

British Phycological Society – AGM Oban 2019

Reports from journal editors and webmaster:

A. **Editors report** by Juliet Brodie and Christine Maggs

European Journal of Phycology Editorial Report December 2018

(01 Jan 2018–31 Dec 2018)

Editors in Chief, Editorial Assistant and Associate Editors

Christine Maggs and Juliet Brodie have been joint Editors-in-Chief for the period. Caroline Magill continues as Editorial Assistant.

We were joined by new Associate Editors: Pilar Diaz-Tapia in April replacing Heroen Verbruggen in Evolutionary Biology; Katrin Geisler in December, replacing Matthew Davey in Applied Phycology and Biotechnology. Klaus Valentin stepped down in July.

General Comments

The last 12 months have been very busy with 132 new submissions to the journal. Adding revised papers coming back to that figure, there was a turnover of 228 papers handled in the last 12 months.

2018

Volume 53 Issue 1 February 2018 (published in Feb) – 116 pp

Volume 53 Issue 2 May 2018 (published in May) – 132 pp

Volume 53 Issue 3 August 2018 (published in Aug) – 202 pp (larger issue to clear papers)

Volume 53 Issue 4 November 2018 (published in Nov) – 118 pp

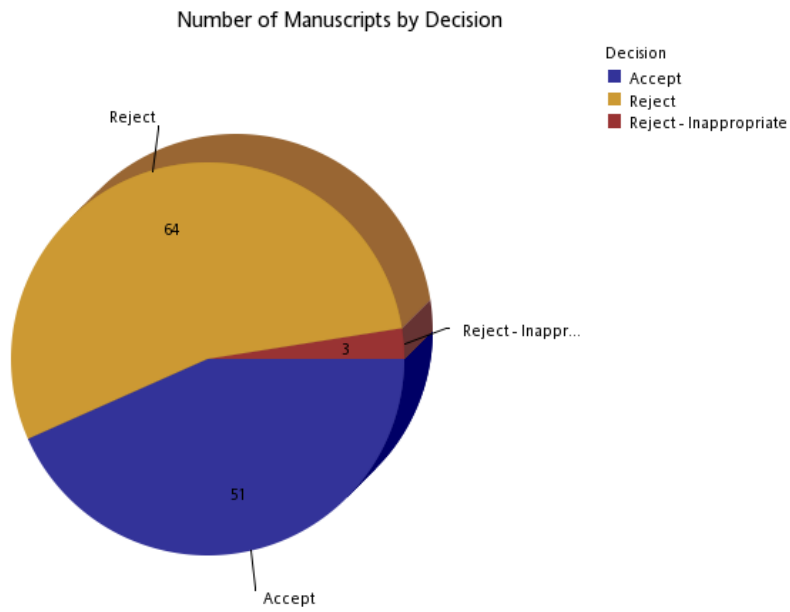
Manuscripts submitted by author country

Author Country	Number of submissions
Argentina	1
Australia	4
Brazil	7
Canada	1
China	18 (11)
Czech Republic	2
Denmark	1
Egypt	2
France	3
Germany	3
Greece	1
India	16 (10)
Indonesia	1
Iran (the Islamic Republic of)	13 (8)
Ireland	1
Italy	5
Japan	2
Korea (the Republic of)	2
Malaysia	1
Malta	1
Mexico	1
New Zealand	1
Russian Federation	1
Saudi Arabia	1
South Africa	3
Spain	6
Sweden	1
Thailand	1
Tunisia	2
Turkey	6 (1)
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	3 (10)
United States	6
Summary	132

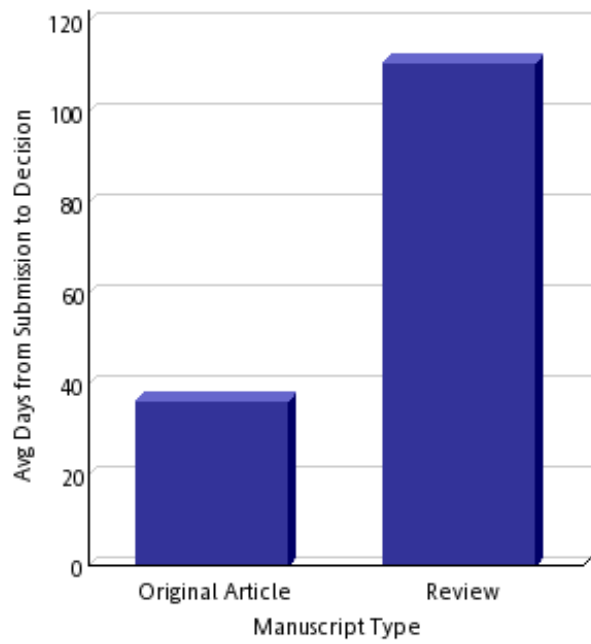
Large increases or decreases on previous year are marked by last year's number in ()

Decisions made on manuscripts Jan 1st to Dec 31st

Accept ratio 51:67 (43.2%)



