

PUBLICATION TIME

There has been some variation throughout the years in the publication time (*i.e.*, the time between receipt of a paper by one of the Regional Editors and its publication in the Journal). In the early years of the Journal this was 4–7 months for full papers and notes, but it increased to 8 or 9 months in 1966 and 1967. Doubling the number of volumes (and pages) from 2 to 4 volumes per year during the period 1966–68 led to a fall in the publication time to 3–6 months. Following a further increase in the number of annual volumes to 5 in 1968, the average publication time has been reduced to 3–4 months.

Preliminary Communications have always received priority treatment but publication times varied in between 1 and 3 months in the earlier years. Following the introduction of a new method of production, the time is now weeks rather than months.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

At a meeting of the Editorial Board at Bristol in July 1969 it was decided to abolish the distinction between Full-length Papers and Notes. In the future there will be no formal distinction between short and long papers, and all papers should include Summaries. (This does not, of course, apply to Preliminary Communications.)