

JMSJ 2015, Vol. 93, No. 1**Editorial**

In September 2014, the editorial process of the Journal of the Meteorological Society of Japan (JMSJ) was modified to expedite the review and publication of new papers. Since these changes were made, discussions concerning the acceptance or rejection of each paper have been carried out through e-mail exchanges among the JMSJ editors, in contrast to the previous process in which such discussions were only held during regular bi-monthly editorial meetings. Immediately upon acceptance, a paper is assigned a digital object identifier (DOI) number and its early online release (EOR) is promptly displayed on the JMSJ Web site (<http://jmsj.metsoc.jp>).

The five-year fund introduced by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) in 2013 further promoted the publication of the JMSJ. The JMSJ Web site, which was renewed in January 2015, provides all relevant information in relation to the JMSJ, including links to the open access Web site of the Japan Science and Technology Information Aggregator (J-STAGE) and the ScholarOne submission page. Graphical Abstracts of papers newly accepted are available on the JMSJ Web site. In addition, lists of the most frequently accessed and cited papers are uploaded regularly and immediate announcements concerning newly available papers are made on the JMSJ Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/jmsj.metsoc>).

Accompanying the publication of the first issue of 2014 (Vol. 92, No. 1), we also launched an alert service for cited papers. E-mail notifications are sent to alert corresponding authors whose papers have been cited. These alerts are for papers published since the year 2000.

In September 2014, a special issue on SKYNET was published (Vol. 92A). The December issue (Vol. 92, No. 6) includes a special edition on AICS International Workshop on Data Assimilation. A call for papers for a special edition on Contributions to Asia Oceania Atmospheric Sciences is open until the end of March 2015. For more details, please visit http://jmsj.metsoc.jp/special_edition_AO2014.html.

The 2014 JMSJ Award was presented to the following four contributions: Noda (2014), Horinouchi (2014), Tsuyuki (2014), and Bi et al. (2014). An invited review article by Ohmura (2014) was published in the August issue (No. 4). Graphical Abstracts for these papers are available on the JMSJ Web site.

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