

EDITORIAL

Tellus launches an electronic submission and peer-review system

Since 2001 *Tellus* has been available in electronic form. Recently all volumes from 1990 through 2000 were also made available in electronic form at <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com>. Now the journal takes the next step to launch an online submission and peer-review system using Manuscript Central™ at <http://tellus.manuscriptcentral.com>. It is our hope that Manuscript Central™ will significantly decrease the time from submission to editorial decision. We also hope that reviewers will find this system beneficial and less time-consuming than the paper system that has been used up to now. Authors will be able to log onto the system at any time and check on the progress of the review process of their paper.

To submit a paper authors log onto the Author Center at <http://tellus.manuscriptcentral.com>. Submission is a step-by-step process and there are full instructions and support available on-line. There is a field for cover letter, which will be copied and pasted in (or uploaded with manuscript files), as well as a possibility to suggest reviewers. For manuscript submission, the system can upload and convert Microsoft Word, RTF and Postscript files to PDF. Figure files can be included in the manuscript (this is recommended) or uploaded as addition GIF, JPEG, TIFF or EPS files. The submission and manuscript number will be immediately confirmed. Referee and editor comments (and authors' response) will be on-line, along with the submission of any revised manuscript. At any point authors can click the 'Get help now' icon to access the online support system (<http://blackwellsupport.custhelp.com>). Support is also available by email to support@scholarone.com.

With the belief that this system will lead to significant improvements to *Tellus*, we invite you to submit all papers electronically from 1 September 2003. Although where necessary, hard copy submissions will still be accepted during a transition period, we sincerely hope that you will all make use of this system to facilitate rapid publication of your research. We welcome feedback on any aspect of the new system and suggestions for improvements.

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