%
Full Paper	65	96	47.69%
Short Paper	21	30	42.86%
Report on Research & Conf	3	5	66.67%
Book Review	14	11	-21.43%
Total	107	144	34.58%

Over 63% of the submissions or 91 manuscripts were submitted in the months January (14), November (70), and December (7). March, April, May and July are also busy with an average of 8 submissions per month.

2.1.2. Published papers

In 2013, LLC published a record number of 59 papers on 753 pages. This is an increase of 119% more published papers on 58% more printed pages. Below is a table showing the number of published papers per issue and per volume and the number of special issues per volume (grey background).

Issue	2008/23	2009/24	2010/25	2011/26	2012/27	2013/28
1	10	10	8	8	6	12
2	5	10	8	6	7	17
3	10	11	5	12	7	10
4	5	7	7	6	7	20
Total	30	38	28	32	27	59

- ‡ 23/1: Selected papers from Digital Humanities 2006
- ‡ 24/1: Selected papers from Computing the Edition
- ‡ 24/2: Selected papers from Digital Humanities 2008
- ‡ 24/3: Selected papers from Text Encoding Initiative
- ‡ 25/4: Selected papers from Digital Humanities 2009
- ‡ 26/2: 3 papers in special section on Digital Objects
- ‡ 26/3: Selected papers from Digital Humanities 2010
- ‡ 27/3: Digital Literature, Aesthetics, Didactics, Technology
- ‡ 28/1: Dialectology++
- ‡ 28/2: Selected papers from Digital Humanities 2011
- ‡ 28/4: Selected papers from Digital Humanities 2012

2.2. Speed

The average time taken between submission and first decision for manuscripts submitted in 2012 was 133.42 days for full papers and 159.76 days for short papers. The average time for first decision of manuscripts submitted in 2013 was 80.20 days for full papers and 66.38 days for short papers. 36.46% of the full paper and 26.7% of the short papers submitted in 2013 received a decision in the same year.

The average time taken between submission and final decision for revised papers submitted in 2013 was 32.47 days for full papers and 25 days for short papers.

2.3. Acceptance Rate

[Due to the availability of more accurate data and metrics, the following figures differ from those presented in the previous reports]

The overall acceptance rate of all submissions has come down from 40.21% in 2012 to 34.95% in 2013.

59.09% of the original submissions were sent back to the authors for revision in 2013 (49.06% in 2012). The rejection rate of original submissions after the first round of peer review has decreased from 31.13% in 2012 to 26.36% in 2013.

	2013					
	Original		Revised		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Accept	16	14,55%	49	64,47%	65	34,95%
Revision	65	59,09%	25	32,89%	90	48,39%
Reject	29	26,36%	2	2,63%	31	16,67%
Total	110	100,00%	76	100,00%	186	100,00%

	2012					
	Original		Revised		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Accept	21	19,81%	57	64,77%	78	40,21%
Revision	52	49,06%	28	31,82%	80	41,24%
Reject	33	31,13%	3	3,41%	36	18,56%
Total	106	100,00%	88	100,00%	194	100,00%

The average figures for the period 2005-2012 are as follows:

	2005-2012					
	Original		Revised		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Accept	192	35,82%	125	64,77%	317	43,48%
Revision	198	36,94%	60	31,09%	258	35,39%
Reject	146	27,24%	8	4,15%	154	21,12%
Total	536	100,00%	193	100,00%	729	100,00%

2.4. Production

Production continues to run smoothly. Issues continue to appear ahead of time:

2013: All issues appeared ahead of time.

The successful production of the Journal is a joint effort between the LLC editorial team and the production and editorial team at OUP who are extremely helpful and efficient.

The record number of 59 published papers asked for a larger page budget. The 2013 volume published 58% more pages than the 2012 volume (753 pp. in 2013 cp. to 476 pp. in 2012).

2.5. LLC Online – Open Access

- 1 The 28/4 DH2012 conference issue of LLC was published online for free for a period of 3 months after publication.
- 1 The online publication of the digitized ALLC Bulletin and ALLC Journal alongside LLC will be subject of a project proposal in 2014.

2.6. Impact Factor

The Impact Factor has increased from 0.431 (June 2011) and 0.333 (June 2012) to 0.717 (June 2013), ranking LLC at 60th of the 161 journals in SSCI Linguistics [101rd in 2011].

The broad scope of the Journal, however, is not reflected correctly by the ranking of the Journal in SSCI Linguistics.