

## EDITORIAL

# Focusing on multidisciplinary climate-effect studies

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In our first Editorial as Editors-in-Chief of Climate Research (CR; Clim Res 29:1, 2005), we noted that it is a grand challenge to understand and predict the potential effects of climate variability and change on ecosystems, i.e. on the goods and services that ecosystems provide, on the drivers and consequences of human responses to ecosystem variability and change, and on ecosystem links to the climate system.

Historically, CR has published many papers that analyze the relationships between climate and the biosphere. In our drive to further elevate the status of CR as a leading multidisciplinary journal, we will focus more than ever on 'Interactions of climate with organisms, ecosystems and human societies', the stated mission of CR. Therefore, we strongly encourage manuscripts that are interdisciplinary and integrative; authors should consider sending purely disciplinary manuscripts to more specialized journals.

This will enhance the importance of CR as a link between the climate research community and the

broad spectrum of research communities covering ecological and societal effects of climate variation and change. The 'Aim' and 'Scope' of CR have been modified accordingly (see [www.int-res.com/journals/cr/information/](http://www.int-res.com/journals/cr/information/)). All CR manuscripts currently in review or accepted for publication will nevertheless be processed under the former guidelines.

During the past year, we have strengthened the status of CR as a leading journal focusing on the interactions of climate with the living world by appointing new Editors with expertise in these areas. In addition, we are developing CR Special issues on the interactions of climate with organisms, ecosystems and human societies (see [www.int-res.com/journals/cr/cr-forthcoming/](http://www.int-res.com/journals/cr/cr-forthcoming/)).

As we refocus the aims and scope of CR, we reaffirm that authors are the journal's most important resource. We remain dedicated to preserving the highest standards of peer review and the most efficient communication of new results. For this we continue to rely on our Editors and Referees.

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