

European Journal of Phycology Editorial Report January 2022

Editorial team and general comments

Christine Maggs and Juliet Brodie have continued as joint Editors in Chief, with Kate Schoenrock-Rossiter as Editorial Assistant. Since June 2021, we have had one resignation as Associate Editor (Richard Dorrell) and we two new AEs are likely to start soon.

The Journals Management Committee chaired by Graham Underwood has not met since the last Council meeting but we have raised concerns with the publishers about various aspects of the publishing process, including the offer of transfer to Applied Phycology. Some of these concerns have now been addressed.

Introduction of the new T&F submission portal in November 2020 has continued to cause problems for EJP intermittently, including a malfunction followed by failure of the portal for several days in late 2021.

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Submission rates and type of mss.

Manuscript Type	# Manuscripts	Percentage
Original Article	106	91.4 %
Review	10	8.6 %
Summary	116	100.0 %

In the last 12 months we have had 116 new submissions to the journal, 10 of which were reviews. This is a 46% increase on 2020 submissions. Breakdown by country shows Spain, Portugal, Iran and India as top submitting countries.

Author Country/Region	Total
Brazil	2
Canada	2
Chile	1
China	4
Czech Republic	2
Egypt	3
Finland	3
France	3
Germany	2
Hungary	1
India	10
Indonesia	2
Iran (the Islamic Republic of)	11
Israel	3
Italy	5
Japan	4
Korea (the Republic of)	3
Kuwait	1
Malaysia	2
Mexico	1
New Caledonia	1
Nigeria	1
Pakistan	1

Portugal	8
Qatar	1
Russian Federation	8
Spain	12
Taiwan	2
Thailand	1
Turkey	2
United Kingdom	4
United States	6
Viet Nam	1
	3
Summary	116

By assignment to Associate Editor (proxy for subject)

Editor Full Name	Original
Anderson, John	2
Brodie, Juliet	10
Díaz-Tapia, Pilar	4
Dorrell, Richard	6
Dudgeon, Steve	3
Hughey, Jeffery	2
Jungblut, Anne	8
Kooistra, Wiebe	5
Kostas, Emily	3
Maggs, Christine	5
Mine, Ichiro	1
Pearson, Gareth	4
Perkins, Rupert	3
Raven, John	8
Skaloud, Pavel	6
Thornton, Daniel	6
Williamson, Christopher	7
not assigned (i.e. immediate rejection by Editors in Chief)	33
Total	116

Acceptance rates

The statistics on acceptance rates, as always, need to be considered as an indication only, due to complexities of timing and revised submissions. These refer to the past 12 months. After negotiations with T&F we have been able to offer the majority of rejections direct transfer to Applied Phycology (which appears to have increased our number of submissions) but T&F also choose to offer submission to their other journals. The difference between the total of 116 submissions and 99 in the table below is constituted of mss. still in process.

Manuscript Decision	Number of Manuscripts	Percentage of Total
Accept	29	29.2%
Reject	70	68.5%
Total	99	70.7%

To clear a backlog of papers, we again opted to purchase extra pages for the February and November issues (typical issue is c. 95 pages).

2021 Volume 56 issues

Issue 4^{[[SEP]]}2021 pages 359-504^{[[SEP]]} = 10 articles

Issue 3^{[[SEP]]}2021 pages 231-358^{[[SEP]]} = 10 articles

Issue 2^{[[SEP]]}2021 pages 119-229^{[[SEP]]} = 8 articles

Issue 1^{[[SEP]]}2021 pages 1-118^{[[SEP]]} = 10 articles

The most read article in volume 56 was

[Corallina \(Corallinales, Rhodophyta\) from Tristan da Cunha and the Falkland Islands: implications for South Atlantic biogeography](#)

[Juliet Brodie](#), [Leanne Melbourne](#), [Robert J. Mrowicki](#), [Paul Brickle](#), [Stephen Russell](#) & [Sue Scott](#)

Pages: 94-104

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- 689Views
- 2CrossRef citations
- 59Altmetric

Journal Impact Factor and Altmetrics

Impact Factor

European Journal of Phycology's 2020 Impact Factor (IF) increased to 2.804 from its 2019 value of 2.756, its highest ever level, ranking **80/235** (Plant Sciences, a drop from 59/234) and **25/110** (Marine & Freshwater Biology, also a drop from 16/106).

