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### Thank you reviewers of Earth's Future in 2016

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As the journal completed its third full year in 2016 (in 2013 only one monthly issue was posted), I am pleased to report that submissions were up significantly. In 2016 we received 159 manuscripts, of which approximately 120 were sent for external review. The acceptance rate of the journal stayed around the 50% mark, reflecting the high expectations of our reviewers and editors.

With full-text publications increasingly available online through author submissions to websites, storage on local servers and public institutional archives, regardless of Open Access status, *Earth's Future* aims to offer a high-quality, high-impact journal that supports the goals and promises of Gold Open-Access (GOA). Indeed, because of our GOA status we see large user access with a broad global reach. On a monthly basis, full-text articles since 2013 were accessed well over 10,000 times for online reading (and perhaps some printing) in 2016. Equally impressive is the broader impact of many *Earth's Future* publications that rank in the top 10% of all research outputs scored by Altmetric, representing online attention through news sites, blogs, and social media. Multiple publications received additional attention as news releases or journal highlights, supported by AGU staff and writers, and the authors. Last year we also received our first journal impact factor from Web of Science that likewise presented encouraging news.

Speaking for the entire editorial team, thank you again 200+ journal reviewers, for generously supporting the authors and our young journal, placing *Earth's Future* already among the leaders in the research publication area of global environmental change, sustainability, and resilience.

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