

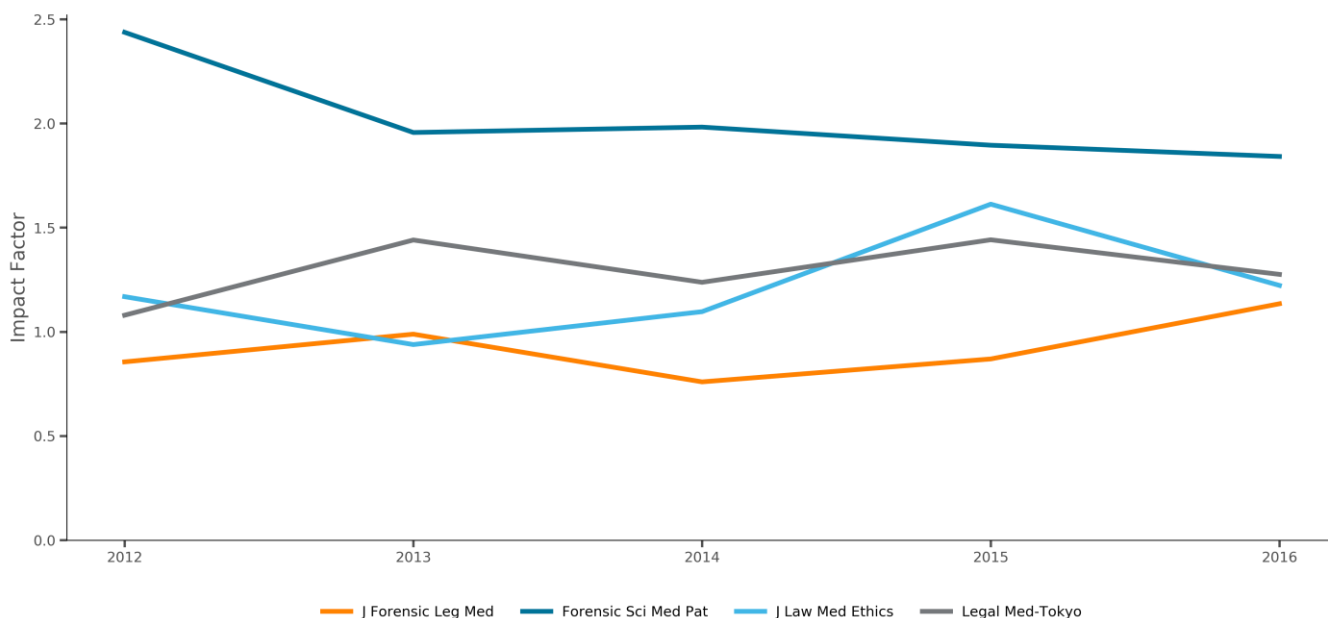
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Editor-in Chief's Report

