

Hydrology Research: an International Journal

Dear Colleagues,

This is to update you on *Hydrology Research* and to ask for your assistance in further developing the journal to serve the hydrology community effectively. Please consider our requests carefully and contact us with any comments if you wish.

INCREASED INTERNATIONAL PROFILE

We are delighted that the Italian Hydrological Society (IHS) and the German Hydrological Society (DHG) adopted *Hydrology Research* as their official research journal in 2012. We look forward to working with IHS and DHG members, and encourage them to actively participate in developing the journal by submitting their papers, acting as reviewers, and encouraging their institutions to subscribe to the journal. We also look forward to spin-off benefits in terms of wider collaboration between the British Hydrological Society (BHS), the Nordic Association for Hydrology (NHF), IHS and DHG. The Editorial Board has been refreshed and enhanced to reflect the adoption by IHS and DHG of *Hydrology Research* as their research journal.

FASTER PUBLICATION TIMES

Times to online publication of papers in *Hydrology Research* have been reduced substantially. **Uncorrected proofs** (with a doi and citable as “in press”) are available to subscribers online from <http://www.iwaponline.com/nh/> within a month or so of a manuscript being accepted. The complete archive of past papers, back to 1970, is available to subscribers online. Details of *Hydrology Research* papers as they are published can be obtained regularly and automatically, free of charge, via Contents Alert and an RSS feed (see the journal website for how to engage with these services).

INCREASED SUBMISSIONS

The number of manuscripts received has risen from 132 in 2008 (when the journal was re-launched as *Hydrology Research*) to over 240 in 2012. The numbers of papers/pages published has almost doubled from 40/505 to 74/950 for 2008 and 2012 respectively. The manuscript rejection rate has increased over the same period, to 73.7%.

We think the points outlined above indicate very healthy development of the journal, and thank IWA Publishing for their work to that end.

The ISI impact factor of 0.976 for 2011 is substantially higher than before the journal was re-launched. IWA Publishing and the Editors are confident that the ISI impact factor will continue to grow as a result of rigorous quality control, now that *Hydrology Research* is a firmly established brand.

SOCIETY/ASSOCIATION SUPPORT

We enjoy strong support for *Hydrology Research* from all of you, and trust this will continue to develop to mutual advantage. We ask the Society/Association stakeholders to review their media outputs describing their organisations and activities (printed information, website, Newsletters, etc.) and, where possible, ensure that the journal is promoted positively and exclusively. We also ask the corporate Society/Association stakeholders in *Hydrology Research* to do everything in their powers to help develop a culture within their managements and memberships that encourages the journal to be seen as an important and worthwhile collective good for everyone. Society and Association stakeholders in *Hydrology Research* are well-placed to convey the benefits of the journal to the employers of their members (knowledge exchange, personal professional development, etc.), and to encourage more subscribers to the journal.

Our confidence in the future of *Hydrology Research* will be further strengthened with your help. We hope you have read this far and welcome any feedback.

Best regards

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