

Editorial

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1. Journal summary from Editor in Chief

AIMS Energy is an international Open Access journal devoted to publishing peer-reviewed, high quality, original papers in the field of Energy technology and science. Together with the Editorial Office of AIMS Energy, I wish to testify my sincere gratitude to all authors, members of the editorial board and reviewers for their contribution to AIMS Energy in 2021.

The manuscript submissions to our journal in 2021 increased significantly. We had more than 200 submitted manuscripts and 60 of them were accepted and published, of these 50 were research articles and 10 were review articles. The authors of the manuscripts are from more than 20 countries, about 50% of them from developed countries and the rest from developing countries. The data shows a significant increase of international collaborations on the research of Energy technologies.

An important part of our strategy of attracting high quality papers has been the call for special issues. In 2021, seven special issues were planned, three special issues were able to accept and publish more than 5 papers in 2021. AIMS Energy has 85 members on our editorial board, and 10 of them joined in 2021. We will continue to renew and accept dedicated researchers to the Editorial Board in 2022.

We hope that in 2022, with the support of all the members of the editorial board and reviewers, the journal can receive and collect more excellent articles to be able to publish. The journal will dedicate to publishing high quality papers by regular issues as well as special issues organized by the members of the editorial board. All these efforts will increase the impact and citations of the papers to significantly increase the academic rank and impact of AIMS Energy as much as possible.

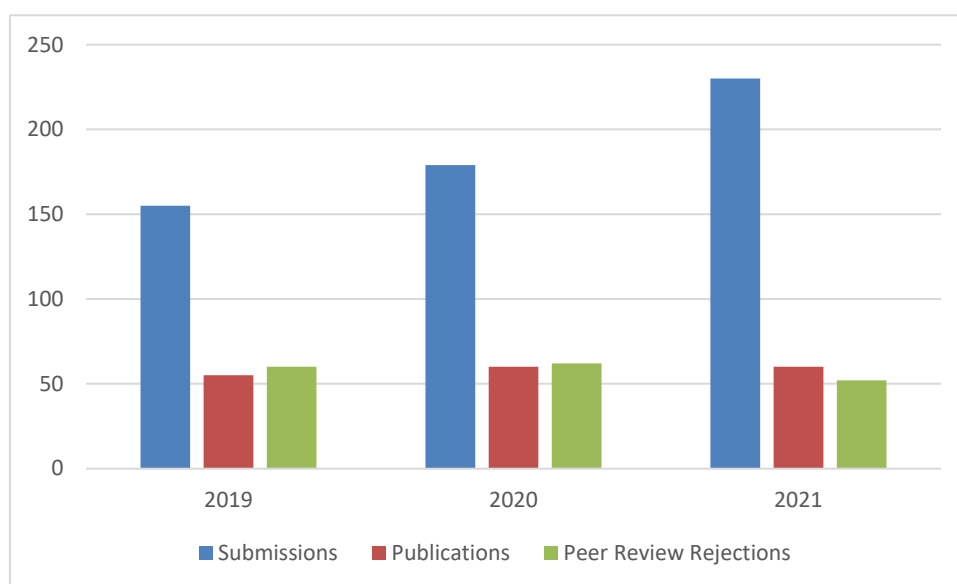
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2. Editorial development

2.1. Manuscript statistics

The three-year manuscript statistics are shown below. The submissions of our AIMS Energy journal in 2021 increased significantly. In 2021, AIMS Energy published 6 issues with 10 articles in each issue, a total of 60 articles were published online, and the category of published articles is as follows:

Type	Number
Research Article	50
Review	10

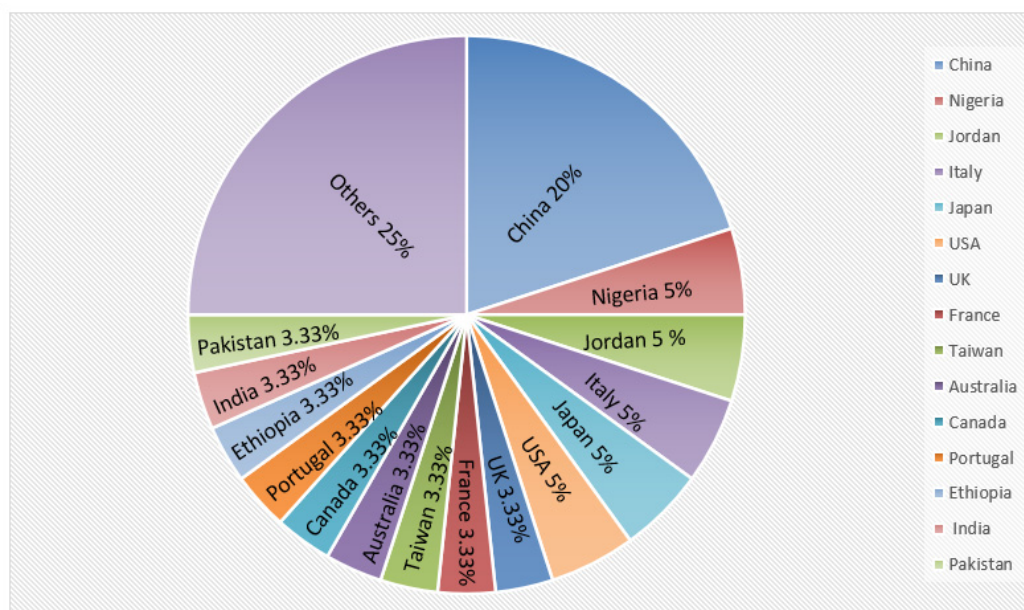


Peer Review Rejection rate: 46%

Publication time (from submission to online): 86 days

2.2. Author distribution

The authors' country of origin distribution is shown below. It is pleased to see that so many diversified countries were represented among our authors.