1. Quality / Content Development

1.1. Impact Factor

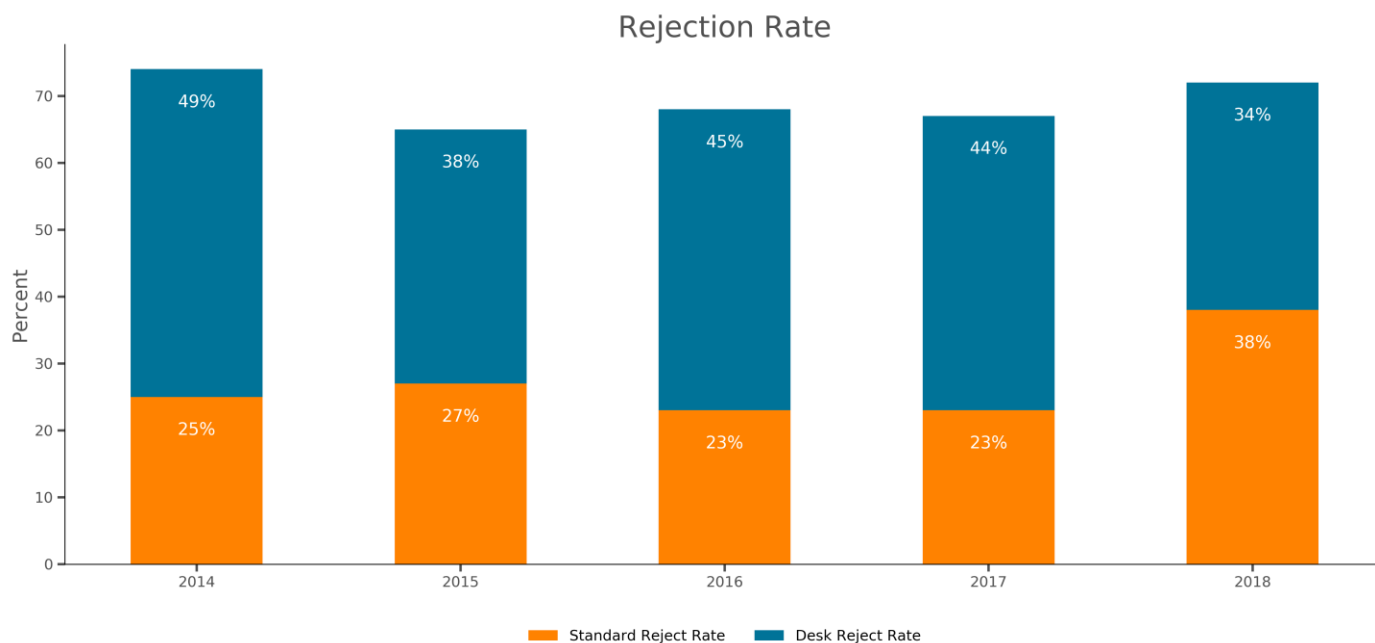
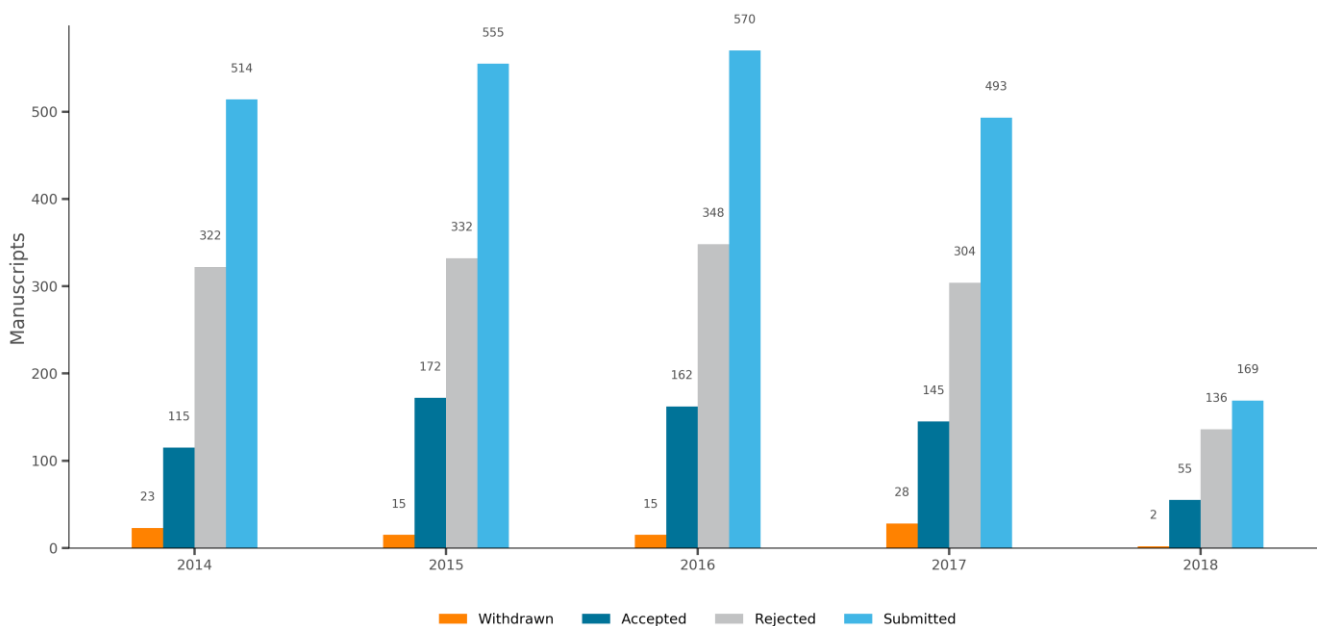


