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Volume 20 in 2015 completed the second decade of *Systematic & Applied Acarology* (SAA). During its first decade, SAA was as an annual publication with an average of 27 papers in 202 pages per year (Zhang 2005). During the last decade, SAA increased its frequency to biannual in 2006, triannual during 2007–2011 and quarterly during 2012–2014, averaging 39 papers in 328 pages per year (Zhang 2014). In 2015, the online edition was published in eight issues with 94 papers in 976 pages—the largest annual increase in its history. Overall, the second decade achieved 66.7% increase in the number of papers and 94.6% in the number of pages over the first decade (Fig. 1). In 2016, SAA will be published monthly online, allowing faster publication, while printing will continue quarterly as in 2015.

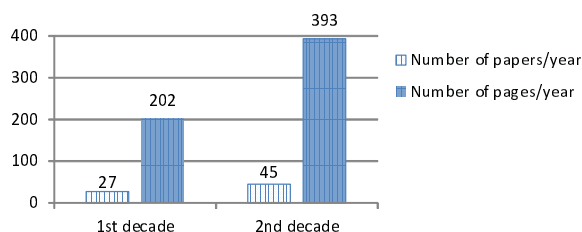


FIGURE 1. The growth of *Systematic and Applied Acarology* as shown in the average numbers of papers and pages per year during the first and second decade.

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