The 2020 Impact Factors for phycological journals are all remarkably similar:

EJP	2.804
Phycologia	2.857
J Phycology	2.923

Altmetrics

The article published in *European Journal of Phycology* with the highest Altmetric score in 2021 is "'Revival of *Philozoon* Geddes for host-specialized dinoflagellates, 'zooxanthellae', in animals from coastal temperate zones of northern and southern hemispheres'", with a score of 160.

Over the last year, *European Journal of Phycology* has received 18 news and blog mentions and 118 social media mentions, reaching a global audience.

For Altmetrics – turquoise is Twitter; red is news mentions, we have an interesting set of top-cited papers.

<https://www.altmetric.com/explorer/report/fe7742fa-940e-461f-8e1e-2defb808d638>

Applied Phycology Editorial Report January 2022

The editorial team continues as John Beardall as Editor in Chief with Juliet Brodie and Chris Maggs (Managing Editors), supported by Kate Schoenrock-Rossiter as Editorial Assistant

We have had a great deal of problems with just about every aspect of the publication process for Applied Phycology, unfortunately including some Associate Editors who are often less established academics or private sector researchers than for EJP and hence more mobile; Covid was an issue both for the Editorial Team but particularly for production. We report a 5-month delay in online publishing of one article following its proofs.

Two new special issues are being published, one on SDGs led by John Beardall, and one guest edited by Richard Dorrell on global perspectives of the molecular ecology of algae.

Associate Editors

Guang Gao, College of Ocean and Earth Sciences, Xiamen University, China

Emily Kostas, BBSRC Discovery Fellow, Department of Biochemical Engineering, University College London, UK

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Submission and fate of articles in Applied Phycology

Summary of AP papers submitted in calendar year 2021

Total of 42 submissions (plus 2 duplicates due to system errors), of which

11 for SDGs special issue, of which 5 have been accepted and 6 are in process

4 for Richard Dorrell's special issue, all in process

27 for Volume 2, not special issue

Outcomes for the 27 submissions to Volume 2

6 were immediately rejected

2 were withdrawn or abandoned

7 were accepted after revisions, of which 3 have been published (see Table 1)

12 are in process

Applied Phycology Production Report

by K. Schoenrock

Table of accepted manuscript production progress, including all those in production

	Author	Due in production	Edited	In production	1st proof	2nd proof	Published online	Issue
1	Rock	4/2/2021	X	X	11/3		28/4	Vol 2
2*	Nivas	16/7/2021	X	X	9/8		22/12	Vol 2

2*	Karkala	1/8/2021	X	X	24/8		22/12	Vol 2
3	Harb	19/9/2021	X	X	7/10			SDGs
4	Shaish	30/8/2021	X	X	14/1 1		27/12	Vol 2
5	Deveau	18/10/2021	X	X	14/1 1	21/1 2	28/12	Vol 2
6	Nauer	14/11/2021	X	X	4/12	15/1 2	23/12	Vol 2
7	Ritchie	23/12/2021	X	X				
8	Purton	23/12/2021	X	X				

*The same paper, twice, with different authors listed but exactly the same paper!

AP had a long gap with delays in production of up to four months. The AP system is very unlike the EJP production system in that the production assistant doesn't always use CATS for proofs and EA doesn't always get a 2nd proof to look at before publication (checking for small errors in hyperlinks etc. that authors aren't asked to do).

22 waivers were provided in 2021 (to include the two Special Issues) but EA is not 100% sure whether all were used in 2021. We are not sure whether the offer by BPS Council to underwrite any additional charges needed to be taken up.

Future considerations

ESCI (emerging journals citation index) requires AP to have published 20 papers (min., which we have done), and to have an approximately monthly publication (of at least one paper), and have features such as an international editorial board (so the long publication gap between April and December will prevent us getting indexes for at least another year). If T&F apply to have AP considered for ESCI it will undoubtedly be turned down. However, when we eventually get that, we will automatically be assessed by Clarivate for an Impact Factor.

Altmetrics

According to the information supplied by T&F in December we had a total Altmetrics score of zero! [This is not correct but scores are low.]