

## Preface

This issue of *Biogeochemistry* is devoted to publishing the proceedings of a workshop held in April of 1986 at the University of Georgia Marine Institute, Sapelo Island, Georgia, USA. David Coleman and Elaine Ingham organized the workshop to examine the interactions among element cycles in terrestrial ecosystems. The Ecosystem Studies Program of the US National Science Foundation supported the workshop through funding to the University of Georgia. I believe the workshop was a tremendous success and I am pleased with the resulting papers which we publish here. Increasingly biogeochemists, ecologists, and microbiologists have come to understand the processes of individual element cycles. However, our understanding of the controls on the interactions among these cycles is still poorly known. I believe these papers are a significant advance in our understanding of these element interactions.

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