

ISI Impact Factor: 4.362 (2006)

Dear Colleagues,

the latest Journal Citation Report (JCR 2006) of the Institute of Scientific Information (ISI) brought some good news for Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics (ACP):

The journal impact factor has increased to a value of 4.36, which is the highest of all journals in the category "Meteorology & Atmospheric Sciences" and one of the highest across the fields of environmental and geosciences. For details on the impact factor and other statistical parameters of ACP and related journals see the [attachment](#).

We are very pleased that the citation statistics confirm top impact and visibility for ACP. At the same time, however, we would like to emphasize that the ambitions and achievements of ACP extend well beyond the publication of papers with favourable citation statistics. The public peer review and interactive discussion of manuscripts have added a wealth of complementary information to the peer-reviewed articles, which has not been available in traditional scientific journals.

The steady increase of journal impact factor and manuscript submission rate demonstrates that the scientific community values the open access, high quality, and stimulating interactive discussions of ACP & ACPD. It confirms that there is a demand for improved scientific publishing and quality assurance, and that the interactive open access journal concept of ACP meets this demand. Accordingly, a growing number of interactive open access sister journals are published by the European Geosciences Union (EGU), and the same or similar concepts of public peer review and interactive discussion are spreading also in other fields of science.

Nevertheless, many things including the functionality of the electronic editorial office as well as the journal web pages and search functions remain to be and will be further improved.

We thank all authors, referees, and other members of the scientific community for their support, and we hope that you will continue to support ACP and its interactive open access sister journals in their effort to foster and improve scientific exchange and quality assurance.

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