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Thank You Reviewers of *Earth's Future* in 2017

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Abstract Editorial from the Editor-in-Chief thanking those who reviewed in 2017 for *Earth's Future*.

Thank you *Earth's Future* reviewers!

The year 2017 saw further growth in our journal with ~40% increase in submissions (~230 manuscripts) and ~25% increase in publications (>85 articles) from last year. We relied on nearly 260 unique reviewers to assess and help improve the submitted work in support of fully open-access articles that received a lot of community and public attention. There were almost 145,000 total downloads by readers and many mentions in high-visibility news sources (The New York Times, Washington Post, blogs and more), and much sharing on Twitter and Facebook. We had an acceptance rate of slightly above 40% in 2017, with first decisions on average 5–6 weeks after submission.

Among the top downloaded articles was Desch et al., which proposes that Arctic sea ice could disappear completely by the 2030s. Other top downloads and media mentions include Boysen et al. on global warming mitigation, Kopp et al. on the Antarctic ice sheet, and Shearer et al. on the effects of proposed coal-fired power plants in India.

You all were an integral part of our young journal's growing success. Last year's impact factor, which remains a wanting measure, was 4.94; the journal's long-term impact factor should appear this year for the first time, as the journal completed its 5th posted volume at the end of 2017.

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