Title	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<i>Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics</i>	1.169	0.939	1.097	1.613	1.223
<i>Legal Medicine</i>	1.080	1.441	1.238	1.442	1.276
<i>Forensic Science, Medicine and Pathology</i>	2.438	1.957	1.983	1.896	1.842
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine	0.856	0.989	0.760	0.870	1.135

Title	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<i>Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics</i>	1,122	1,161	1,189	1,537	1,496
<i>Legal Medicine</i>	826	888	965	1,126	1,195
<i>Forensic Science, Medicine and Pathology</i>	384	470	577	694	777
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine	463	685	742	935	1,178

2. Manuscript Flow

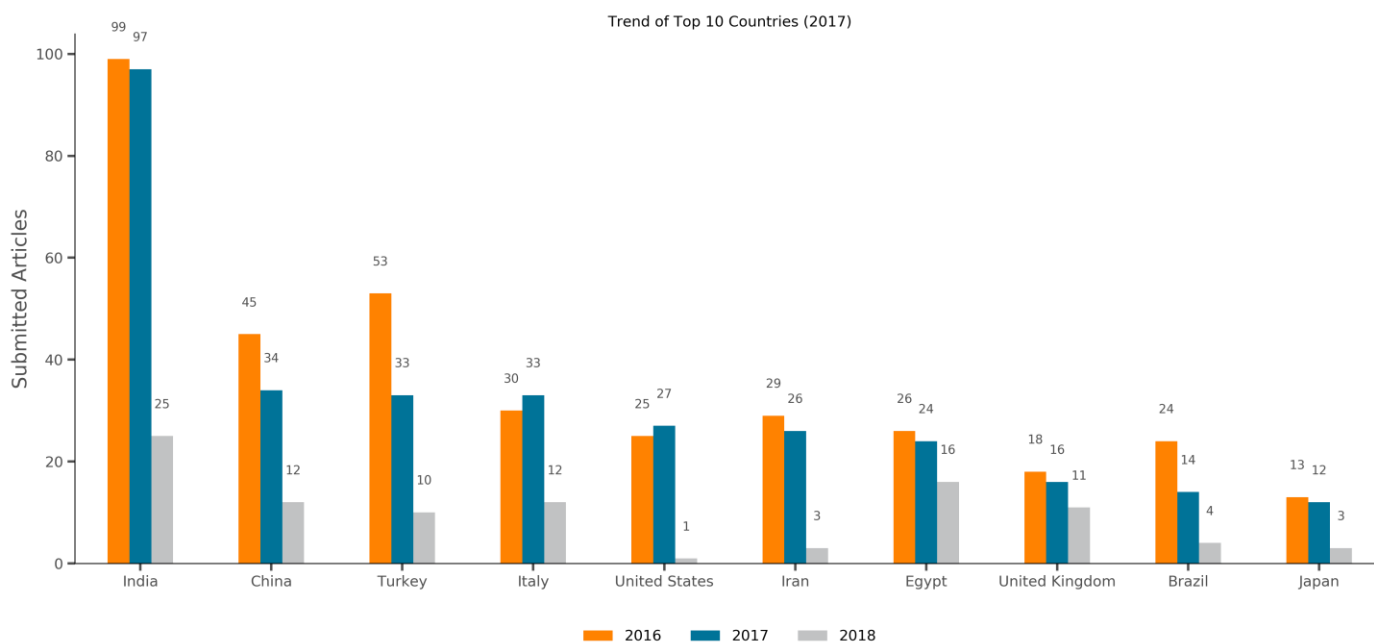
2.1. Submitted Manuscripts & Decisions Made



