Editorial Note on Continuous Article Publication mode

From 2019, all Indian Academy of Sciences’ research journals, including *Bulletin of Materials Science*, are doing away with issues in terms of how articles appear online. Although some issue(s) for 2019 have already appeared, articles will henceforth appear on the journal websites (on Springer Link and the Academy’s server) with only a volume number, for that year, and an article id and doi, as and when the production of the article is completed. However, since print subscriptions from Indian subscribers have already been accepted for 2019, print issues on the usual schedule will be produced by the Academy during this year. The regular print issues produced henceforth in 2019 will collate articles that were published on the web since the previous print issue, and will carry only the year, volume number and month of publication of the issue, not an issue number. Articles in the printed issue will have an article id and doi, year and volume number and month, but no issue number. Moreover, each article will be numbered from page 1 to n. Virtual thematic issues (Special Issues) and virtual thematic sections (Special Sections) will still be produced, and if so will also be printed, as in the past. In the case of such issues/sections, articles published on the web will appear with a tag that they are to be part of a virtual thematic issue/section and their collation into the same may be delayed until the last article to be included is published on the web. The correct reference for all articles in the journal, including those in issues already published, or those that are part of virtual thematic issues/sections from 2019 onwards will be: author(s), year, article title, journal name, volume no., article id and doi.

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