

Changes Coming to **GEOLOGY**

Beginning in January 2017, GSA members will have free online access to *Geology* at www.gsapubs.org. If you aren't already a subscriber, you'll receive instructions on how to activate your account when you renew your membership. Paid print subscriptions will continue to be available.

GSA Council's original plan was to transition *Geology* to 100% open access online for all beginning in 2017, but it has now voted to delay that change. (See "Open Access," p. 50, July 2016 *GSA Today*). GSA Council remains committed to making all GSA journals 100% open access in the future.

Geology's publication fee structure is changing as well. For papers submitted to *Geology* on or after 1 Sept. 2016, per-figure color charges will be replaced with a flat publication fee of US\$1,750, and all figures can be in color at no extra charge. However, no article will be rejected for an inability to pay.

If authors want their papers to be open access to the public and the worldwide geologic community immediately upon publication, the article processing charge (APC) remains at US\$2,500 for non-members. GSA members will now receive a US\$100 discount on this APC. No additional color charges will be assessed to *Geology* authors paying the open access APC.

Geology's impact factor is among the highest in the geosciences (see p. 38, this issue), and no changes will be made to the rigorous peer review and editing processes that uphold the quality of *Geology* or any of the GSA journals.

As part of GSA's transition to open access, the GSA Foundation is seeking endowment funds to cover publications fees for those who cannot afford to pay (e.g., authors from countries and institutions with little funding). If you are interested in supporting GSA's transition to open access, please contact the GSA Foundation at www.gsafweb.org.



Foundation Booth Schedule of Events Annual Meeting GSA 2016

The GSA Foundation invites you to a new experience at our booth. Talk with representatives and hear inspiring presentations and research by program participants fulfilling GSA's mission of science, service and stewardship.

MONDAY

11 a.m.–noon: Rocky Mountain and Acadia Field Camps

1:30–2 p.m.: Ask A Geoscientist™ 2–3 p.m.: Mammoth Cave and Mount Saint Helens Field Camps

3–4 p.m.: GeoTeachers

5:30–7:30 p.m.: Penrose Circle Reception and Student Awards

TUESDAY

1–2 p.m.: Ask A Geoscientist

2–3 p.m.: Graduate Student Research Grants

4–5 p.m.: Ask A Geoscientist

5–6 p.m.: GeoCorps™ America Beer Reception

Drop by any time to meet with GSA Foundation and program staff. We look forward to seeing you!

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OPEN ACCESS

Claudia Mora, GSA President

In the May 2015 issue of *GSA Today*, GSA Council announced its commitment to making GSA journals (*Geology*, *Geosphere*, *Lithosphere*, and *GSA Bulletin*) open access to the scientific community, with the intent of beginning with *Geology* in 2017. The spring 2016 Council meeting was scheduled to be a decision point on whether to implement the plan in 2017 or wait, given various budget uncertainties. After careful deliberations, Council voted to delay open access to *Geology* for the public and the worldwide geologic community but instead to provide free online access to *Geology* for all GSA members beginning in January 2017. This is a significant new membership benefit. The decision is also intended as a prudent approach to initiating full open access for GSA journals in the future.

Another change for *Geology* papers published beginning January 2017 is that color page-charges will be replaced with a flat fee of US\$1,750, and authors will be able to publish unlimited color figures. No article will be rejected for lack of an

ability to pay. Authors will still be able to have their papers made available to the public and worldwide geologic community immediately upon publication by paying an article processing charge (APC) for open access of \$2,500 for non-members or \$2,400 for GSA Members. No additional color page charges will be assessed to *Geology* authors paying the open access APC. The GSA Foundation is seeking endowment funds to cover required publications fees for those who cannot afford to pay (e.g., authors from countries and institutions unable to afford it).

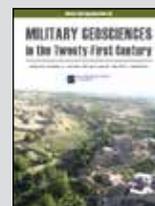
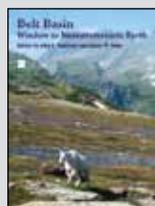
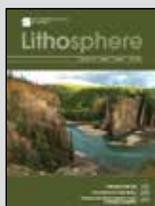
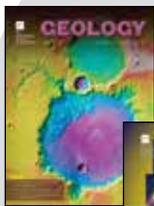
Free online access to *Geology* for GSA Members is likely to reduce demand for print subscriptions, but a print option will still be available in 2017 for those willing to cover the added costs of printing and shipping.

We plan no changes to the rigorous peer review and editing that uphold the quality of *Geology* and other GSA journals. The impact factor of *Geology* is currently among the highest in the geosciences, and it should increase as the move toward full open access makes its articles easier for the global scientific community to read and cite.

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