Background

Late 2006 CQU established the **electronic Journal of Health Informatics (eJHI)** with a large international editorial board. It was endorsed as the official journal by the Australian College of Health Informatics (ACHI) and the Health Informatics Society of Australia early 2007. ACHI took over its management following the closure of CQU's Health Informatics Research Group late 2007. The HISA Board agreed to share costs.

Issues Published

Vol 1, No 1 (2006): Inaugural Issue and Special Issue on Health Data Mining – 6 papers
Vol 2, No 1 (2007): Special Issue on Aged Care Informatics – 5 papers
Vol 2, No 2 (2007): Special Issue on HIC 2006 – 5 papers + 2 general papers
Vol 3, No 1 (2008): Special Issue on Privacy and Security – 8 papers + 1 general paper
Vol 3 No. 2 (2008): Special Issue on Health Information Systems - in press
Vol 3 No. 3 (2008): Special Issue on HIC2008 – best paper authors to be invited.

Activity statistics

A total of 83 new papers have been submitted to date of which 5 were editorials, 5 were declined and 11 were resubmits. Most were from within Australia although a number of other countries were represented such as New Zealand, Phillipines, United States, Iran, Sweden, Japan, Malaysia, Norway, Canada, Greece and India.

	2008 so far	**2007**	**2006**
Total submissions	24	26	33
*Accept	3 (18%)	18 (82%)	17 (71%)
**Decline	1 (6%)	0 (0%)	4 (17%)
# Resubmit	6 (35%)	2 (9%)	3 (13%)
Days to review		86	55
Days to publication		255	136
Registered Users	1591 (302 new)	1289 (519 new)	770 (770 new)
Registered readers	1553 (297 new)	1256 (501 new)	755 (755 new)

* NB: An accepted paper may have had several review rounds before it was accepted.
** This is an underestimation as with special issues where guest editors decide to do the review outside the system, only those papers that are accepted in the end are imported into the journal system
# Papers under Resubmit may have such high obstacles for being accepted that they effectively are a 'polite' decline.

Note:
It is increasingly difficult to get reviewers to do their reviews.
There has been an increase in unsolicited papers, and slight quality improvement as well although there is quite a way to go that regard.

Indexing in Bibliographic databases

We approached Elsevier for possible inclusion in their database. In April 2008 we were advised as follows:

> Thank you for suggesting the above title for inclusion in one or more of our databases. The title has been evaluated for Embase but will be covered by none of our databases. Although the publication has been examined with interest by our Journals' Advisory Committee, and there can be no doubt that your journal represents a valuable contribution in its field, our present coverage policy prevents us from acquiring further publications this year within this subject area. The title will be re-evaluated for Scopus in 2009. Thank you again for your interest in our bibliographic databases.
>
> Dr Jaqui Mason,
> General Manager BD Operations, bd-scm@elsevier.com

We are working towards meeting the requirements for Medline indexing, they have recently changed their requirements. Without this we can't expect to grow much as potential authors tend to look for a high impact factor. Impact can only be improved once the published papers can be found via conventional indexing systems, such as Medline, included in Library search databases. We need to have constant issues, have all papers in some xml format, probably change our author guidelines to include additional things. Google Scholar collects all ejhi issues - they just read it in what we have and index it. A high impact factor is estimated to take the eJHI at least 10 years to achieve.

Domain Name URLs

We have obtained the following domain names:
www.eJHI.org <http://www.eJHI.org
www.eJHI.info <http://www.eJHI.info
www.eJHI.biz <http://www.eJHI.biz
www.eJHI.name <http://www.eJHI.name
www.eJHI.mobi <http://www.eJHI.mobi
www.eJHI.us <http://www.eJHI.us
This means that we are now safe from (mis)use by other organisations or persons. They are now all re-directed to www.eJHI.net <http://www.eJHI.net>.

Some relevant observations
There is an apparent increase in HI publishing as seen by our own experience but also by the International Journal of Medical Informatics who recently reported[1] a 20% increase in submissions and a consistent growth of their impact factor. The current order of impact is:
1. Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association (JAMIA),
2. Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR),
3. Journal of Biomedical Informatics (JBI).
4. The *International Journal of Medical Informatics*

The IJMI is looking to on-line publishing only, they currently do both on-line and print.

