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Over the last year, we experienced a significant increase in the number of submissions to Research in Engineering Design: from 228 in 2016 to 309 in 2017. We published more papers this year yet also end the year with a backlog of 22 papers waiting to be published (compared to 11 papers last year). This reflects an increase in the quality of submissions in addition to their increased number.

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