

## Editorial

*Advances in Polar Science* (APS), published since 1990 as a peer-reviewed English-language journal, is dedicated to the presentation of polar research (both Arctic and Antarctic) and of the accomplishments of Arctic and Antarctic expeditions. The international character of the journal improved greatly over the years from 24% of the published papers with a non-Chinese submitting author in 2015 to 63% in 2020.

The Editorial Board, since 2015 comprising an increasing number of international scientists, and further increasing in membership in 2021, now consists of 38 disciplinary Editors (20 international Editors and 18 Chinese Editors). A new co-Editor-in-Chief, in the person of Dr. Ad Huiskes from The Netherlands, succeeded Dr. Ian Allison who will still remain on the Editorial Board as Associate Editor. And, most importantly, APS is since 2020 included in Elsevier's Scopus, the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature. Elsevier's assessment comments of APS were that the journal consistently includes articles that are scientifically sound and relevant to an international academic or professional audience in this field, and the title addresses a subject area not properly covered by an existing journal.

Also, the reviewing process is recently improving, which resulted in an increase in rejection rate of manuscripts, from 5% in 2015 to 24% in 2020.

During the recent Editorial Board meeting (17 December 2020) it was suggested to increase the categories of papers: data papers or short papers focusing on major topics of relevant polar projects. With the new Editor-in-Chief, who is an ecologist, this particular discipline may also receive more attention.

We hope *Advances in Polar Science* will grow and develop as expected in the coming years. We will continue to publish one or two "Special Issues" each year on polar research projects, disciplinary topics or polar geographical regions of current interest. In particular, Special Issues focusing on those polar themes which have strong internationally collaborative links will be the preferred option and attracting.

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