



“J” Stands for Jocose and Other Descriptors

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If you are brave or curious enough to read beyond the rather unusual title, you may encounter a bit of **j**oviality reading this description of the latest news pertaining to Division J. Describing our work can be boring business, so I decided to add a little **j**azz to the discussion with the judicious use of “J” words.

Our division submitted 481 proposals using the All Academic Electronic System. I **j**umped for **j**oy when the process worked well. But become less **j**ocular when the proposal assignment duties and proposal review functions didn't function as planned. The Program Committee worked overtime to try to answer problems, but I fear that apologies are still required for the difficulties many of us encountered. Nevertheless, I am happy to report that the review of all proposals did occur. At the time of this writing, the Program Committee is planning the process of **j**uggling the accepted presentations and putting together the Division J program.

Assembling the program requires a large dose of **j**udgment. Of course, while the acceptance and rejection of proposals depends on the ratings of the reviewers; close attention must be paid to both the scores AND the comments made. But **j**udging where the acceptance rejection line must be drawn is only a minor part of the Program Committee's work. They must also **j**uxtapose presentations that logically flow together into specific slots. They must also **j**udge whether a certain presentation is best handled as a poster or a paper discussion or a paper presentation.

In conclusion, it is my expectation that we will have a **j**ewel of a program this year. Please plan to **j**oin us in Montreal. Of course, Canada can be rather cool in April so please remember to pack a **j**acket!

Too bad our Division was given the letter “J”. If only we had been labeled Division “R” my article could have infused words like research, reason, ridiculous, random, relevance, and reflection!