

Review of editorial work for PEPS for 2014-2015 and new strategy for 2015-2017

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Progress in Earth and Planetary Science (PEPS) is a peer-reviewed, open-access electric journal published by the Japan Geoscience Union in partnership with Springer. It was launched in October 2013. Our first paper was published in April 2014 and by the end of the year we had published 25 scientific articles, four of which were marked by Springer as highly-accessed articles. We think that PEPS is developing smoothly and that, thanks to everybody's hard work, we will succeed in our goal of making PEPS one of the leading journals in the field of earth and planetary science.

Last year, we established a new category, SPecial call for Excellent Papers on hot topicS (SPEPS) to promote the submission of high-quality review and research articles. SPEPS is similar to a special issue/publication or a thematic section in other journals, but differs from the latter in that contributors of SPEPS are not limited to those invited by its guest editors but the PEPS editorial team call for more papers from all over the world. An accepted manuscript will be published soon; it will never wait for acceptance of other manuscripts which will be included in the same SPEPS. We started presenting a Japanese summary of published articles, called "Japanese Highlights". This attracts favorable comments from many JpGU members.

New strategy for 2015-2017 is in preparation and will be introduced in the JpGU meeting 2015.

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