



*Forensic Science International: Genetics*  
**Journal Status Report**

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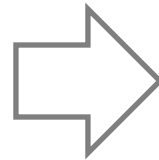
# Expansion in Journal Editors

**2011**



**Peter Schneider** (Associate Editor)  
**Angel Carracedo** (Editor-in-Chief)  
**John Butler** (Associate Editor)

**2013**



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# Current *FSI Genetics* Editorial Board

(some revisions are forthcoming)

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# Topics to Cover

- Information from Publisher's Report
- New Journal Features
- Impact Factor & Comparison to Other Journals
- Appreciation for Authors and Reviewers

# Number of Articles per Year

Year	Number of Submissions	Process Time	Accepted	Rejected	Rejection Rate
2009	272	13.8 wks	110	131	0.54
2010	324	11.7 wks	121	163	0.57
2011	277	15.4 wks	135	165	0.55
2012	316	14.7 wks	128	157	0.55
2013*	221	14.0 wks	84	121	0.59



\*As of 10 Aug 2013

**We are receiving around 300 articles per year and rejecting ~55-60% in order to keep the journal quality high and publication time rapid**

**Compared to two years ago, we have brought the process time down (15.4 to 14.0 weeks) and raised the rejection rate slightly (55% to 59%)**

# Origin of Corresponding Author in 2012

<b>World Region</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Western Europe</b>	<b>51.1%</b>
United States/Canada	19.4%
Asia	17.1%
Australia/New Zealand	5.4%
Eastern Europe	4.7%
South America	1.6%
Other or no country specified	0.7%



# A Brief Review of Contents

(March 2007-Sept 2013)

## Population Data Studies (301)

- Autosomal STR data (136)
- Y-STR data (95)
- X-STR data (43)
- Mitochondrial DNA (27)

**~39% pop. data**  
(301 out of 768 articles)

new population data guidelines released in 2013

## Other selected topics

- SNPs (55)
- Non-human DNA (40)
- Relationship testing (37)
- RNA – tissue typing (17)
- Phenotype – eye color (15)
- **Review articles (6)**

**768 articles** (via PubMed) **published in 32 issues**

# New Population Data Requirements

Forensic Science International: Genetics 7 (2013) 217–220



Contents lists available at SciVerse ScienceDirect

Forensic Science International: Genetics

journal homepage: [www.elsevier.com/locate/fsig](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/fsig)