2.2. Submissions and Decisions for All Content by Publication Item Type (2017)

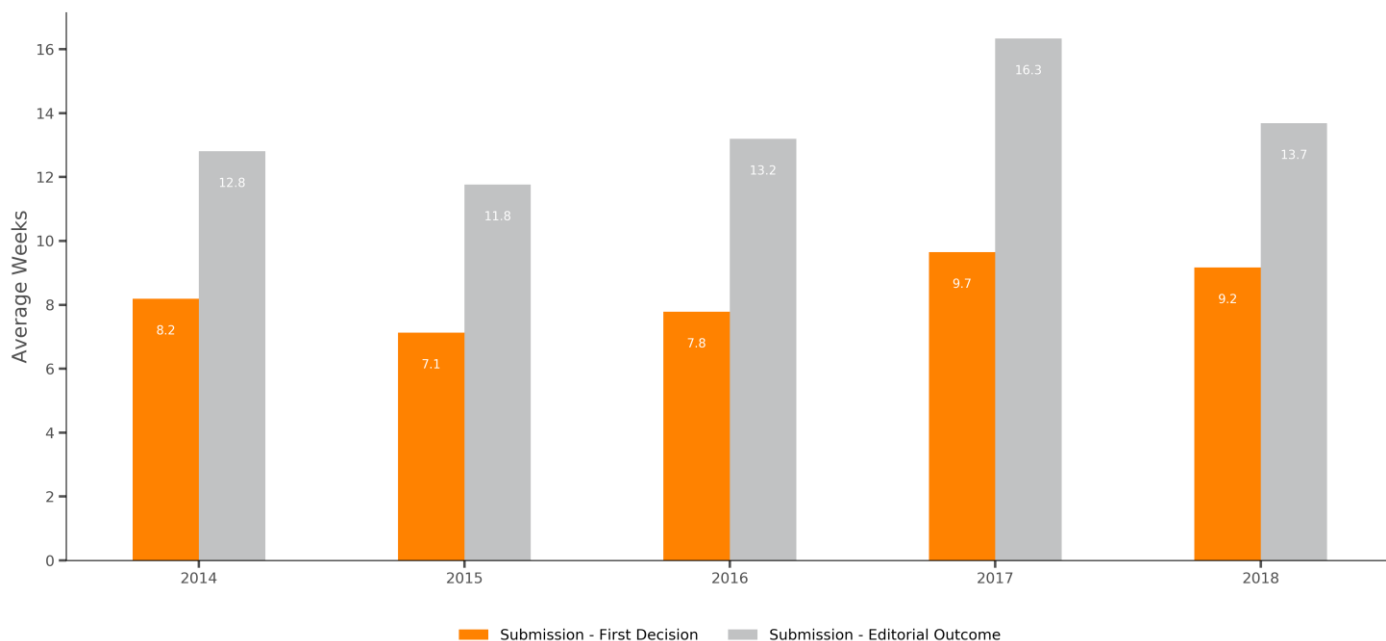
Publication Item Type	Submission		Final Decision						
	Articles	Articles	Articles Without Review	Weeks (submission - first decision)	Weeks (submission - final decision)	Withdrawn	Accepted	Rejected	Rejection Rate
Correspondence	11	7	6	5.4	5.4	0	4	3	43%
Full-Length Article	359	352	143	10.1	16.5	21	115	209	65%
Review Article	47	50	16	11.2	16.2	6	12	32	73%
Short Communication	76	73	51	7.6	9.4	1	9	59	87%
Totals	493	482	216	9.8	15.2	28	140	303	68%

