**Editors’ report for the ASCS general meeting February 2018**

The editors of *Antichthon*, Han Baltussen and Art Pomeroy, are pleased to report that volume 51 (2017), subtitled “Politics and Power in Early Rome, 509-264 BC” has been published *suo anno*. The volume is a special issue with twelve papers drawn from the 2015 Auckland conference, ‘Politics and Power in the Early Roman Republic’, with Jeremy Armstrong and James Richardson as guest editors (totalling around 250 pages). We would like to thank Jeremy and James for their sterling work on this volume, which we hope will find a wide readership.

*Antichthon* received fifteen submissions for the 2018 volume so far, of which five will appear in this year’s issue, two were rejected, and for the remaining set revisions have either been requested or reports are still to come in. We expect to have eight papers by March 1, which could mean an early closure and a timely delivery of final copy by July 2018.

It is worth noting that a surge in submissions from September 2017 onwards was probably brought on by the advertisement we posted on the CLASSICISTS-List, in which we solicited submissions for 2018 and highlighted our status as a Cambridge journal. We will repeat such advertising in suitable venues in 2018. As always, we encourage our members to consider submission to their Society’s journal.

The process of resubmission with minor or major changes reflects normal practice for a journal of our ranking. We have also increased the number of reviewers overseas in order to improve our benchmarking in this part of the work. The editors would like to acknowledge the help of the many readers (in Australasia and outside) who have assisted the editors in assessing the submissions and writing helpful reports. We would also like to thank our new copy editor Heiko Westphal who had to juggle communications from four internal editors and the CUP editor, while finding his way into the procedure of the editorial process. We will continue to work with him on the next volume and on refining the smooth processing of submissions.

The editors’ task is to invite submissions for *Antichthon*, to select referees, to make final decisions on the basis of the referees’ reports, to communicate with the authors during the period that leads up to acceptance or otherwise of the submission, and to follow the progress of paper that has been accepted through the proof stages. The changeover to Cambridge has been relatively painless and further discussion on systems of publication with the new copy-editor and the Press should streamline the process even more. As in 2015 and 2016, the editors have discussed the ongoing business during regular Skype sessions.

It is likely that there will be a change of editors over the next few years as each comes to the end of their term. The system of replacing editors individually, allowing new staff to learn the ropes, has worked well and can, we hope, be continued.

While the change to Cambridge has involved effort, the journal is now available more widely and better advertised by a major press. This is a major gain for all.

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