2.3. Some special issues with more than 5 papers

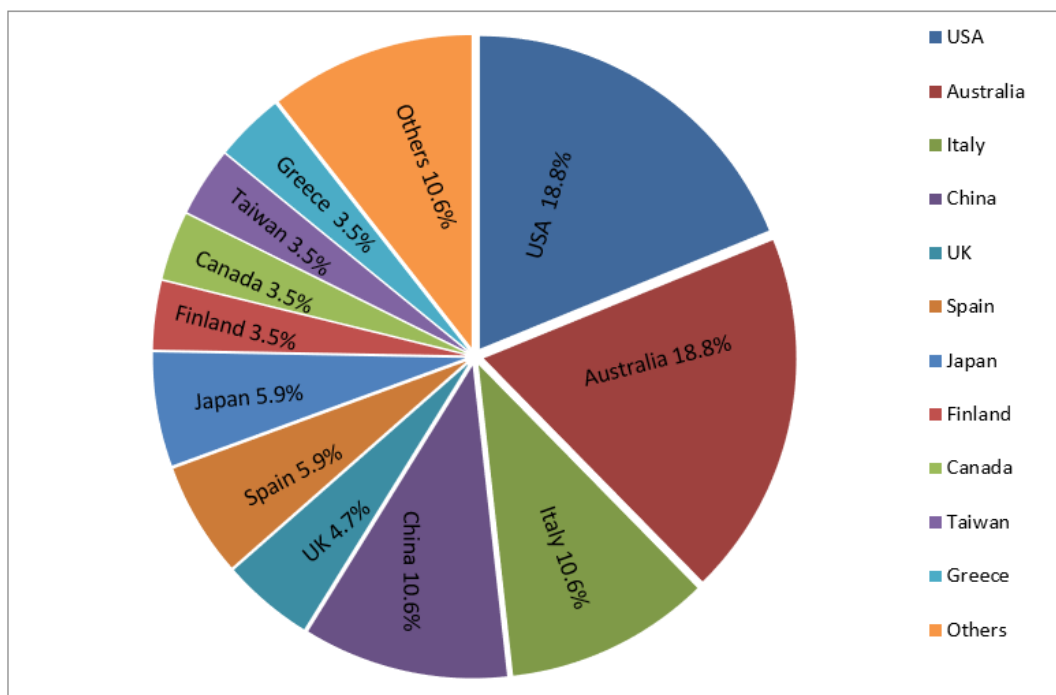
An important part of our strategy of attracting high quality papers has been the call and preparation of special issues. In 2021, seven special issues were called by the editorial board members. Listed below are some examples of issues that have more than 5 papers. We encourage Editorial Board members to propose more potential topics and to act as editors of special issues.

Title	Link	Number of published
Thermal radiation for energy applications	https://www.aimspress.com/aimse/article/5822/special-articles	12
Energy transition in a circular economy perspective	https://www.aimspress.com/aimse/article/5679/special-articles	7
Distribution network reliability in Smart Grids and Microgrids	https://www.aimspress.com/aimse/article/5865/special-articles	5

2.4. Editorial Board members

AIMS Energy has Editorial Board members representing researchers from 20 countries, which are shown below.

We are constantly assembling the editorial board to be representative to a variety of disciplines across the field of Energy. AIMS Energy has 85 members now, and 10 of them joined in 2021. We will continue to invite dedicated experts and researchers in order to renew the Editorial Board in 2022.



2.5. Summary & plan

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In the recent two years, our journal has developed much faster than before; we received more than 200 manuscript submissions and published 60 papers in 2021. We have added 10 new Editorial Board members, and called for 7 special issues in 2021.

2.5.2. Plan in 2022

The growth of our journal will require us to invite dedicated and prestigious researchers and expert to our Editorial Board. Keeping this in mind, our first action in 2022 is to renew and rotate members of the Editorial Board. The foremost task is to invite more high-quality articles (Research and Review), especially the review articles to provide readers broad views on the technologies interested to us. We would like to increase the diversity of high-quality articles from all around the world. To set a goal, we would like to publish 54 high-quality articles in 2022. We hope Editorial Board members could help us invite some reputational scholars in your network to contribute articles to our journal.

Lastly, we would like to invite our board members to try to increase the influence and impact of AIMS Energy by soliciting and advertising high quality articles and special issues.

Acknowledgments

We really appreciate the time and effort of all our Editorial Board Members and Guest Editors, as well as our reviewers devoted to our journal in such difficult circumstances. All your excellent

professional effort and expertise provided us with very useful and professional suggestions in 2021. Last, but not least, thanks are given to the hard work of the in-house editorial team.



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