

WETLANDS Introduces Permanent Series on Topics in Wetland Science

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Since its inception over 35 years ago, *WETLANDS* published three ‘article types’: research articles, review papers, and short communications. Occasionally, a Special Issue on a specific topic appeared. The journal will continue to do so, but the publications are now categorized by ‘article types’ around a theme, with the aim to highlight the many subdisciplines and topics that make up ‘wetland science’.

When submitting an article, authors will now be asked to first select an ‘article type’ according to those themes, currently under the headings of:

- Mark Brinson Reviews
- Wetlands in the Developing World
- Applied Wetland Science
- Socio-economic Aspects of Wetlands
- Wetlands and Climate Change
- Ramsar
- Wetlands Education
- Wetlands Restoration

- Wetlands Conservation
- Constructed Wetlands
- Ecosystem Services of Wetlands
- Wetlands and Indigenous People
- General Wetland Science

The latter applies to all papers that do not fit the other article types. Within the ‘article types’ then, authors are asked to choose a category of research article, review or short communication, except for the Mark Brinson reviews, which are all review papers. More themes will be developed over time. When published, papers will now have a banner at the top with the title of the theme. It is hoped that this new approach will serve the purpose of explaining the breadth of publication topics that fit the field of Wetland Science, as well as to provide one platform for papers that were previously spread across a range of journals (for example, Ramsar). ■

Save the Date: World Wetlands Day

World Wetlands Day is February 2, 2018. We invite you to help raise awareness around the theme *Wetlands for a sustainable urban future*. Outreach materials are now available to [download here](#).