Average time from submission to decision Jan 1st to Dec 31st



Average turnaround time by editor from Jan 1st to Dec 31st

Associate Editor	Avg. Turnaround Time (Days)	Associate Editor	Avg. Turnaround Time (Days)
<u>Anderson, John</u>	88.25	<u>Liu, Fuquan</u>	91.00
<u>Brodie, Juliet</u>	26.60	<u>Maggs, Christine</u>	33.14
<u>Davey, Matt</u>	18.75	<u>Mine, Ichiro</u>	18.00
<u>Dorrell, Richard</u>	14.35	<u>Pearson, Gareth</u>	80.50
<u>Dudgeon, Steve</u>	73.25	<u>Perkins, Rupert</u>	66.00
<u>Diaz-Tapia, Pilar</u>	29.80	<u>Raven, John</u>	15.71
<u>Giordano, Mario</u>	51.00	<u>Skaloud, Pavel</u>	18.00
<u>Hoppenrath, Mona</u>	20.43	<u>Thornton, Daniel</u>	43.80
<u>Jungblut, Anne</u>	56.14	Total or Average:	29.91
<u>Kooistra, Wiebe</u>	12.00		

Journal Impact Factor

European Journal of Phycology's 2017 Impact Factor increased to 2.481 from its 2016 Impact Factor which had increased to 2.412 from its 2015 value of 2.205. *Phycologia* rose from 1.628 to 1.826, *Harmful Algae* rose from 2.664 to 3.087, *Journal of Applied Phycology* dropped from 2.559 to 2.372, and *Journal of Phycology* rose slightly from 2.536 to 2.608. The EJP five-year impact factor has increased from 2.371 to 2.476. We have risen by rank in both lists, and EJP is Q1 in Marine & Freshwater Biology but only Q2 in Plant Sciences.

JCR Year	PLANT SCIENCES			MARINE & FRESHWATER BIOLOGY		
	Rank	Quartile	JIF Percentile	Rank	Quartile	JIF Percentile
2016	57/212	Q2	73.349	23/105	Q1	78.571
2015	61/209	Q2	71.053	25/104	Q1	76.442
2014	69/204	Q2	66.422	36/103	Q2	65.534

Top cited papers for the 2017 Impact Factor (papers published in 2015 and 2016; total cites to date - not only as cited in 2017 which lead to the IF - to give an indication of most popular topics).

Symbiodinium tridacnidorum sp nov., a dinoflagellate common to Indo-Pacific giant clams, and a revised morphological description of Symbiodinium microadriaticum Freudenthal, emended Trench & Blank

By: Lee, Sung Yeon; Jeong, Hae Jin; Kang, Nam Seon; et al.

EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PHYCOLOGY Volume: 50 Issue: 2 Pages: 155-172 Published: MAY 2015

Times Cited: 21



Symbiodinium necroappetens sp nov (Dinophyceae): an opportunist 'zooxanthella' found in bleached and diseased tissues of Caribbean reef corals

By: Lajeunesse, Todd C.; Lee, Sung Yeon; Gil-Agudelo, Diego L.; et al.

Volume: 50 Issue: 2 Pages: 223-238 Published: MAY 2015

Times Cited: 16



A polyphasic approach for the taxonomy of cyanobacteria: principles and applications

By: Komarek, Jiri

Volume: 51 Issue: 3 Pages: 346-353 Published: 2016

Times Cited: 12

An integrative systematic approach to species diversity and distribution in the genus Mesophyllum (Corallinales, Rhodophyta) in Atlantic and Mediterranean Europe

By: Pena, Viviana; De Clerck, Olivier; Afonso-Carrillo, Julio; et al.

Volume: 50 Issue: 1 Pages: 20-36 Published: 2015

Times Cited: 11



Phylogenetic analysis of rhodolith formation in the Corallinales (Rhodophyta)

By: Hernandez-Kantun, Jazmin J.; Riosmena-Rodriguez, Rafael; Hall-Spencer, Jason M.; et al.

Volume: 50 Issue: 1 Pages: 46-61 Published: 2015

Times Cited: 10

Cyclical size change and population dynamics of a planktonic diatom, Aulacoseira baicalensis, in Lake Baikal

By: Jewson, David H.; Granin, Nick G.

Volume: 50 Issue: 1 Pages: 1-19 Published: 2015

Times Cited: 10

B. Editor of the Phycologist report by Jan Krokowski

Phycologist newsletters yr ending 2018: issues # 94 (spring) and #95 (autumn)

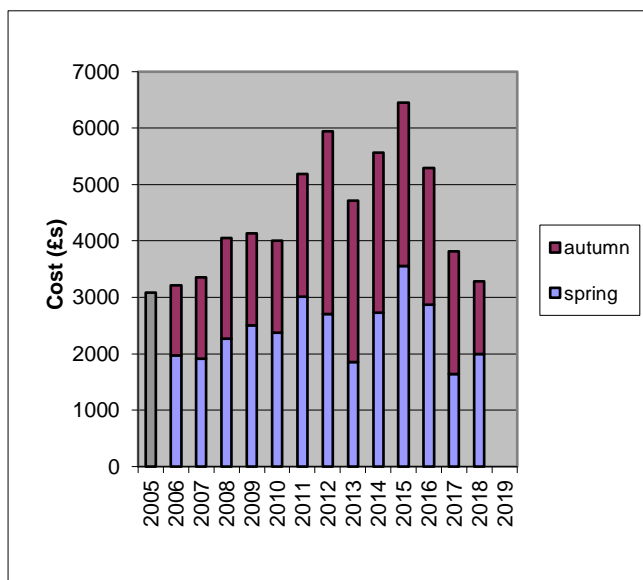
Copies were produced and dispatched on time.

