

2019 has seen a rise in articles submitted (32) to *Scottish Journal of Geology* (SJG), a reduction in the number of articles that have been rejected (62% for 2018, 46% for 2019) and an increase in the total number of articles published (16). This represents a double in the number of published articles in each volume of SJG for this year compared to 2018 - 8 articles in each volume compared with only 4 articles for each volume in 2018. The reduction in the number of articles being rejected reflects an increase in the number high quality articles begin submitted to our journal. Our special issue for early career researchers has also attracted a good deal of young talent and has given us greater exposure throughout research institutions as a suitable journal for publishing timely research on pressing issues in geoscience resources as well as high calibre work on Scottish geology.

Our top three most viewed articles of 2019 included new dinosaur teeth from Skye (Young *et al.* 2019; vol. 55, pp. 7-19), heat from mine waters (Todd *et al.* 2019; vol. 55, pp. 124-133); Holocene palaeoenvironmental change in the Muck Deep (Arosio *et al.* 2019; vol. 54, pp. 99-114) with an equally diverse range of articles receiving steady but low numbers of citations.

The success of the thematic issue for early career researchers (volume 55) is something that the editors of the journal would like to replicate by introducing a special volume dedicated to specific themes in the coming year in addition to retaining the broad coverage of articles that we receive.

The *Scottish Journal of Geology* is recovering well from previous years as the publishing environment changes and the new initiatives discussed above appear to have been beneficial for our journal.