

## ”Earth, Planets and Space”: Transition into Open Access publication

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*Earth, Planets and Space (EPS)* is an academic journal published by the following five societies; The Society of Geomagnetism and Earth, Planetary and Space Sciences, The Seismological Society of Japan, The Volcanological Society of Japan, The Geode- tic Society of Japan, and The Japanese Society for Planetary Sciences. The publication of *EPS* started in 1998 as continuations of *Journal of Geomagnetism and Geoelectricity* and *Journal of Physics of the Earth*. *EPS* is accepting scientific articles in the earth and planetary sciences covered by the five societies, in particular, geomagnetism, aeronomy, space science, seismology, volcanology, geodesy, and planetology. The 5-year publication project proposal on *EPS* to Grant-in-Aid for Publication of Scientific Research Results was accepted and open access publication has started from January 2014.

Visibility of the journal has been increased by the varieties of promotional activities and web pages of the publisher and the societies. The number of submissions to the journal in 2014 was 297, which was 50% more than that in 2013. Average time to acceptance in 2014 was 188 days and the Impact Factor of the year 2013 reached 3.06. We promote *Letter* category, which has a number of word limit as 11,000, by lowering the article processing charge (APC). We have set up a category *Frontier Letter* to promote submissions of high quality short papers by inviting authors, recommended by the five societies and the editorial board members. The APC for the *Frontier Letter* is free. We also promote special issues and 10 special issues have already been in progress. The special issues cover overlapping field of sciences of the five societies and the scope of the journal is also expanding.

We plan to have a collaborative publication with JPGU from January 2016. In our oral presentation, we also discuss about our future perspectives.

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