Editorial note

The Journal of Southern Hemisphere Earth System Science has now been accepting submissions for a year. We have four issues successfully published under the revised name of JSHESS. This provides continuity with the excellent foundations of the Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Journal (AMOJ) together with an expanded focus on the Southern Hemisphere.

Over the last year, the journal has been strengthened by the Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editors, reviewers and production staff working hard to implement important changes. We have newly appointed Associate Editors, including from South America, South Africa and New Zealand, and including expertise in atmospheric chemistry, climate extremes, oceanography and fire weather. Our newly expanded editorial board also covers a broader range of career stages and provides greater valuable steps towards gender equity at JSHESS. I thank David Karoly for his tenure as Editor-in-Chief at JSHESS and previously at AMOJ, for his assistance and his ongoing service to the earth systems community. I also welcome Gregory Ayers as the new Editor-in-Chief and very much look forward to his enthusiastic contributions to JSHESS.

Scholastica, the publication’s online submission system now offers streamlined submissions and trackable reviews. Papers are now published immediately after acceptance in early online release, complete with a DOI. JSHESS is also encouraging the submission of papers with dual language abstracts for authors with English as a second language. These production and editorial changes aim to ensure that JSHESS provides a high quality venue for the timely communication of Southern Hemisphere science.

In 2016, JSHESS published a range of papers focused on Australian and Southern Hemisphere climates, including a special issue on Australian East Coast Lows. We also published paper with a broad range of foci, including a quality control procedure for a Chinese polar –orbiting satellite and an evaluation of regional climate models in Tanzania.

The research community is the backbone of JSHESS, as it was for AMOJ and previously for the Australian Meteorological Magazine (AMM). We are delighted that this community has now expanded to include a greater number of passionate researchers and we look forward to receiving submissions reflecting our new community.

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