


Editorial: Winter 2024 Update

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SACJ editorial team

In the last year, Martin Olivier and Maureen Tanner resigned as associate editors, but we are pleased to announce that four new associate editors have joined the editorial team (Marijke Coetzee, Aurna Gerber, Tendani Mawela, and Terence van Zyl). Ian Sanders has moved into the role of assistant editor to take care of the copyediting of manuscripts before publication.

In the past, we distinguished between Information Systems and Computer Science associate editors, but going forward we will be dropping this distinction due to the fuzzy boundary between the disciplines. The current editorial team is as follows:

<i>Editor-in-Chief</i>	Katherine Malan	University of South Africa
<i>Assistant Editor</i>	Ian Sanders	University of the Witwatersrand
<i>Associate Editors</i>	Marijke Coetzee	North-West University
	Sigrid Ewert	University of the Witwatersrand
	Aurna Gerber	University of the Western Cape
	Hugo Lotriet	University of South Africa
	Tendani Mawela	University of Pretoria
	Deshen Moodley	University of Cape Town
	Hanlie Smuts	University of Pretoria
	Terence van Zyl	University of Johannesburg
<i>Production Editor</i>	Etienne van der Poel	University of South Africa

I am very grateful to all current and past members of the editorial team. Your service is critical to ensuring that SACJ continues to run effectively.

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Submission statistics

For information, we present the following statistics around submissions, acceptance rates and the processing time of articles.

Year	2022	2023
Submissions	111	95
Desk rejection	54	61
Desk rejection rate	49%	64%
Final acceptance	17	12
Acceptance rate	15%	13%

The figures above translate into a rejection rate of approximately 86%. This may seem high, but it can be attributed to the large number of submissions from all over the world due to the indexing of SACJ on Scopus. In comparison, *South African Journal of Science*, which is also indexed on the Web of Science (Science Citation Index), reported a rejection rate of 95% in 2023.

In terms of submission processing time, the median time to a first decision (*desk reject / send to review*) is 4 days and the median time to final decision for submissions sent to review is 5 months.

Research in this issue

The research papers in this issue cover a range of topics from agility, programming proficiency, AI adoption and cybersecurity learning capability, to curriculum design for knowledge management.

- *A conceptual framework for agility in sociotechnical contexts* by Lillie, Eybers and Gerber.
- *Factors that influence computer programming proficiency in higher education: A case study of Information Technology students* by Ranjeeth and Padayachee.
- *Towards Human-AI Symbiosis: Designing an Artificial Intelligence Adoption Framework* by Smit, Eybers and van der Merwe. This is the second paper of a special issue of extended papers from the SAICSIT 2022 conference handled by guest editor, Prof AURONA GERBER.
- *Understanding the inertial forces impeding dynamic cybersecurity learning capabilities: The case of a South African healthcare software services firm* by Nyakasoka and Naidoo. This paper is the third and final paper in the special issue of extended papers from the SAICSIT 2022 conference.

- *Sensemaking and the Potential Future-focused Curriculum for Society 5.0 Knowledge Managers: A South African Perspective* by Mearns, Meyer, Holmner, Marshall, Hattingh and Bester. This paper was presented at the Knowledge Management South Africa Imbizo 2023, and the post-conference review process was handled by Prof Hanlie Smuts.

In addition to the research papers, we also have a [letter to the editor](#) from our colleagues at the [Glushkov Institute of Cybernetics of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine](#) providing an update on their recent research endeavours. We hope this letter creates awareness of the commendable work of this group on e-rehabilitation technologies for military personnel in war-torn Ukraine.