



Open Access E-Journal PEPS 2017

More than three years have passed since JpGU published the first edition of its open-access peer reviewed e-journal Progress in Earth and Planetary Science (PEPS) in April 2014.

About PEPS:

Fields Covered: PEPS publishes papers in each of the six JpGU science sections which are:

- Space and Planetary Sciences
- Atmospheric and Hydrospheric Sciences
- Human Geosciences
- Solid Earth Sciences
- Biogeosciences
- Interdisciplinary research (research which covers two or more of the other five sections)

Types of paper published: Currently PEPS publishes review articles, research papers, methodology papers, data papers, and debate articles. About 30% of our articles are review articles which provide a systematic summary of the newest developments in the fields that they cover.

PEPS is an Open Access Journal: As an open access e-journal PEPS may be viewed online for free and we expect that this will lead to a large and varied readership. Further, our papers may contain electronic attachments including video which allow a dynamic visual presentation of material.

PEPS is Highly Accessed and Highly Cited: PEPS is gathering much interest from the scientific community. Our published papers have each been accessed an average of 1,537 times and the average number of citations is also large.

APC (Article Processing Charge): Normally an APC of €1,000 is levied (reduced to €200 for JpGU members). We have arranged that review articles, invited papers and data papers be published free of charge.

Additional Activities

PEPS supports Special International Sessions and other Selected International Symposia: PEPS provides financial support for authors based outside Japan to travel to Japan, principally to attend the JpGU Annual Meeting but also for other Selected International Symposia designated by JpGU. We are currently considering requests for assistance to attend the JpGU Meeting 2018. This support is provided only to authors who agree to submit a paper to PEPS.

SPEPS (SPecial call for Excellent Papers on hot topicsS): PEPS accepts proposals to publish special article collections. These are usually centered on themes from JpGU Annual Meeting Special Sessions or Selected International Symposia, but we are always happy to consider other proposals. The SPEPS article collection may be found at

http://progearthplanetosci.org/articles_on_speps.html



PEPS Publishes Papers Based the Best Material Presented at the JpGU Annual Meetings:

Starting with the 2013 meeting, PEPS has received recommendations from session conveners concerning the best material presented in their session, and has approached the recommended presenters to request that they submit a paper to PEPS. We will be seeking such recommendations again this year and would like to thank conveners in advance for their cooperation.

These papers may be found at <http://progearthplanetosci.org/recommended.html>



Publicity for PEPS Papers: PEPS introduces its papers to the community in a number of ways, including publishing abstracts on the PEPS homepage and using Facebook, Twitter and the JpGU Mail Newsletter.

We are always happy to receive new papers – for enquiries please contact us at:

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Statistics for PEPS first three years (data as of 1st May 2017)

Number of papers submitted to PEPS	230	Number of published papers	126
		Number of rejected or withdrawn papers	76
Average time from submission to publication	198.3 days	Average length of review period	135.5 days
		Average time from acceptance to publication	25 days (average of recent 2 years)
Total length of all published papers (in two column layout)			2082 pages
Average length of a published paper			16.5 pages
Total number of accesses for the 126 published papers			193,681 accesses
Average number of accesses per paper			1,537 accesses
Preliminary calculation of the 2016 impact factor (using Web of science Databases)			2.240

