

***Proceedings of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences:* The New Journal of the Academy**

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The Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences is an independent, multidisciplinary forum supporting science in overseas countries and a space for debate between scientists from North and South. For this reason, since 1930, the Academy has published the *Bulletin des Séances/Mededeelingen der Zittingen*, which reflects the life of the institution. It mainly reports on what is happening within the Academy.

But the world is changing and the Academy has already gone through many changes in the course of its almost one-hundred-year history. Today, it is intended to be a meeting place open to researchers from all over the world, whether they are members of the Academy or not. It has therefore decided to open the *Bulletin des Séances/Mededeelingen der Zittingen* to them as well and to modify its scope.

The new journal will be composed of several sections under which the different types of original manuscripts submitted to the Editorial Board will be published: research papers, review articles, letters to the editor, short reports and reports of field work, book reviews. Of course the section dealing with the publication of papers presented during Academy's meetings will be preserved. Supplements based on full articles or meeting abstracts of conferences will also be considered.

To clearly mark this turning point, the *Bulletin des Séances/Mededeelingen der Zittingen* has been renamed *Proceedings of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences* (PRAOS).

PRAOS are not an improved version of the *Bulletin des Séances/Mededeelingen der Zittingen* but a new journal that aims to be more effective, to be a better way of disseminating and sharing the results of research in overseas countries, while respecting high quality publication standards.

Open access is important to the Academy. PRAOS remain an open access journal. There are no processing fees and all papers are available free of cost at www.kaowarsom.be/en/PRAOS.

The Editorial Board of PRAOS hope you will find this major transformation useful. I look forward to welcoming your research in our new journal.

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