

Editorial Notice

At about the time this issue is published, *Geological Magazine* converts to an electronic submission and tracking system for the on-line submission of manuscripts for publication. Many thanks to our Assistant Editor, Jane Holland, and staff at Cambridge University Press for their efforts in getting this system live. For on-line details of the new submission system, please go to the website at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/cup/geo>.

Electronic submission is now the preferred method for many geoscience journals, and the procedures *Geological Magazine* uses will be familiar to authors with recent experience of submitting to other leading journals. Some people will not prefer the new system, but on balance it benefits authors, the editors and referees. For example, we expect the turnaround time from submission to final publication to be improved, given the instantaneous transmission of manuscripts between authors, the editorial office, the editors, and, not least, the referees. This matters a lot for a journal like *Geological Magazine* which attracts manuscripts and contributors from around the world. It will also allow for better tracking of manuscripts at each stage of the publication process.

We are open to constructive feedback on any aspect of the new procedures and instructions (geolmag@esc.cam.ac.uk). This would be particularly useful in the first few months, so that any improvements can be introduced before most people notice the change!

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