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[1] Jan Talmon, Charles Safran, Heimar de Marin, Antoine Geissbuhler and Patrice Degoulet, International Journal of Medical Informatics Volume 77, Issue 1, January 2008, Pages 1-3

eJHI Web Site Activity Statistics

Report: Summary - ejhi.net Date Range: 01/01/2008 - 31/07/2008	
Total Sessions	84534
Total Pageviews	219792
Total Hits	295520
Total Bytes Transferred	1.76 GB
Average Sessions Per Day	396.87
Average Pageviews Per Day	1031.89
Average Hits Per Day	1387.42
Average Bytes Transferred Per Day	8.44 MB
Average Pageviews Per Session	2.6
Average Hits Per Session	3.5
Average Bytes Per Session	21.77 KB
Average Length of Session	00:03:41

Summary

The Summary shows totals and averages for Sessions, Pageviews, Hits, and Bytes for the currently selected Date Range. Visitors information is not shown here because it is only available when UTM visitor tracking is employed.
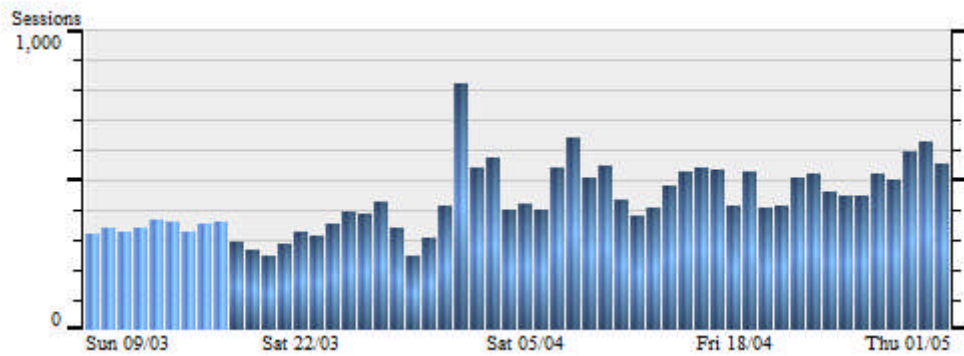
Calculation Methodology

- Session: A series of Hits to the site over a specific period of time by one visitor. A Session is initiated when the visitor arrives at your site, and it ends when the browser is closed or there is a period of inactivity
- Pageview: A request to the web server by a visitor's browser for any web page; this excludes images, javascript, and other generally embedded file types.
- Hit: Any successful request to a webserver from a visitor's browser.
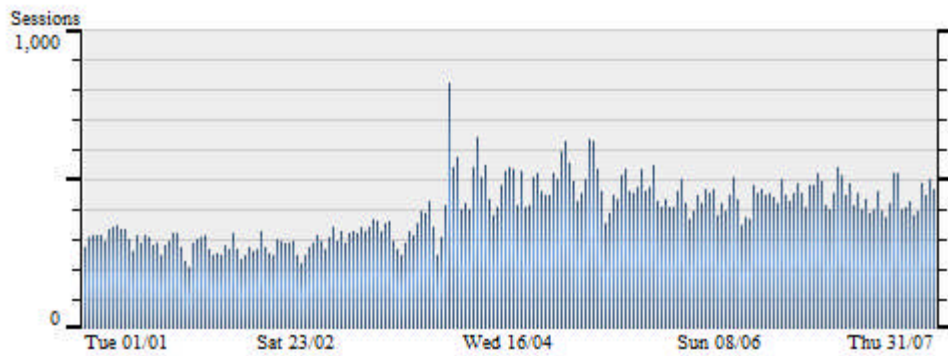- Bytes: The quantity of network bandwidth used by the files requested during the selected Date Range.

Note

Because Bytes numbers can be very large, abbreviations are used as appropriate, such as MB for megabytes (~millions of bytes). The average length of Session is displayed as hours:minutes:seconds.

2008 – April New Issue – Sessions per day

2008 – Sessions per day

2008- July last week – Sessions per day