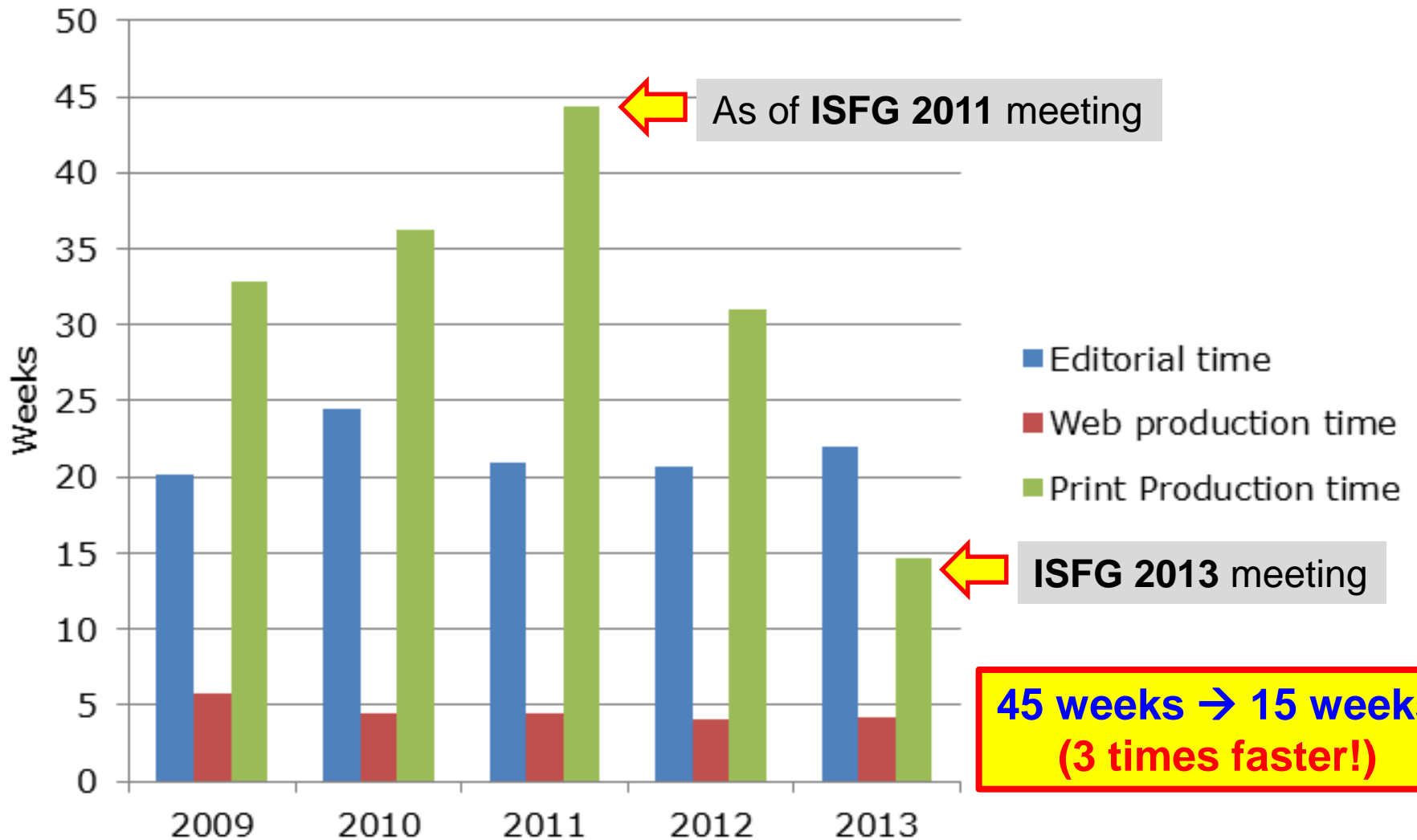
Editorial

New guidelines for the publication of genetic population data

- **A minimum of 17 loci** are required for autosomal STRs and Y-STRs, and 12 loci for X-STRs
- **A minimum of 500 samples** are required for autosomal and X chromosomal STRs, and for mtDNA haplotypes/sequences
  - at least 250 samples with Chr Y results



# Significant Reduction in Time for Print Publication



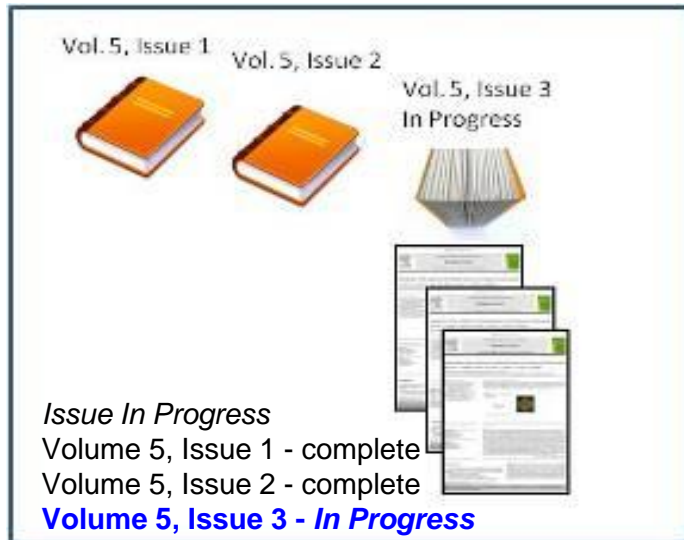
# Summary of *FSI Genetics* Articles

- **781 total articles**
- **32 issues so far (in 7 volumes)**
  - now 6 issues/year
- **767 published (523 in print + 244 e-articles)**
- **14 in press** (*available on journal website; as of 8/15/13*)
- Most accepted articles are published in print (with page numbers) in less than 6 months
  - Article-based Publishing will increase speed...

