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BSRLM Publications Officer's Report 2020

I took over the role of Publications Officer this year. The three conferences to which this report refers (Autumn 2019 – Summer 2020) were all challenging for different reasons:

Autumn 2019 was held in Belfast at Queen's University. This inevitably resulted in fewer 'regular' attendees although provided the opportunity for a wider range of contributors. Resultantly the number of proceedings received was significantly lower than usual.

Spring 2020 was held at the University of Cambridge just before a national lockdown due to Covid-19. Concerns over travel and attending such events meant a lower turnout and some presenters needing to withdraw. The number of proceedings produced was still high, but not as high as we might expect from a conference held at the University of Cambridge.

Summer 2020 Day Conference was cancelled with a New Researchers' Day held online. This event attracted a higher than average proportion of international presenters and a higher than average number of submissions to the Proceedings from new researchers. While these proceedings were published online as usual, short sentence introductions were not included in RME.

Conference	Presentations	Papers in Proceedings	Of which international contributions
Queen's University, Belfast (November 2019)	23	7	0
University of Cambridge (March 2020)	31	16	2

Online New Researchers Day only (July 2020)	17	10	2
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Overall, the papers continue to cover a wide variety of areas. All Proceedings are available via the website.

From the next (November 2020) conference onwards, we will be moving to APA 7th for citations and referencing. The template and guidance material has been updated and will be sent to all presenters following the conference, so it is essential that the new template is used for all future submissions, else submitted papers may be returned.

Rachel Marks, November 2020