

## Editorial

First of all, I would like to express my great gratitude to Yoshimori Honkura for his editorial leadership since the launch of “Earth, Planets and Space (EPS)” in 1998 as its first editor-in-chief. Due to his devoted efforts, EPS has grown to be one of the leading international scientific journals, as he wished written in Editorial of the first EPS issue (Volume 50, Number 1, 1998). As his successor, I do my best to keep further progress of EPS during my term. Using this opportunity, I shall briefly summarize several personal future perspectives on EPS.

EPS has recently introduced electric submission-reviewing systems although we need further improvement in many aspects. This effort has simplified our editorial procedures and reduced the average lapse time from each original submission to its final publication. I shall try to keep my eyes on the timetable of each manuscript so that any significant delay of editorial process be avoided. In order to meet this goal, I ask every contributor and referee to make each action as quickly as possible. Prompt publications will encourage more researchers to submit manuscripts to EPS in the present era of very busy researchers. Your individual cooperation on the above aspect will be greatly appreciated.

We definitely need to establish several unique characters of EPS, distinguishable from other prestigious international journals on the corresponding research fields. That will be the main driving force to attract attentions from both contributors and readers in the world. Since EPS is supported by five scientific societies in Japan, it should be reasonable to emphasize the following subjects: (1) international meetings and research symposiums organized in Japan, (2) international and domestic research projects led by Japanese groups, and (3) major geophysical events such as earthquakes and volcanic eruptions in and around Japan. I like to promote special issues and sections in order to summarize and present the above results while encouraging regular manuscript submissions from worldwide.

EPS is now facing various kinds of uncertain circumstances, similar to other scientific journals. For example, hard-copy publications may disappear very quickly. On the other hand, we have often learned important scientific results not in scientific journals but on Web sites of individual researchers. If we keep emphasizing the prime value towards an original (i.e., “the quickest”) report, we must re-define the role of scientific journals completely. I do not have capability to deal with these difficult issues by myself. Working closely with all the editorial members and listening to comments from contributors and readers openly, I will analyze fundamental issues of EPS and make appropriate and prompt actions.

Finally, on behalf of EPS editorial committee and also the five societies supporting EPS, I like to emphasize EPS to keep presenting scientific papers of high quality on Earth, planetary and space sciences to readers over the world, however its surrounding situations will be.

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