2019 closure, reviewers gratitude, and an invitation

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Over the last year, the number of submissions to *Research in Engineering Design* dropped by about 20%. This is explained by fewer submissions that are out of scope but also less good submissions. We published 27 papers, 15% less than the year before and with 15% decrease in their total volume. We definitely need to attract more quality submissions and make sure we reduce the review time to do it. We intend to improve our processes and the overall service to authors and invite prospective authors to experience this firsthand.

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