

General Information

History of the Journal

The KONA journal (currently called “KONA Powder and Particle Journal”) was first published as an open-accessed scientific journal in 1983 by the Council of Powder Technology, Japan (CPT), which was established in 1969 by Hosokawa Micron Corporation as a nonprofit organization to promote powder technology, in order to introduce excellent Japanese papers to the world. From issue No.8, the CPT changed its editorial policy to internationalize the KONA journal and to incorporate papers by authors throughout the world. In response to this change, three editorial blocks have been organized worldwide: Asian–Oceanian, American and European–African. Issues from No.1 (1983) to No.12 (1994) of the KONA journal were published by the CPT, and issues from No.13 (1995) and onwards by the Hosokawa Powder Technology Foundation. The policy and system have not changed even after the Hosokawa Foundation took over the publication from the CPT. From issue No.38 (2021), the KONA journal primarily publishes review articles by leading researchers, including established and recently Ph.D.-awarded young researchers in the field.

Aims and Scope

KONA publishes review and original research papers in a broad field of powder and particle science and technology, ranging from fundamental principles to practical applications. Papers on critical reviews of existing knowledge in special areas are particularly welcome.

The submitted papers are published only when they are judged by the Editor to contribute to the progress of powder science and technology, and approved by any of the three Editorial Committees.

The paper submitted to the Editorial Secretariat should not have been previously published.

Category of Papers

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Original review papers and some limited number of original research papers of high quality submitted to the KONA Editorial Committees, and refereed by the reviewers and editors.

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Publication Schedule

KONA is an annual publication with an expected release date around January 10th.

Subscription

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(1) Language

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For questions or more information, please contact the KONA Editorial Office (contact zainq@hmc.hosokawa.com).

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