



<https://geolsoc.ch>

## SWISS GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



Jörg Hermann

The Swiss Geological Society joined *Elements* in early 2021. We are very happy that our members, as well as the member society of *Elements*, have agreed to this move. We are convinced that our members will enjoy the breadth and depth of contributions as well as the society news in *Elements*. The Swiss Geological Society was established in 1882. It consists of several specialist groups including the Swiss Group of Geophysicists, the Swiss Paleontological Society, SwissSed, the Swiss Society of Mineralogy and Petrology, and the Swiss Tectonic Studies Group.

We would like to take this opportunity to briefly showcase the main publication of the Swiss Geological Society. The **Swiss Journal of Geosciences (SJG)** is an international fully open access peer-reviewed journal that publishes original research and review articles, with a particular focus on the evolution of the Tethys realm and the Alpine/Himalayan orogen.

The Committee of the Swiss Geological Society decided in 2019 to publish **SJG fully open access** with SpringerOpen starting on 1 January 2020. With this change we entered a new era of publishing exciting findings in Earth sciences in our journal. We are convinced that this way of publishing will be more and more common in the future, and we are glad that the *SJG* has been at the forefront of this change.

The change implies that authors do have to pay an article processing charge (APC) per article (independent of page numbers) of €1,250 (plus VAT). Members of the Swiss Geological Society pay €800 and there are waivers available for authors who do not have the funding for APCs. Please contact Chief Editor Daniel Marty ([martydaniel@hotmail.com](mailto:martydaniel@hotmail.com)) for membership discounts and to know more about editorial fee waivers.

The *SJG* is published by SpringerOpen (SpringerNature). Over the last few years, we have published many interesting and important research articles and several special issues, such as the "Alpine Workshop Special Issues", the last one having been recently completed: <https://www.springeropen.com/collections/eaaw-2019>.

The Committee of the Swiss Geological Society has decided to award guest editors of special issues with CHF 125 per handled article. Please get in touch with us if you have a proposal for a special issue that fits well into the scope of the *SJG*.

Due to the change to full open access, SpringerOpen has put into open access all previous articles of the *SJG*. This means that all articles published in *SJG* since 2004 are now freely available.

We look forward to many more interesting articles published in the *Swiss Journal of Geosciences*, all of them now freely available to everyone all over the world!

**Daniel Marty** (Chief Editor)  
**Jörg Hermann** (President of the Swiss Geological Society)

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SWISS JOURNAL OF GEOSCIENCES

The *Swiss Journal of Geosciences (SJG)* is an international fully open access peer-reviewed journal that publishes original research and review articles, with a particular focus on the evolution of the Tethys realm and the Alpine/Himalayan orogen. By consolidating the former *Eclogae Geologicae Helvetiae* and *Swiss Bulletin of Mineralogy and Petrology*, this international journal covers all disciplines of the solid Earth sciences, including their practical applications.

The journal gives preference to articles that are of wide interest to the international research community, while at the same time recognising the importance of documenting high-quality geoscientific data in a regional context, including the occasional publication of maps.

An international editorial team, as well as guest editors, guarantee that all regular articles, as well as articles in special issues, are peer-reviewed and meet the highest standards.

There is no page limit (same APC for all articles, irrespective of the number of pages) and articles are published online after they are accepted. The order of articles is according to the date for publication. Articles of special issues will be grouped together on the journal website to make special issues visible.

Authors from low-income countries classified by the world bank will be offered waivers by SpringerOpen. Authors from lower-middle-income countries with a 2018 gross domestic product (GDP) of less than 200 billion US dollars are eligible for a 50% discount. See also: [www.springeropen.com/get-published/article-processing-charges/open-access-waiver-fund](https://www.springeropen.com/get-published/article-processing-charges/open-access-waiver-fund).

The *SJG* is no longer printed by SpringerOpen. However, the Swiss Geological Society will continue to print one annual volume, and if available, special issues. Such printed versions will be dispatched once a year to those members of the Swiss Geological Society wishing to receive a printed volume and who have ordered the print copy through the office of the Swiss Geological Society (e-mail: [office@geolsoc.ch](mailto:office@geolsoc.ch)).

### Access to the Digital Archive

From 2020, the journal publishes fully open access articles which can be found at <https://sjg.springeropen.com/articles>.

The electronic archive from 2004 to 2021 is now fully open access and can be found at SpringerLink: <https://link.springer.com/journal/15/volumes-and-issues>.

*Swiss Journal of Geosciences* was first published in 1888 as *Eclogae Geologicae Helvetiae* and was renamed in 2007. The electronic archive starting with volume 1 in 1888 can be found in the ETH Zürich digital library: <https://www.e-periodica.ch/digbib/volumes?UID=egh-001>.

All volumes of the *Schweizerische Mineralogische und Petrographische Mitteilungen* (1921–2005) from the Swiss Society of Mineralogy and Petrology are also available in the ETH Zürich digital library: <https://www.e-periodica.ch/digbib/volumes?UID=smp-001>.

