

# ICS Publications Strategy

The ICS aims to promote and facilitate research in classical studies in the widest possible terms throughout the UK and beyond, and to do so with special attention to encouraging interdisciplinary and innovative research.

The publications landscape of classics is very diverse. A number of journals produced by learned societies publish free-standing articles, in hard copy and electronic formats. New Open Access classics journals have recently appeared. University presses publish monographs in and out of series. Much research is available from institutional and/or private repositories. **ICS publications will focus on publication activity that supports the core mission of the ICS, and so will not compete in all these areas.**

Specifically we aim:

1. To use our journal *BICS* to promote cutting-edge and interdisciplinary research across the full range of classical studies. We will do this through themed issues, each edited by one or more guest editors, working with ICS publications. We will continue to work with commercial publishers for *BICS*.
2. To produce supplements in an expanding range of media, but in a narrower range of genres than in the past.
3. To publish high-quality, lasting, scholarly research tools, especially reference works and editions particularly of documentary texts. We will build here on the success of landmark supplements such as *MINC*, *Roman Statutes*, *Names on Terra Sigillata* and *Imagines Italicae*.
4. Where appropriate, to publish works that have a digital component in addition to a hard-copy version, and also digital-only web-delivered materials with varying levels of interactivity.
5. Certain categories of work will no longer be published by the ICS unless they satisfy our other criteria. These include free-standing monographs including those deriving from doctoral theses, conference proceedings, and *Festschriften*. Existing commitments will naturally be honoured.
6. To make available much of our future, current and past publications on Open Access.
7. To keep under constant review new opportunities especially in the fast moving areas of e-publication and Open Access.

We will concentrate our in-house resources on commissioning and the management of editorial, development and production processes; marketing and distribution will be out-sourced. We will also develop partnerships with our journal publishers, with SAS publications, with external printers including those who offer print on demand, and perhaps with established presses for works that do not easily fit into the supplement series or themed issues.

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