



A Farewell to Snails

The days of submitting manuscripts via “snail-mail” for *Electrochemical and Solid-State Letters* have ended. We are delighted to announce the opening of our all-electronic submission, review, and manuscript tracking software program called *Peer X-Press* (PXP). *Letters* now accepts manuscripts only through this online tool. The only address you need is:

<http://esl.peerx-press.org/>

All instructions and other information are provided in a user-friendly format. PXP has been developed by the American Institute of Physics and, compared to snail-mail submissions, PXP provides nearly instantaneous manuscript submission with online verification and status checking. The manuscript review and revision process is greatly expedited since all transactions and communications occur electronically. Best of all, a lot of overworked snails hauling thick manuscripts can retire.

The introduction of PXP is part of our long-range plan to improve the quality, accessibility, and speed of the Society’s archival publications. The elimination of paper workflow will reduce costs by lowering the handling and postal fees while at the same time bringing equal access around the world. Although *Letters* has received the highest ranking of all journals in the electrochemical area for the past two years, as determined by the ISI *Science Citation Index* impact factor, we can see significant improvements through PXP. The full electronic workflow for the publication is nearly complete, including electronic copyediting and production. Later this year, the *Journal of The Electrochemical Society* will follow the same path.

The electronic submission and review process presents challenges in addition to the opportunities. Because the review process is all-electronic, it requires that the reviewers—who have so graciously donated their time in the past—be willing to retrieve manuscripts and submit comments electronically. We salute members and authors willing to review manuscripts as their efforts and participation are a keystone to our success. We also wish the snails a happy retirement.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Kohl".

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