



## Author update from the Geological Society

Dear author,

Welcome to the first issue of the author update from the Geological Society. We hope you find this newsletter useful and interesting. If you have any feedback or wish to discuss any of the points raised, please contact us by email at [marketing@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:marketing@geolsoc.org.uk).

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Best wishes  
Emily  
Marketing Co-ordinator

## The Geological Society and Open Access

As an author you may be aware that the UK Government has announced its intention to require authors in receipt of government-sourced research funds to publish their articles in Open Access compliant journals. Research Council UK (RCUK) policy requires that, from April 2013, authors publish in journals which allow either immediate free access to the published version on the publisher's site, or permits access to the author's final version on a university website, intranet, or repository.

The Geological Society will be introducing new options for its publications that will allow authors to publish in compliance with the open access mandates that might accompany their funding. Further details of the Society's new policy will be announced shortly. In the meantime, details of the RCUK policies are available [here](#).

## Online First



Several authors congratulated us on the advent of Online First for Special Publications in 2012. Online First is our publish-ahead-of-print system available through the Lyell Collection. Online First articles appear online soon after they have been accepted for publication and before the publication of the hardback Special Publication volume. The Publication date for the article is the Online First release date and as soon as it appears online it is available for citation. You can access the volumes on the [Lyell Collection](#).

In 2013 our journals (Journal of the Geological Society, Quarterly Journal of Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology, Petroleum Geoscience and Geochemistry: Exploration, Environment, Analysis) will also publish articles ahead of print using Online First. As an author this system offers you the benefit of reduced lead time for publication and the potential for greater usage and earlier citation.

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## Special Publications and Scopus

Authors of Special Publications will be pleased to hear that the UK REF 14 will use Elsevier's Scopus for provision of citation data (as was the Australian Research Council ERA 2012). GSL Special Publications have been indexed in [Scopus](#) for some time.

## Journals Go Mobile

We now have new mobile sites for the following journals:

- Journal of the Geological Society: [jgs.lyellcollection.org](http://jgs.lyellcollection.org)
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Visit the [CLOCKSS website](#) for more information.

## Conferences in 2013

We are always pleased to meet authors at the conferences and exhibitions we attend. Please do come along and say hello:

- [European Geosciences Union \(EGU\) General Assembly](#), 7-12 April, Vienna, Austria.
- [European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers \(EAGE\)](#), 10-13 June, London, UK.
- [Goldschmidt](#), 25-30 August, Florence, Italy.
- [Geological Society of America \(GSA\) Annual Meeting](#), 27-30 October, Denver, USA.
- [American Geophysical Union \(AGU\) Fall Meeting](#), 15-19 December, San Francisco, USA.

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