**EVALUATION OF SUBMITTED ARTICLES**

IJEE follows double blind review process with subject experts. IJEE assesses all submitted articles against the technical quality, scientific originality and significance of the work with respect to earth sciences and engineering.

IJEE seeks the articles that are high scientific quality, which contains original and significant research or review work related to earth sciences and engineering. The articles should cover advanced topics within the scope of the journal. The submitted articles for IJEE will be processed for screening. After screening the articles will be processed for review and based on reviewer’s comments the recommendation and decision-making process of the paper will processed.

Rejection before review

All articles submitted to IJEE are subject to pre-screening for checking and confirming to journal policy regarding submissions (as stated in author instructions manual), journal format, scope of the journal, and the manuscript contains advanced research related to earth sciences and engineering. According to pre-screening results, articles may be rejected before review.

Review Process

Once article clears pre-screening, it will send for reviews by two independent reviewers (double blind review) who we do not believe, to the best of our knowledge, have any serious conflicts of interests between themselves and the authors. The selection of reviewers depends on (a) the topic of the article; (b) the methods used in the article; (c) the published work that has referred in the article; (d) track record of subject reviewers in reviewing journal papers, unless they are a new reviewer; (e) who we have asked to review recently (we try to avoid asking the same person for more than 2 or 3 reviews per year). IJEE may or may not accept the reviewers suggested by an author. Reviewers are expected to submit the comments or reviews within four weeks of agreeing to review based on the guidelines provided by an Editor of the Journal. After receiving the reviews from the reviewers Editor will make the decision, if reviews cannot be resolved by an Editor, IJEE may need to seek a third review.

The recommendation and decision-making process

The evaluation reports of the article provided by reviewers represent the technical quality, scientific originality, advancement of topic, and significance. Reviewers don’t make decisions. Rather, the reviewer reports and article are reviewed by an Editor who makes a recommendation to the Managing Editor. The Managing Editor reviews the article, reviewer reports and Editor recommendation and makes the decision.

Possible decisions

All articles will receive one of six decisions:
1. Accept: the article does not need any further revision, even minor topographical changes and IJEE is ready for the article to be passed to production.

2. Minor revision: the article needs some revision, normally in relation to matters of clarification, expression or presentation; but there is no doubt about the quality and importance of the science that is presented.

3. Moderate revision: the article needs significant revision, but IJEE is convinced that if these are undertaken thoroughly, the quality and importance of the science will be clear. The boundary with major revision is really regarding whether or not the science in the article is rigorous, original and significant. If work were required on any of these, then we would normally choose major revision. After receiving the revised copy, the article may be sent for further review.

4. Major revision: the article falls short in some way in relation to its rigour, its originality or its potential significance, requiring significant additional work. This could be a substantial addition of literature, the re-analysis of data, changes to the representation or interpretation of data, modification of the discussion or a rethink of the Conclusions. An article revised after recommendation of major revision will normally be sent for further external review.

5. Reject and resubmit: there are in essence three types of article that get this recommendation: (i) ones that have an interesting idea but lack the supporting data and additional data need to be collected before the article is likely to sustain the idea; (ii) ones that have interesting data, but the context for the work and the interpretation of the data are some way from being worthy of further consideration even with a major revision; and (iii) ones that are very poorly presented.

6. Reject: this category is used after review if the article has little of originality or significance and/or has serious flaws in relation to method and to data that mean that even if the article were resubmitted, these would be difficult to address.

Revised Articles

Revised articles are handled according to consideration of: (a) the first decision made; and (b) the thoroughness of the author response. Where responses are felt to be insufficient, a revised article may be returned to the authors without review with the same decision as was made before; may be sent for external review; or may be rejected. Authors are therefore strongly encouraged to respond to reviewers constructively by making the changes requested, and by providing a full account of the revisions undertaken. Some review comments may be rebutted provided a full justification is provided but even where a rebuttal is appropriate, there may still be matters of modification required to address the concerns raised by the reviewer.

Post Acceptance

IJEE publishes the articles after acceptance and authors can get the final PDF offprint of their article and also get printed copy of full issue through post.

Accepted Articles have been accepted for publication and undergone full peer review but have not been through the copyediting, typesetting, pagination and proofreading
process. They are published online a few days after final acceptance, appear in PDF format only. Publication of an accepted article happens as soon as copyright formalities have been completed.

Accepted articles will be typeset according to IJEE paper format. The resultant proofs will be supplied to the author. This stage is to be used only to correct errors that may have been introduced during the production process. Prompt return of the corrected proofs, preferably within two days of receipt, will minimize the risk of the paper being held over to a later issue.

Once the corrected proofs have been received and IJEE publication teams have made the corrections, the article will move from being an Accepted Article to being published in Early View. These articles are waiting their publication in the print version of the journal.