

BG first impact factor

Dear Colleagues,

The Journal Citation Report 2006 of the Institute of Scientific Information (ISI), published today, brought some excellent news for Biogeosciences.

Our first impact factor is 2.13, much higher than we had hoped! It ranks Biogeosciences among the top journals in the fields that it covers as can be seen in the table [attached](#). We are delighted that the citation statistics confirm the top impact and visibility of BG only 3 years after its launch.

We would like to emphasize that the ambitions of BG extend well beyond the publication of papers with favorable citation statistics. The public peer-review and interactive discussion of manuscripts have added a wealth of complementary information to the peer-reviewed articles, which has not been available in traditional scientific journals.

We thank all authors, referees, and other members of the scientific community for their support, and we hope that you will continue to support Biogeosciences to foster and improve scientific exchange and quality assurance.

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(BG Co-Editors-in-Chief, on behalf of the Editorial Board and of the Editorial and Production Offices)