

## Editorial note

The Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Journal's aim is to be a comprehensive journal for the atmospheric and oceanographic sciences in the Southern Hemisphere. Over the last year, we have been reviewing our structure and governance in order to achieve this goal more effectively.

One of the key changes to come as a result of the review will be a change in name of the journal. This issue will be the last issue to be published under the name of the Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Journal. From 2016, the new name of the journal will be *Journal of Southern Hemisphere Earth Systems Science* (JSHESS). We hope, through this change, to make the journal genuinely representative of all parts of the Southern Hemisphere, and in particular, to make the journal more appealing to research associated with South America, Africa, the South Pacific and the Southern Hemisphere oceans, some of which currently has limited outlets for publication in the English-language literature. This will be further strengthened by seeking new members of the Editorial Board from outside Australia and New Zealand.

JSHESS will be considered to be a continuation of AMOJ, with the sequence of volume numbers continuing. The journal will continue to be published by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, and we do not anticipate any radical changes in the short term in the way papers are reviewed and handled (although we plan, soon, to enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century by introducing an online submission and review management system). However, to strengthen the editorial independence of the journal from the Bureau, the Editor will henceforth be drawn from outside the Bureau. This will consequently be my final issue as Editor. It has, despite some of the frustrations occasionally caused by delays in the journal's production, been a privilege to serve in this position for a decade, overseeing the journal's transition from a print to an online publication, and I look forward to the publication becoming stronger still under the next Editor.

I would like to conclude by thanking the Editor-in-Chief, the Associate Editors, reviewers and production staff who have contributed to the publication's success over the last decade, and to thank the Bureau for their continued willingness to support the publication, which allows papers to be published on an open-access basis without requiring publication charges from authors. A peer-reviewed scientific journal cannot exist without the willingness of many individuals to contribute to maintaining the journal's standards and otherwise make things happen.

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