

Reflection on the 10th Anniversary of the Journal *Water Economics and Policy* (WEP)

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The year 2024 marks the 10th anniversary of the journal *Water Economics and Policy*. The journal was established to address the increasing need to highlight economic and management aspects in the water sector and their impacts on the rest of the economy.

During the past 10 years, WEP has transformed significantly in many ways. Quantitatively, the interest in WEP has led to an increased number of submissions, the number of countries from which papers are being submitted has increased dramatically, and the coverage of issues addressed in recent years has expanded from mainly efficiency-related to more equity-related issues. WEP is now a home to many authors from developing countries.

WEP has also expanded its editorial features over the years. We introduced a Book Review section in which new books on water economics are reviewed for the benefit of our readership, and a Policy Nook section — a very popular feature — in which policy makers and policy experts write policy notes on issues that are at the center of the professional discourse. These policy notes are regularly downloaded by our readers. In recent years, WEP introduced the Editorial Note, which is written by one of the editors and presents the content of the papers in the published issue. This feature tells potential readers what they can find in the specific issue. In 2023, WEP introduced “Editors’ Choice” — a list of selected published papers that were accepted during the previous year and were recommended by the editors of the journal. Papers in the Editors’ Choice list get special mention on the journal website. In 2024, WEP introduces a new feature — Invited Review Papers — which are solicited individually from experts in various fields of water economics and policy. All these features added during the first decade of WEP’s life have made the journal much more “reader-friendly”. Going forward, in order to enable free access to quality content, the editors of WEP have decided to increase open access publications in WEP.

Editorial

In retrospect, WEP has moved many miles beyond what it had been in the early years. In 2023, the journal impact factor was 1.1 and its CiteScore was 1.9, demonstrating a vivid and successful journal performance. While WEP has made major headways, there is still much to accomplish in the next decade, or even before. Our goal is to increase the number of published papers per issue and the number of issues published per year for much wider dissemination among the academic community.

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