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The rejected/accepted ratio fluctuates at around 40%; and the time for publication varies from 2 to 12 months depending on how many times an article diffuses through the following loop: editorial office-editor-reviewers-editor-authors-editor-reviewers ... The rate limiting step is typically the reviewers-editor-authors-editor branch of the loop. And a good question is: how do archival journals manage to analyze articles within one or two months of submission? This editor thinks he knows the answer, but he will leave it open to stimulate further thinking from authors and reviewers...

It is appropriate to note the relevant fact that several highly ranked materials related international conferences were or will be held in Brazil in the period 2007–2009. Just to name a few: 23rd Annual Meeting of the Polymer Processing Society 2007, International Symposium of Ceramics in Medicine – Bioceramics 21, 2008, Ferroelectrics 2008, XII International conference on the Physics of Non-crystalline Solids 2009, XV International Conference on Sol-Gel 2009, 9th International Symposium on Glass Crystallization 2009, UNITECR 2009, and XI International Conference on Advanced Materials 2009. This is a clear indication that more and more Brazilian research groups are being recognized by the international materials community. As a bonus, these conferences allow a large

number of Brazilian (and other South American) researchers and students to meet face-to-face with renowned scientists from several countries and to be aware of the most recent findings, as well as of the state-of-art in relevant topics.

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