

2018 JOURNAL REPORT: SCOTTISH JOURNAL OF GEOLOGY VOL 54 (as of 17 Dec 2018)

The Society's journal (joint with the Glasgow Geological Society), Scottish Journal of Geology (SJG), has seen some very positive trends for 2018. Volume 54 for 2018 was composed of two parts with five articles being published in part 1 and six articles being published in part 2. We have seen a marked increase in the number of submissions for 2018, however, concomitant with this rise is a considerably higher rejection rate, a trend that seems to be on the increase since 2014 (see below). We continue to maintain our high standards of articles against this high number of submissions with 2018 seeing 2 more accepted than the previous year.

Alongside our modest increase in the number of articles published, there has also been a reduction in the total mean lead time of from submission to publication. In 2017 this was 8.6 months and has now dropped considerably to 5.5 months for 2018.

Authors are now considering the accessibility of their work more than ever and 2018 saw the first gold open access article for SJG. Gold open access allows anyone to access the article from the publisher rather than green open access where the author makes their work accessible through self-archiving a copy of their article, typically at the proof stage. This is a positive trend increasing the exposure of SJG to those who are non-members and from any background.

Geographically, our author predominantly are from the UK (81%) with 13% coming from Europe and 6% from the far east and Australia. It appears unusual that we do not have any authors from North America given the Palaeozoic geological connections with this continent.

We expect to see these positive trends continuing for 2019 as we publish our special issue for early-career researchers and also introduce a submission from the recipient of the Clough medal.

Tom Challands, Editor

Ownership 100% Geological Societies of Glasgow and Edinburgh

Chief Editor Colin Braithwaite

Board members

UK	Europe	N Am	FE/Austr	RoW	Total
6	0	0	0	0	100
100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%

PUBLICATION STATISTICS

Issues published

Volume	Part	Print run	Pub date (online)	Articles	No. of pages
54	1	920	18-May-18	5	68
54	2	898	08-Nov-18	6	56
Total		1818		11	124

Articles submitted

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
28	14	11	18	28

Articles rejected

14 articles rejected (all rejected without review)

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
14%	21%	20%	46%	62%

No. of articles published

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
12	19	10	9	11

No. of gold open access articles

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
0	0	0	0	1

Average lead time (months)

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
5	11.3	3.5	6	4.1

Average prod time (months)

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
5	2.7	2.6	2.6	1.4

Author geography

UK	Europe	N Am	FE/Austr	RoW	Total
26	4	0	2	0	30
81%	13%	0%	6%	0%	100%