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## Letter from the Editors

In response to a need we perceive in the *Quaternary Research* community, we would like to introduce to *Quaternary Research* a new category of scientific report, the “Scientific Communication.” This gives authors four venues instead of the previous three to present their formally reviewed ideas to QR readers:

- (1) Research Article (5000 words long, 3 pages of references, 3 tables and 6 figures)
- (2) Short Paper (1500 words long, 1 page of references, 2 tables and 3 figures)
- (3) Comments on articles and Replies to the Comments
- (4) Scientific Communication (1200 words, 2 tables and 3 figures).

The new Scientific Communication category differs from the Short Paper category in that authors can present new data that may be of broad use to the community but for which the full implications have not yet been explored. In contrast, both Short Papers and Research Articles are expected to present full discussions of new scientific discoveries.

Scientific Communications will be reviewed papers, but reviewing and editing will be expedited to get the Communications into print as quickly as possible. Letters to the Editor have mainly been used to comment on other articles published by *Quaternary Research* and are not necessarily sent out for independent review.

Readers may have noticed other changes with which *Quaternary Research* is experimenting. For example, we have recently presented two sets of focused articles, one set (reports from the Stage-3 Project) distributed throughout the past several regular issues and the other (on the Eemian) as a “Special Issue” last July. In the future we are planning another Special Issue, this one on Alaska and Berinigia in commemoration of Troy Péwé’s influential career. The Péwé issue is being produced with Guest Editor John Westgate.

We are also experimenting with occasional reviews or syntheses, in addition to the Research Articles. These are on areas that we believe have an exceptionally broad appeal to QR readers: for example, we recently published a review of K/Ar dating by Marvin Lanphere.

The Editors at *Quaternary Research* would appreciate feedback from readers with opinions on the usefulness of these changes as well as on any other issues affecting the journal.

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