

Editorial

The *Journal of Structural Geology* experienced some changes during 1985. Paul Hancock retired as Editor-in-Chief, eight years after creating the *Journal*. Its present success is a tribute to Paul's dedication to maintaining high standards throughout a period of escalating editorial work.

Paul Hancock will continue to be involved in *JSG* in the capacity of Founding Editor and Chairman of the Editorial Advisory Board. This Board does not merely serve as a figurehead for the *Journal*: its members advise the Editors in a variety of ways, as well as encouraging publication and subscriptions in their resident countries. The retiring Chairman, Robert Shackleton, is thanked for his part in the *Journal's* growth. Two new members, Professors Brace and Ghosh, join the Board for 1986.

Authors are reminded that new manuscripts should now be submitted to me, at Manchester. They will be edited by one of the current editorial team—myself, Peter Hudleston, John Platt and David Sanderson.

The continual increase in good quality manuscripts has had several effects on the *Journal*. There has been a progressive increase in *JSG's* annual page budget since 1979, and increases in issues per year. 1986 sees the beginning of an eight-issue *Journal*. However, unforeseen increases in acceptable manuscripts may generate a publication queue which prolongs the time "in press". This is an undesirable result of the demand for *JSG* page space. I have, therefore, introduced two new guidelines which should result in a more effective use of *Journal* space and enable more papers to be published. (1) Papers, in all but exceptional circumstances, will be limited to a maximum printed length of 16 pages. This limit (15,000 words equivalent) must be budgeted from the text, figures and tables, together. Articles occupying considerably less than the maximum are encouraged. (2) Photographic illustrations, reproduced on special pages, will normally be restricted to a maximum of two pages per paper. Although one of *JSG's* attractions, photographs are extravagant of space particularly when arranged inefficiently. Authors are requested to read the revised *Instructions for Contributors* (inside back cover) before submitting manuscripts. Concise clearly written articles in *JSG* style considerably simplify editorial and review work.

Finally, I wish to remind readers and authors that the smooth running of the *Journal*, and the quality of its contents, are dependent on the goodwill of referees. Not all treat reviewing with the same urgency that they expect of their own papers. In advance, I apologise to authors who are kept waiting by referees, and thank referees for producing prompt, objective and constructive reports.

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