

ISI Impact Factor 2007: 2.270
ISI Impact Factor 2006: 1.333
ISI Impact Factor 2005: 0.722

Dear Colleagues,

The ISI Impact Factor continues to show a steep rise. HESS is now the highest ranking hydrological journal. The 2007 Impact Factor reflects the citations in the years 2005 and 2006. HESS became a fully web-based journal in 2005. Hence the 2007 Impact Factor reflects the new HESS only. It shows that our formula: fully web-based, open access, discussion and publishing, is a successful formula. Of course the high impact factor says something about the quality of the journal, but as executive editors we are fully aware that a large part of the success so far is due to the formula.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that HESS has an excellent performance in the time required to publication. Most of the papers require less than 6 months to be published, counting from submission to HESSD. Papers for special issues do not deviate from that number, as papers are published on the web as soon as they have been accepted and do not have to wait until the issue is complete.

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