

Editorial

The *Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences (JAS)* was created to publish “basic research related to the physics, dynamics, and chemistry of the atmosphere of Earth and other planets, with emphasis on the quantitative and deductive aspects of the subject.” As readers are no doubt aware, papers in atmospheric chemistry and aerosol science have slowly disappeared from JAS over time, as scientists have chosen other venues in which to publish their work. The decline in submissions to JAS occurred despite the fact that the AMS hosts a well-attended meeting on Atmospheric Chemistry at the AMS Annual Meeting every year.

The AMS Science and Technological Activities Commission (STAC) committee on Atmospheric Chemistry and an ad hoc Committee on Researcher Involvement commissioned by the AMS Council independently recommended to the AMS Publications Commission (PC) that the AMS make a concerted effort to reengage the atmospheric chemistry and aerosol community by providing a venue for the publication of scholarly work that would serve the needs of the community. Both committees recommended that the AMS set a goal of establishing a new Journal of Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosols.

After discussion within the PC and consultation with the AMS STAC committees for Atmospheric Chemistry, Cloud Physics, Planned and Inadvertent Weather Modification, Atmospheric Radiation, Climate Variability and Change, and Meteorological Aspects of Air Pollution, the PC recommended, and the Council approved, a plan to make a focused effort to redevelop an interest within the chemistry and aerosol community in publishing with the AMS. Our first goal is to work with the community to host special collections and other papers in JAS. To that end, the Council has, effective 1 January 2015, approved appointment of Co-Chief Editors of JAS, one coordinating submissions in Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosols, and one coordinating submissions in Physics and Dynamics. JAS has also added editors in the areas of chemistry and aerosols and will add additional editors if the demand arises. JAS encourages proposals for special collections in these areas.

The Publications Commission and the AMS Council welcome this renewed commitment and focus to provide a venue for the publication of scholarly work within the Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol community. We sincerely hope that as a result of the changes that we have made to the editorial staff of JAS, and the renewed commitment of the AMS to support the community in conferences as well as publications, the Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol community will embrace JAS as a publication venue to the degree that a new Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol journal will become viable and can be supported within the AMS suite of journals.

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