2.3. Submitted Articles by Region & Country

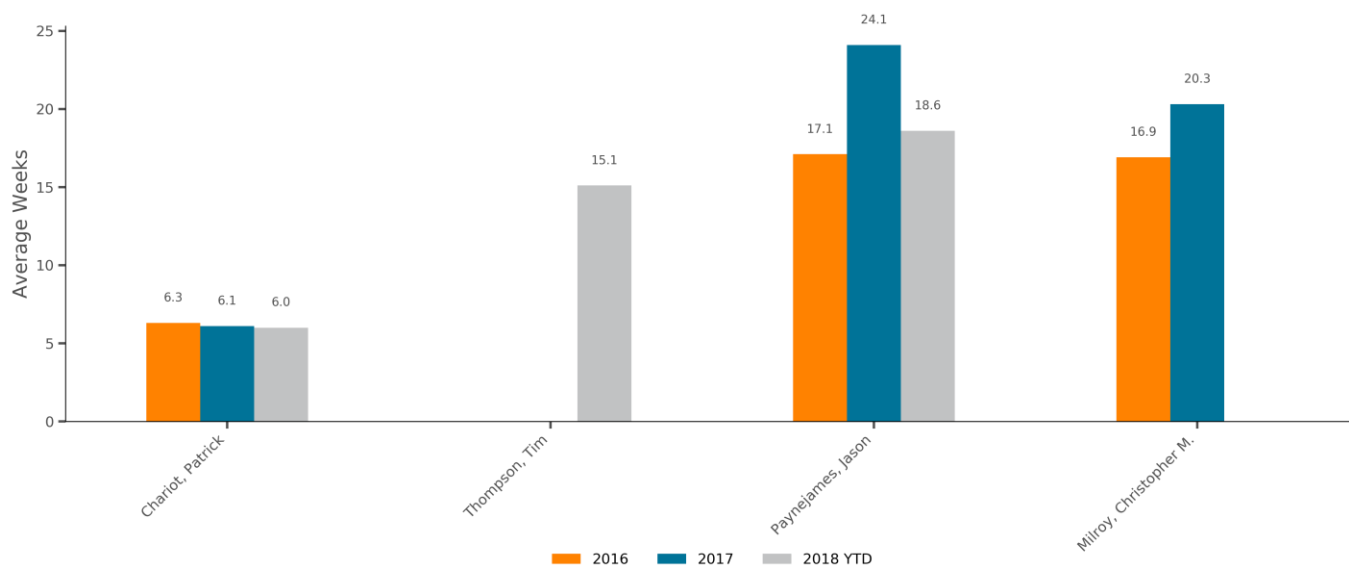


3. Speed

3.1. Average Editorial Speed for All Submitted Manuscripts



3.2. Average Editorial Speed (submission to final decision) per Editor, for Regular Content

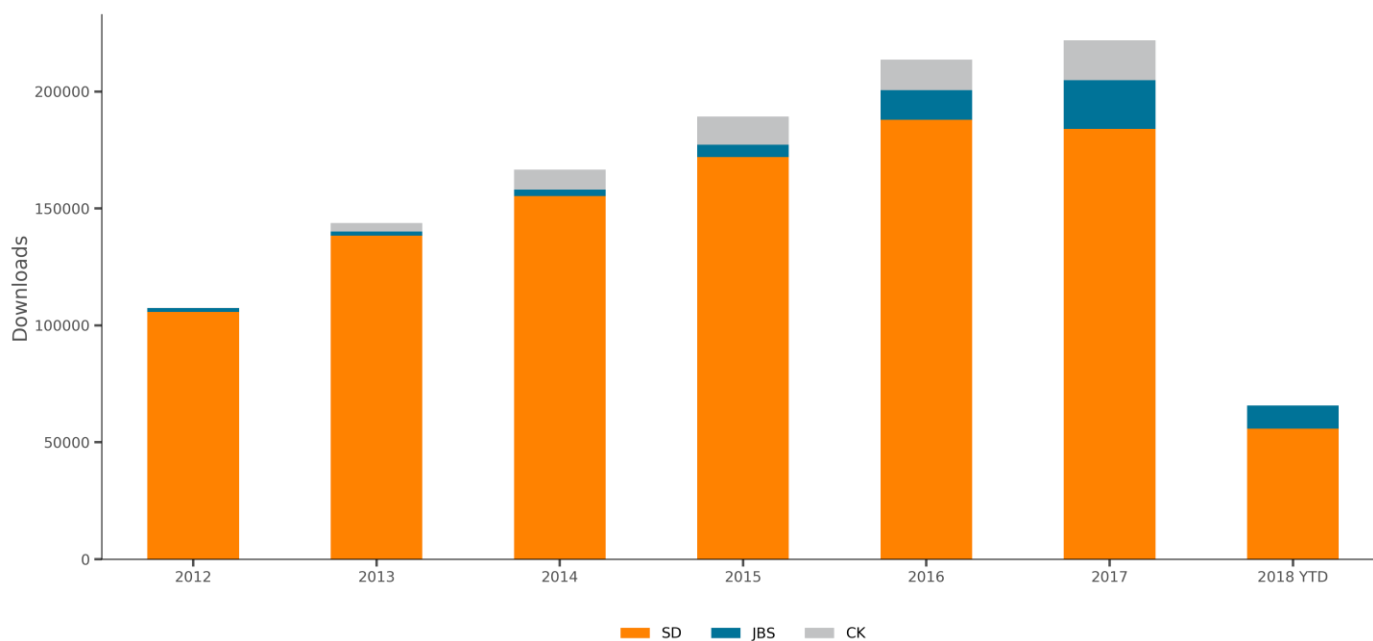


3.3. Detailed Editor Metrics, for Regular Content (2018 YTD)

Editor	Submission	Final Decision								
	Articles	Articles	Articles Without Review	Reviews per Article	Weeks (submission - first decision)	Weeks (submission - final decision)	Withdrawn	Accepted	Rejected	Rejection Rate
Chariot, Patrick	51	59	32	2.9	8.0	12.6	1	13	45	78%
Paynejames, Jason	59	65	10	3.6	14.0	26.3	0	20	45	69%
Thompson, Tim	36	51	22	1.2	14.5	15.3	0	10	41	80%
None	18	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0%
Totals	164	175	64	1.9	12.1	18.5	1	43	131	75%

4. Usage

4.1. Full Text Usage per Platform per Year



Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD
SD	105,804	138,353	155,335	171,989	187,858	184,053	55,781
JBS	1,572	1,707	2,751	5,236	12,775	20,740	10,010
CK	177	3,754	8,520	12,036	13,029	17,056	0
Total	107,553	143,814	166,606	189,261	213,662	221,849	65,791

4.2. Most Downloaded Articles from ScienceDirect (2017)

Downloads	Article Title	Authors	Publication Year	Document Type	Open Access (Y/N)
5,428	Similar mechanisms of traumatic rectal injuries in patients who had anal sex with animals to those who were butt-fisted by human sexual partner	Sendler D.J.	2017	Article	N
2,257	Physical abuse against elderly persons in institutional settings	Frazao S.L.,Correia A.M.,Norton P.,Magalhaes T.	2015	Article	N
1,466	The relevance of cytochrome P450 polymorphism in forensic medicine and akathisia-related violence and suicide	Eikelenboom-Schieveld S.J.M.,Lucire Y.,Fogleman J.C.	2016	Article	Y
1,118	Men as victims of intimate partner violence	Carmo R.,Grams A.,Magalhaes T.	2011	Article	N
1,090	Sexual homicide: Brief review of the literature and case report involving rape, genital mutilation and human arson	Karakasi M.-V.,Vasilikos E.,Voultsos P.,Vlachaki A.,Pavlidis P.	2017	Review	N
960	A global epidemiological perspective on the toxicology of drug-facilitated sexual assault: A systematic review	Anderson L.J.,Flynn A.,Pilgrim J.L.	2017	Review	N
