

News

Implementing a new manuscript submission system

De Gruyter is introducing its new online manuscript submission and peer review system, Thomson Reuter's *ScholarOne Manuscripts (SIM)*. With *SIM*, De Gruyter is offering to its editors, reviewers and authors a review system based on state-of-the-art functionality, technology and data security.

ScholarOne Manuscripts integrates manuscript invitation, submission, file conversion, correspondence, tracking, reviewer management and decision-making in one easy-to-use system. Proven author-friendliness of *SIM* fulfils the author's desire to submit quickly.

ScholarOne Manuscripts eases the administrative burden on editors, allowing them to focus on qualitative tasks that increase the value of the content.

Editors and reviewers will continue to access relevant files online, with most of the communication being done by e-mail. The system manages manuscripts from submission to final editorial decision, and authors will be able to track the status of their submission during the pre-production process. The change to *ScholarOne Manuscripts* will have further advantages and enhancements for authors and reviewers:

- A plagiarism check prevents authors from publishing plagiarized content. Their articles can be submitted to iThenticate for comparison with the content from more than 21,000 journals to ensure the material to be published is an original work.
- Users can attach files within the system at each communication step.
- Editors can invite authors for special issues or review articles within the system.

- Each re-submission will become connected with the respective rejected manuscript.
- Authors will be able to view their articles in either version, PDF as well as HTML.

In addition, De Gruyter is also proud to introduce the new production workflow system *ScholarOne Production*. With *ScholarOne Production*, De Gruyter is able to streamline the following pre-press tasks in the same way. It will be seamless to the previous peer review. Users have access to both sides of the system with one login.

ScholarOne Production handles the copy editing tasks, typesetting jobs, correction management, all within one system. Authors will receive their galley proofs directly from the system by e-mail notifications. *ScholarOne Production* offers an interface to the final editorial decision and manages manuscripts across the proof stage to the ahead of print publication and issue compilation.

New manuscripts should be submitted to *Science and Engineering of Composite Materials* via the Journal's *SIM* website at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/secm>, guidelines and help resources can be found there to assist all users of the system.

ScholarOne requires all users to register before accessing the system. The username will be your e-mail address. During registration, *SIM* will allow you to create your own password. Please note that the password must consist of 8 characters, including 2 numerals.

Please also notice the updated 'Information for Authors' at <http://www.degruyter.com/secm>.