

## EDITORIAL

### Language, Style and Length of Articles for *Clay Minerals*

For many years now, we have not changed our instructions to authors. However, the Editorial Board has decided that the time is ripe to make some significant changes to improve the Journal and our service to authors.

1. *Language* – It has been several years since a paper was submitted to *Clay Minerals – Journal of Fine Particle Science* in any language other than English. We have decided to formalize the situation and state clearly that all papers must be written in English.
2. *Style and Length* – We have decided to differentiate between two types of research paper. ‘Full’ papers should normally be no more than about 6000 words of text (approximately 24 pages) plus tables and figures. Short papers, where the text is not divided into sections, of up to 1500 words of text plus tables and figures are also encouraged when the subject matter is novel or urgent. However, we do not want to discourage interesting papers or reviews that fall outside these limits so, if authors wish to submit articles which are longer, they are encouraged to discuss the matter with the Principal Editor or the relevant Associate Editor.

The new Instructions are printed inside the back cover of each issue. They can also be downloaded at: [http://www.minersoc.org/pages/e\\_journals/cm\\_authors.pdf](http://www.minersoc.org/pages/e_journals/cm_authors.pdf).

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