

Annual Report of Commission C2 WG CAP Journal

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Since August 2015 we have published three issues of the journal, *Communicating Astronomy to the Public*. One of these, published in March 2016, was a special 50-page feature issue dedicated to the communication and engagement campaigns around the Rosetta mission. To create this issue we worked in close collaboration with the ESA communications team and others involved in the campaign.

In addition to this we have also put considerable work into the improvement of the journal's peer review process this year. We now have an external panel of ten public engagement and science communication professionals dedicated to reviewing CAPjournal submissions prior to acceptance, in addition to the editorial and working group reviews. This has, we feel, significantly improved the quality of CAPjournal articles, as we can now provide every author with detailed feedback and revision suggestions from the editor and reviewer, ensuring that the finally submitted article is of a higher standard, as well as having the capacity to be more discerning about the submissions we select and those we do not.

We have also, since August 2015, begun a collaboration with EBSCO Information Services. CAPjournal is now available on EBSCO's scientific databases, increasing exposure of the journal in universities and research institutes; more than 113 000 libraries have access to EBSCO's databases.

We are currently running a resubscription campaign for the journal to reassess circulation (printed and online) and have been gradually refreshing the website throughout 2016, including adding new information on the peer review and submissions processes to improve clarity and transparency.

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