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Following 2015, 2016 has been again a successful year for Research in Engineering Design. We end a year with a record high of submissions: over 220 until the writing of this editorial. We also end the year with a backlog of 11 papers waiting to be published. This reflects an increase in the quality submissions that are accepted compared to previous years. The management of the review process seems to be more streamlined but this is an aspect that can always be further improved.

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