



South African Journal of Economic & Management Sciences

1988-2011



History of SAJEMS: founded 1988

- The founding editor Geert de Wet managed the Journal from 1988-1996
- He was the then head of Department of Economics
- Started to offer an academic journal in management.
- It started off as bilingual
- Published by the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences.
- Each issue was given a new number
- From 1988-1991 only 1 issue per year was published, increasing to two and by 1995 there were three issues per year.
- The submissions for the first few issues were mainly by members of the Faculty and some co-authors from other universities.
- At first editorial support was also only by members of the Faculty



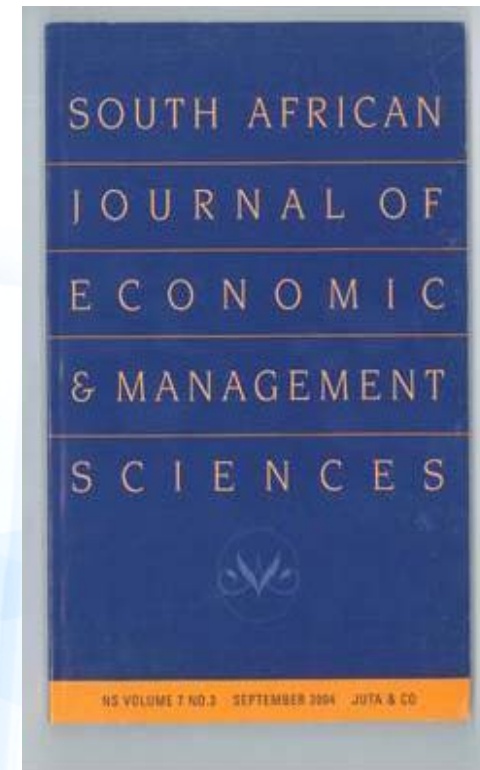
New numbering: New series 1998

- In his term from 1998-2001 Prof Truu concentrated on standardising various aspects of the Journal.
- He started off by correcting the numbering to one volume per year, with different issues
- The journal also received a new look.
- The journal was limited to English to expand
 - Readership
 - Submissions
- The journal was heavily marketed
- However, given the times
 - Journal communication was via snail mail
 - Publication was in print form only



Published by Juta 2004-2010

- James Blignaut was the editor from 2004-2007 and expanded the editorial board to other universities
- Submission fees instituted in 2004 to help cover admin fees and other costs.
- The journal finally had its own resources.
- Submission fees also discouraged low quality submissions.
- Juta published from September 2004 – June 2010.
- ISI accreditation was approved in 2006.



OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING 2010⁺



- I took over in 2008.
- Editorial board representation now includes more South African and international universities.
- The journal focus was narrowed to African markets and market performance in 2009 hoping to achieve
 - Increased citations
 - Greater specialization
- Electronic publishing investigated in 2009
 - Juta was not making money
 - Print publication is very high
 - Subscription base was very low
- Electronic publishing began in September 2010.
- Some support from ASSAf.
- Funding via submission and publication fee.
 - Publication fees cover layout and editing costs.
 - Submission fees cover most other fees



THE FUTURE

<http://www.sajems.org/index.php/sajems>

- SAJEMS has been publishing online for exactly one year.
- Submissions increased substantially, especially international.
- Web includes
 - Back issues to 2008
 - Continually uploading back issues
- SAJEMS is listed on
 - Scielo
 - Ebsco
 - EconLit,
 - Sabinet
 - Will be on Repec from 2012
- Working to register all SA universities by end of year
- Working to register foreign universities in 2012
- As more foreigners submit, more foreigners also review.
- Especially important to increase citations and general presence