

Editorial

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome Peter Hudleston to our editorial panel; he will be processing articles submitted in the normal way via the Bristol office and will be looking after our more general North American interests. Authors resident in the U.S.A. may be pleased also to know that we are prepared now to accept American or English spelling.

Another change effective from 1983 onwards is that each volume will comprise 600 pages spread throughout six issues or their equivalent in double-issues. The principal advantage of the change is that there should be a shorter wait between acceptance of a revised manuscript and its appearance in print. In Volume 4, Number 4 a new section, *Brevia*, was introduced. The section is intended for the rapid publication of letters, discussion papers, short notes, essay and book reviews and some announcements. If you have some comments on a previously published paper, we should like to consider publishing them. Likewise if you have an observation or interpretation which merits rapid publication, send it to us and explain why you think it should appear in the *Brevia* section of the next issue.

All potential contributors should read our new instructions (inside back cover) which we hope are clearer and more comprehensive than before. The editors of the *Journal of Structural Geology* are part time, doing the job in addition to their usual institutional duties. We are willing to help authors with their science or expression, but aspects of manuscript preparation which involve following the style instructions are the responsibility of authors. Matters such as the layout of the title, abstract, section headings, literature citations, references and figure captions may seem to be trivial, but their correction can take a long time, thus delaying the publication of an otherwise-acceptable manuscript. Authors whose first language is not English are strongly advised to have their manuscripts checked by a native English speaker before submission to the editorial office. We regret that we can no longer give time to rewriting articles.

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