As always - big thank you to Agnès Marhadour for typesetting, Monument Press for printing, and Scottish Environment Protection Agency Admin staff for posting the newsletters.

A number of members have requested to download *The Phycologist* on-line, so numbers being posted out have reduced – which accounts for decline in overall costs since 2016. The autumn edition was printed in full colour and I will gauge whether future editions could be printed in full colour – dependent on costs to the Society.

Recent costs to date

	Spring #94	Autumn #95
Layout/typesetting	£500	£500
Printing	£986	£296
Postage/consumables	£513.72	£491.3
	£1999.72	£1287.3



Thanks to all the members for their contributions – with student reports accounting for the bulk of them. I am always open to suggestions for new articles. Please continue sending articles in – happy to include any phycological views, news, work events, or any matter you wish to share. **YOUR** input is essential. Without **YOU** the newsletter would not exist.

Deadline for submission of articles for Spring is March 1st, and for Autumn edition is September 1st.

C. Webmaster Report by Andy Davies

The new website has now fully replaced the site that was developed by Prof Mike Guiry and has been running successfully since August 2018, with only two small

periods of downtime (each less than 1 minute due to larger scale internet disruption, nothing to do with the site or hosting provider). Since the site went live, we have had 11,027 unique visitors, with the most visiting in November, see Figure 1 for more detailed statistics from the site.

We currently have 206 active registrations as of December 22, and the whole process of moving the membership across has run rather smoothly, albeit at a rather slow conversion rate. I am hopeful that once January 1 passes, those members who have held off renewing will do so on the new site without fear of being charged twice. Of course, the big event will be in several days when the automatic renewal period begins, and I am confident that this will occur without issue.

Plans for 2019 include improving the content, in terms of more regular news items, better linkage with social networks (e.g. Facebook and Twitter) and revision of content that was transferred across. Minor design changes are planned for the front page to improve engagement by adding more eye-catching visuals.

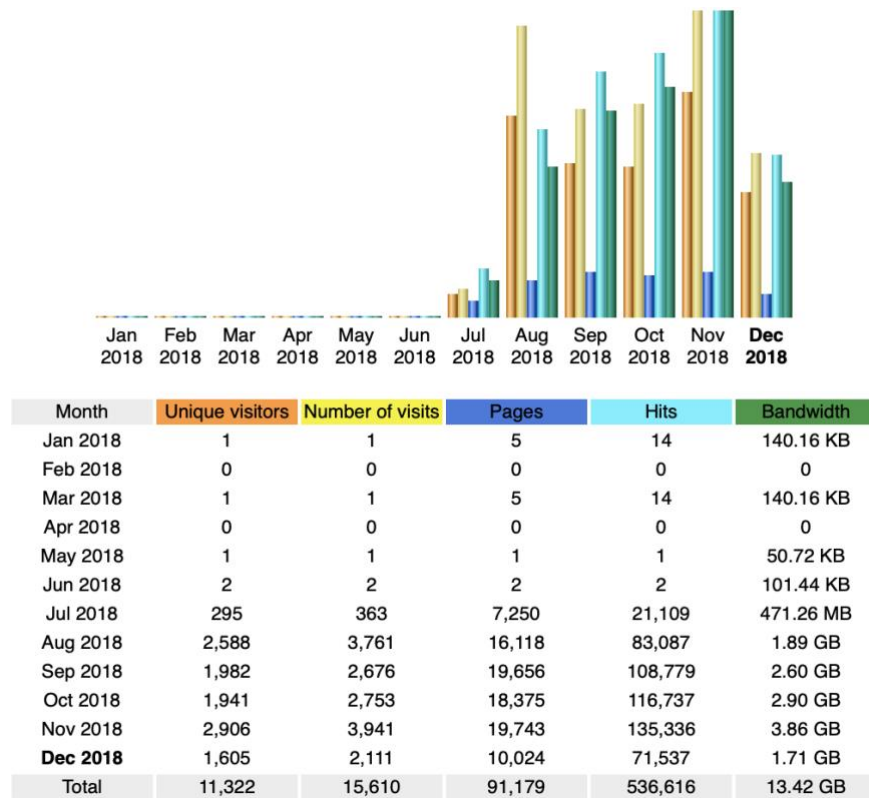


Figure 1 Site visitor statistics (August 1-December 22 2018) collated by the AWStats program.

Table 1 Active registrations, as of December 22 2018.

Plan	# Active Registrations
Honorary Member	11
Corporate	0
Retired (journal)	9
Retired (no journal)	13
Student (3 Year)	15
Student (journal)	5
Student (no journal)	33
Ordinary (journal)	39
Ordinary (no journal)	81
Total	206