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Since Volume 12 Number 2 was published with its plea for papers, the number of submissions for publication has made a mild increase. In part this has been due to some hard-nosed canvassing and cajoling of likely authors. In addition, a conscious step has been taken to broaden the field from which papers are accepted.

The Ad Hoc Panel on Hydrology, of the Federal Council for Science and Technology established by the President of the United States in 1959 accepted as a definition of hydrology: "Hydrology is the science that treats of the waters of the Earth, their occurrence, circulation and distribution, their chemical and physical properties, and their reaction with their environment, including their relation to living things. The domain of hydrology embraces the full life history of water on the Earth."

As someone once paraphrased – "if it's wet, or only damp, then it's hydrology".

Our interpretation of hydrology is as wide. Our intention is to consider papers whose content has any relevance to the hydrological cycle. As the demands of the world for water increase, so then do the details of its control and distribution impinge on a larger proportion of our physical and social environments.

It is our belief that any journal concerning itself with hydrology must include in its subject catchment the 'fringe' areas in which co-operation of many disciplines is essential for progress. The potential for progress in ideas and practice will be greatest here since, in the plentiful past, these were the areas most neglected.

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