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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BELMAS AGM: JUNE 2024

Professor Jacky Lumby

Jacky passed away in December 2023 after a long illness. She was a distinguished member of the Editorial Board for 20 years, from 2002 until 2022, when she resigned because of her illness. Lesley Anderson, Marianne Coleman and Marlene Morrison joined me at her funeral in January 2024.

Submissions

Submissions declined in 2022, but the 2023 and 2024 figures indicate a sharp increase (see table 1)

Year	Submissions
2015	265
2016	326
2017	382
2018	415
2019	478
2020	678
2021	558
2022	502
2023	608
2024 (January-March)	179 (annual rate 716) [1]

Table 1: Annual EMAL submissions.
[1] Figures until 2021 from Manuscript Central. Figures since 2022 from Sage Analytics

Impact Factor

EMAL's 2022 Impact Factor is 3.6, ranking 63/269 in the Education and Educational Research category (Q1). EAQ's Impact Factor is 3.3 (77/269), so EMAL is the top ranked journal in our field. Thanks, and congratulations, to the Editorial Board, SAGE colleagues, and all who write, and/or review, for the journal. The 2023 Impact Factor is expected in late June.

UK Editorial Board

Pontso Moorosi and Rob Higham have been elected to the Editorial Board, following the resignations of Linda Evans and Paul Miller.

EMAL Best Paper Awards 2023

BELMAS and SAGE support two 'best paper' awards. There were 72 eligible papers for the overall 'Best Paper' award in 2023. Congratulations to Meng Tian and Graham Nutbrown, for their winning paper, Retheorising Distributed Leadership through Epistemic Injustice. Congratulations also to Stina Jerdborg, who won the Early Career Researcher Award for her article, Participation in the Swedish National Principal's Programme: How does it Intertwine with Principals' Practice?

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Prof. Tony Bush

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