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Approximately one submitted article in four is accepted for publication. The editorial committee endeavours to reach a decision on submitted articles within six months, and to publish accepted contributions within a year. All articles are refereed before acceptance. On acceptance, the executive editor gives an approximate date of publication but reserves the right to change that date at short notice, owing to space constraints and the need to achieve an appropriate balance of content in each issue. The online version of *IRSH* now has the FirstView feature, publishing articles online before they have been allotted to an issue. This has the advantage for authors that their articles are available for a longer period than hitherto.

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Title of articles should be kept short and plainly descriptive.

Pagination is essential.

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Effective prose: Authors should write as clearly as possible. The following problems often appear: mixed metaphors; wandering tenses; excessive use of jargon or neologisms unfamiliar to the average reader; unnecessary use of “it is”, “there is”, and “the fact that”; excessive use of nouns as adjectives; use of empty words such as “factor”, “aspect”, “element”, and “manifestation”, instead of exact words required by the context.

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defence
-ization
dispatch
acknowledgement
elite (no accent)
ageing
enquiry
analyse
focused
appendices
fulfil/fulfilling
centre
indices
colour
judgement
connection
mediaeval
cooperate
mould
no-one
practice (noun)
promise
programme
reflection
regime
role (no accent)
sceptic/sceptical

Note especially the use of -ize and -iza rather than -ise and -isa.

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f. ff. (= the following page(s)), fo. (= folio), ed., vol.

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