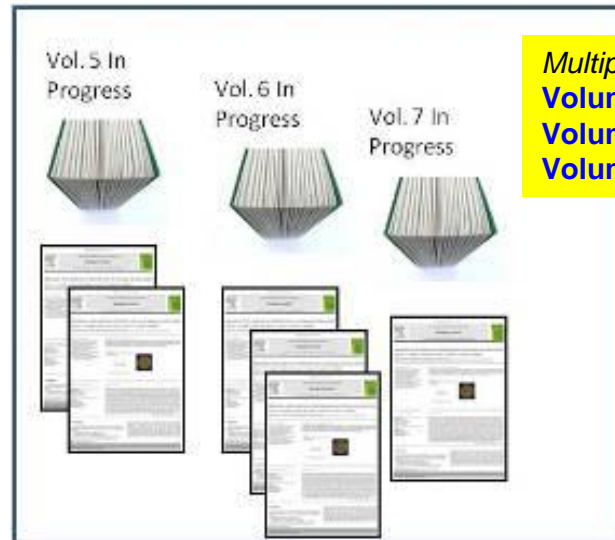
# Article-based Publishing is Coming to *FSI Genetics*

- Articles are published with page numbers as soon as possible without waiting for an issue to be compiled meaning that complete citations are available earlier
- Multiple issues (termed “Issues in Progress”) can be open and filled with articles simultaneously, which eliminates lag time between printed issues

**Common Print Approach**



**Article-based Publishing**



# Growth in Measured Usage by Elsevier

Year	Number of Downloaded Articles
2009	89,856
2010	120,341
2011	146,370
2012	171,633
2013*	83,208

\*Through 23 July 2013

*Our journal is  
healthy and growing  
in use from the  
publisher's  
perspective*

Most downloaded articles in Q1-2013 (Jan – Mar):

- **570 downloads**: Walsh et al. (2013) HlrisPlex system
- **496 downloads**: Gill et al. (2012) DNA commission

# Most Read Articles in FSI Genetics

(as of August 2013)

<http://www.fsigenetics.com>

<a href="#">Articles in Press</a>	<b>Most Read</b>	<a href="#">Most Cited</a>
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**DNA commission of the International Society of Forensic Genetics: Recommendations on the evaluation of STR typing results that may include drop-out and/or drop-in using probabilistic methods**

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December 2012 (Vol. 6 | No. 6 | Pages 679-688)

P. Gill, L. Gusmão, H. Haned, W.R. Mayr, N. Morling, W. Parson, L. Prieto, M. Prinz, H. Schneider, P.M. Schneider, B.S. Weir

[Abstract](#) | [Full Text](#) | [PDF \(550 KB\)](#) | [Supplemental Materials](#)

**Expanding the CODIS core loci in the United States**

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January 2012 (Vol. 6 | No. 1 | Pages e52-e54)

Douglas R. Hares

[Full Text](#) | [PDF \(127 KB\)](#)

# Most Active Reviewers

Data as of 16 August 2013

<b>Reviewer (who is not a current editor)</b>	<b># Reviews Completed since 2007</b>
Walther Parson	93
Thore Egeland	75
Antonio Salas	60
Chris Phillips	57
Mecki Prinz	54

