

SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATIONS SESSION #1

Journal of Forensic Sciences (JFS)

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JFS: Background Information

- Official journal of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)
- First published in 1956
- Editor appointed by the AAFS Board of Directors
- 671 manuscripts in all categories received for review in 2016
- Submissions reviewed by over 300 academic and non-academic based Editorial Board Members and Guest Reviewers
- Manuscripts currently accepted as Papers, Technical Notes and Case Reports for peer review
- Of the peer-reviewed manuscripts that received final decision in 2015, 47.8% were accepted and 52.2% were rejected (vs. 49.8% accepted and 50.2% accepted in 2014, vs. 55.62% accepted and 44.38% rejected in 2013, vs. 57.6% accepted and 42.4% rejected in 2012)
- Current access to *JFS* includes AAFS Membership and over 5,500 institutions worldwide through AAFS's relationship with Wiley Publishing

JFS: Categories (*italics indicates changes from current practice*)

- **Paper** – a full-length research report
- **Technical Note** – a description of a technical aspect of a field or issue, a report on a procedure or method, or a validation of techniques or methodologies. These are usually shorter than Papers.
- **Case Report** – a brief description or analysis of an unusual case or a small series of cases. *These are to include new information and/or critical review of the topic area to be acceptable for publication.*
- **Review** – *a critical review of a topic area of interest to forensic science. These may be invited by the Editor-in-Chief and are subject to peer review. Non-critical compilations of literature will not be accepted.*
- ***Other categories not subject to peer review*** – Letters to the Editor, Book Reviews and Invited Commentary.

JFS: Withdrawn Submissions

- At the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief:
 - Regional population studies, for example dental aging and DNA in specific populations
 - Internal laboratory validations, for example new equipment applications to existing procedures
 - Manuscripts that the Editor-in-Chief deems unsuitable for *JFS*
 - Manuscripts that are non-comprehensible because of language barriers
- At the authors' request:
 - After receiving reviewers' comments requesting major or minor revision
 - Unable to return a revision within a reasonable time frame

JFS: Submissions by Type and Country

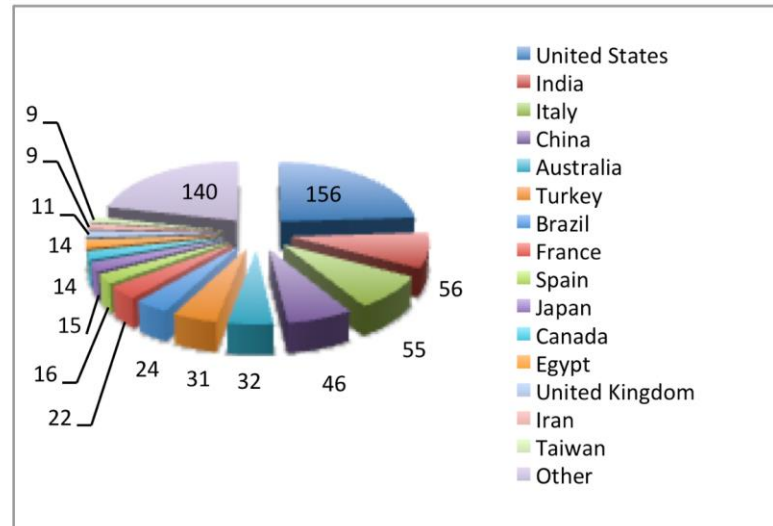
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Papers	205	351	353	339	370	382	386	349	351
Technical Notes	61	151	153	154	172	178	127	164	124
Case Reports	73	96	124	126	137	131	107	119	154
Book Reviews	27	40	39	32	34	14	22	26	6
Not Identified*	103	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	19	38	32	31	39	35	25	24	15
TOTAL	488	676	701	682	752	740	667	682	650

* Used when the authors did not identify a category.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
USA	<u>241</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>156</u>
Non-USA	441	523	525	469	498	494

JFS: 2015 Submissions by Country

United States	156	24.0%
India	56	8.6%
Italy	55	8.5%
China	46	7.1%
Australia	32	4.9%
Turkey	31	4.8%
Brazil	24	3.7%
France	22	3.4%
Spain	16	2.5%
Japan	15	2.3%
Canada	14	2.2%
Egypt	14	2.2%
United Kingdom	11	1.7%
Iran	9	1.4%
Taiwan	9	1.4%
Other	140	21.3%
Total:	650	100.0%



JFS: Impact Factor

Year	Impact Factor
2006	0.846
2007	1.037
2008	1.088
2009	1.524
2010	1.159
2011	1.229
2012	1.244
2013	1.306
2014	1.160
2015	1.322

JFS: Pending Changes to Operating Structure

- Recommendations from *JFS* Working Group
 - Structure to include Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editors and Managing Editor (recommendation accepted by AAFS Board of Directors, 2016)
 - Managing Editor to be a full-time position within AAFS (in place as of October 2016)
 - Associate Editors in the following specialties:
 - Anthropology
 - Chemistry
 - Digital and Multimedia Sciences
 - DNA and Serology
 - Odontology
 - Pathology and Entomology
 - Psychiatry and Behavioral Science
 - Toxicology
 - Trace Evidence
 - Changes in review process, for example shortening of timelines, double blind review and sharing of reviewers' comments

JFS: Mission Statement

The mission of the Journal of Forensic Sciences (JFS) is to advance forensic science research, education and practice by publishing peer-reviewed manuscripts of the highest quality. These publications will strengthen the scientific foundation of forensic science in legal and regulatory communities around the world.

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