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There has been a dramatic decline in the number of requests for printed and mailed copies of *The Phycologist* (down approx. 75% from 2018). I assume this is likely due to the default selection of 'via email' when joining the BPS on the new website. As this keeps printing costs low, future issues will be produced with colour of all images not just covers. Of course this will be within reason and adjusting to any surges in printed copy requests.

Two requests were made to use material published in *The Phycologist*. One was requested by The Open University of Israel for the use of an illustration of desmids by David Williamson which appeared in issue 94 of *The Phycologist*. The request was made via Dr. Elizabeth Haworth the curator of the Fritsch Collection of Algal Illustrations of the Freshwater Biological Association where many but not all of Williamson's illustrations are held. Dr. Haworth confirmed with David Williamson that he granted permission for this particular illustration to be used in the textbook. I confirmed with Jan Krokowski (acting editor at time of publication) and we also gave permission for the use of the illustration.

The second request was by the marketing group representing the ioLight field microscope manufacturers. The request was to use Francis Bunker's review of their microscope which appeared in the autumn number 97 issue of *The Phycologist* as promotional material at the BPS 2020 conference. I gave permission for this after checking with Francis that he agreed for his article to be used in this capacity.