956	Pathways through the criminal justice system for prisoners with acute and serious mental illness	Slade K.,Samele C.,Valmaggia L.,Forrester A.	2016	Article	N
912	Postmortem biochemistry: Current applications	Belsey S.L.,Flanagan R.J.	2016	Article	N
808	Risk factors in child sexual abuse	Davies E.A.,Jones A.C.	2013	Article	N
792	Increased recovery of touch DNA evidence using FTA paper compared to conventional collection methods	Kirgiz I.A.,Calloway C.	2017	Article	N

Thanks to all Reviewers, Authors and the Production Team. Thanks also to Chris Milroy, retiring Associate Editor.

Following discussion with Elsevier and the FFLM Board, in 2019 at the Annual Conference a new Editor-in-Chief will take up the post.

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He has published over 50 papers in peer-reviewed journals and books and is a renowned expert on heat-induced apatite and crystallinity changes in bone - he has recently published the book 'The Archaeology of Cremation: Burned Human Remains in Funerary Studies'. Prior to this he was co-author of 'Human Identity

and Identification' with Dr Rebecca Gowland (Durham University) and senior editor for the book 'Forensic Human Identification'. At Teesside, he is actively involved in undertaking and fostering research. On top of developing his own research team, Tim has Chaired both the School of Science & Engineering Research Ethics and Research Degrees Committees. He Chairs the University Research Ethics and Integrity Committee and the University Research Degrees Committee. He also sits on the University Research Policy Committee. He is on the editorial boards for 'Human Remains and Violence: an Interdisciplinary Journal' and 'Journal of Forensic Sciences', is Associate Editor of the 'Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine'. He will complete a very successful three year role Editor-in-Chief of the journal 'Science & Justice' this year. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences and the Royal Anthropological Institute, and is a practicing forensic anthropologist who has worked at home and abroad in a variety of forensic contexts.