

Editorial

New publishing model

In response to frequent calls by our contributing authors to publish their contributions as they are finalized, the Southern African Wildlife Management Association (SAWMA) has decided to implement a new publishing model.

As a result, from Volume 48, Number 1 onwards, the *African Journal of Wildlife Research* will be switching from a biannual (April and October issues) publishing model to a continuous publishing model, with the main focus being on online publishing. This means that contributions will be published online as they are finalized, and these will be the final typeset and edited versions of articles. The journal will be printed and posted in April and October as usual in 2018.

In order to maintain the same logical sequence of items (e.g. Editorial, Research articles, Short communications, Book reviews) as in the printed version, the journal will not be paginated in the traditional way. The page number will be replaced by a six-digit item identifier, such as 013001 where the first two digits = the issue identifier, the second two digits = the section (category) identifier, and the last two digits = item sequence identifier:

01 = issue Number 1 (April)

– for issue No. 2 (October) this will read 02,

30 = Research article, and
01 = First article in issue Number 1.

The Section (category) identifiers will be as follows:

- 10 – Editorial
- 20 – Review article
- 30 – Research article
- 40 – Short communication
- 50 – Commentary
- 60 – Obituary
- 70 – Book review
- 80 – Errata

Thus, for example, 014003 will refer to issue Number 1, and the third Short communication in that issue. The item identifier will increase numerically in the table of contents.

All items will start on p. 1, so in the case of, say, a two-page third Short communication in issue No. 1 the following will appear in the place of the traditional pagination at the top of each page:

- 014003: 1 on the first page, and
- 014003: 2 on the second page.

SAWMA is currently considering the phasing out of the printed version of the journal from Volume 49 Number 1 (2019) onwards.

