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Editorial

I think most of us were impressed at the scientific content of the presentations at the Dundee meeting. There is clearly a rich vein of phycologists out there doing some really interesting and important work on an extremely diverse range of phycological topics. My feeling is, however, that there are a significant number of younger participants, in particular, who are not members of the BPS. Currently we have about 550 members, but we need more! The activities of the society are supported largely by the members, and the greater the membership the more we can do. The BPS is a thriving society with a flagship journal, the *European Journal of Phycology*, which goes from strength to strength. This journal attracts papers from all branches of phycology and, for all those interested in jobs and research assessment exercises, shows an increasingly higher impact factor. Importantly, this should not be seen as just a European Journal and the recent issue, for instance, contains papers from researchers in Australia and the United States. This journal is available at a reduced rate to BPS members. There are additional benefits, particularly for student membership, including support for attending meetings, and I have given some information on this, and the society, in the current newsletter. All it really needs is for one current member to aim to recruit one new individual to the society. That doesn't seem like too tall an order!

