Appreciation of the 2015 JGR Space Physics peer reviewers

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Abstract. The Editors of the Journal of Geophysical Research Space Physics extend their deepest gratitude to the 1,506 scientists that have peer reviewed one or more manuscripts for the journal.

Key points:

- The journal Editors thank the reviewers for their service in 2015
- 1,506 scientists contributed 3,575 reviews in 2015
- 1,147 unique manuscripts had final decisions in 2015

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The Editors of the *Journal of Geophysical Research Space Physics* are deeply indebted to the many people among the research community that serve this journal through peer review. The journal could not exist without the time and effort invested by the community through this voluntary activity, providing expert evaluations and thoughtful assessments of the work of others. In 2015, the journal had 1,506 scientists contribute to the process with at least one peer review, for a total of 3,575 reviews completed, including additional reviews of resubmitted manuscripts. There were 277 reviewers that contributed 4 or more reports in 2015. The average number of reviews per referee in 2015 was, therefore, 2.4.

Note that the total number of manuscript final decisions (i.e., accept or reject) for *JGR Space Physics* was 1,147 in 2015. Of this, 774 were accepted and 373 were declined, for an acceptance rate of 67% last year. If the 1,334 "revision" decisions are included in the tally, then the total number of decisions made in 2015 was 2,481. Working out the arithmetic, it means that, on average, a manuscript gets about 1.2 revision decisions before a final accept-or-reject decision. This explains the ~3.1 average number of reviews per manuscript throughout each paper's lifetime in the submission-revision editorial process.

We are pleased and happy that the research community is willing and able to devote their resources towards this service endeavor. We appreciate each and every one of you that helped maintain the high quality of papers in *JGR Space Physics* last year. We look forward to another excellent year working with all of you through the year ahead.

**Associate Editors Whose Terms Ended in 2015**

The Editors of *JGR Space Physics* would like to extend a special acknowledgment to those Associate Editors whose terms ended in 2015. We had 21 AEs rotate off of the editorial board last year. We greatly appreciate the extra reviews that you conduct and the challenging decisions that you help arbitrate. In particular, we would like to express our sorrow at the loss of Dr. Olaf Amm, who passed away on December 16, 2014, while serving as an AE for *JGR Space Physics*.

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