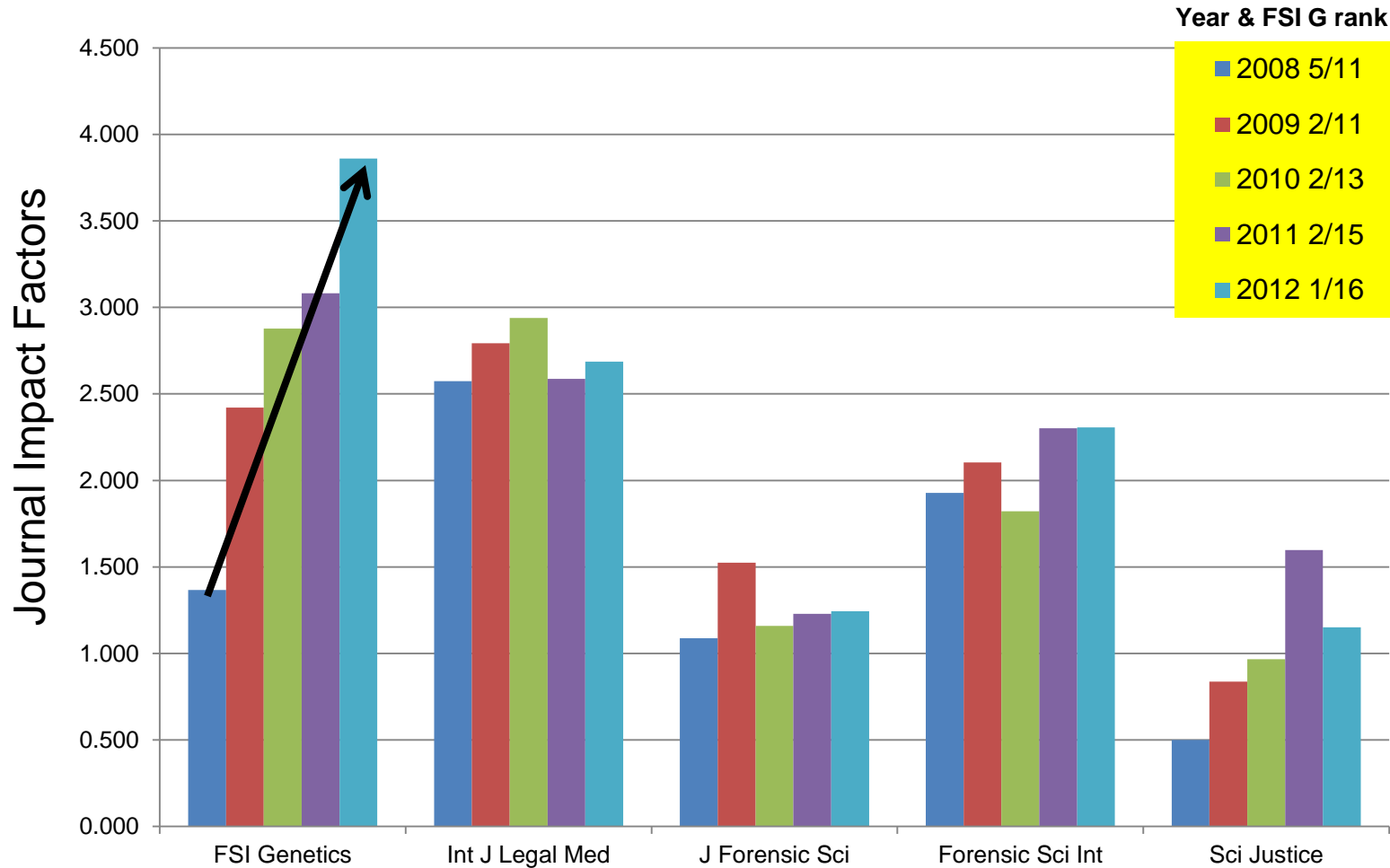
Paula Sánchez-Diz (271 population genetics articles)

# *Forensic Science International: Genetics* has an Improving Journal Impact Factor



# Impact Factors Over the Past 5 Years

*FSI Genetics is definitely moving in the right direction!*





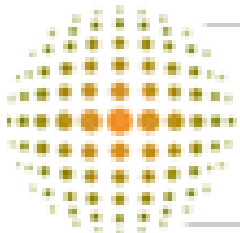
# Thank You

## for All of Your Reviews

**(especially the ones done on-time!)**

We plan to publish a list of reviewers in a future issue *(if needed, a certificate of review may be obtained from Aisling Murphy – [A.Murphy@elsevier.com](mailto:A.Murphy@elsevier.com))*

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# Success of a Journal Depends on...

- A supportive **society**
- A proficient **publisher**
- Enthusiastic **editors**
- Responsible **reviewers**
- Active **authors**
- Regular **readers**



*Thank you!*

