

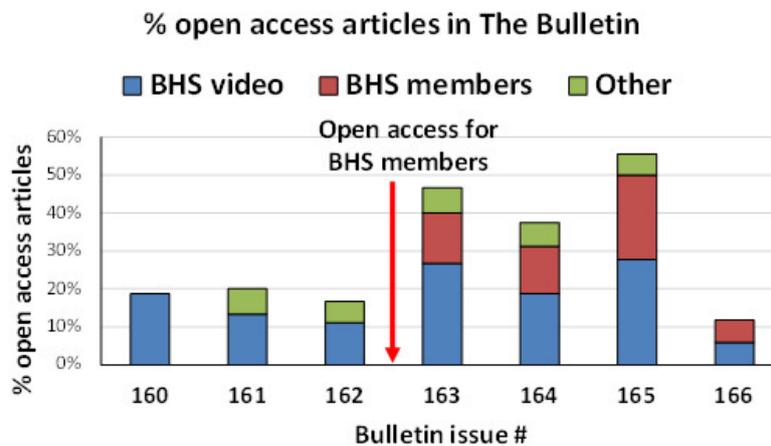
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In 2023, issues 163–166 of The Bulletin were uploaded to the BHS website on the first day of each quarter. There were 110 manuscripts submitted in 2023, almost the same number as in 2022 (see Table). The overall acceptance rate for articles rose to 60% and all four issues in 2023 have been a full 48 pages. The time from acceptance to the publication of a manuscript is typically 4 to 5 months. Of the published articles, 11% have been illustrated with an accompanying video posted on the BHS YouTube site and consequently had full public access from the time of release.

Table 1. Submission and acceptance rates for manuscripts received in 2023 (2022)

	No. submitted	No. accepted	% accepted
Full Papers	15 (17)	11 (10)	73% (59%)
Short Notes	13 (19)	6 (8)	46% (42%)
Short Communications & Natural History Notes	82 (81)	49 (43)	60% (53%)
Totals	110 (117)	66 (61)	60% (52%)

A major change implemented from Issue 163 onwards is that articles written by BHS members are open access from the time of release. Previously, articles would be open access only if they were connected to a BHS video, were book reviews, or were reports promoting BHS interests. It was anticipated that this change would result in the proportion of open access articles in any one issue of The Bulletin rising to about 50%. The figure below shows that this is what has happened with the exception of the most recent issue (166) which had an unusually low number with a link to a BHS video or written by BHS members.



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