

Editorial

We were pleased to welcome Gautam Mitra to the editorial panel on 1 July. His position fills two needs: for a fifth editor to share the expanded editorial load, and to take a share of the increased number of N. American manuscripts.

We should like to congratulate Gail Spencer on the birth of a son on September 15. Gail played an important part in the *Journal of Structural Geology* from the first issue, as its Production Supervisor at Pergamon. We are sorry to lose her, but welcome her replacement.

Thanks go to M. P. Coward, J. Deramond and J. Hossack who were Special Editors with John Platt in the production of the Special Issue *Thrusting and Deformation* (Vol. 8, No. 3/4). Retiring Editorial Advisory Board members are also thanked, and new members for 1986, P. R. Cobbold (Rennes), M. P. Coward (London), Ma Xingyuan (Beijing) and T. Shimamoto (Hiroshima) are welcomed.

By increasing the frequency and pages of the *Journal* during 1986, we have begun to reduce the queue 'in press'. Authors are thanked for their patience in this respect, and for their cooperation in our efforts to use the journal space most effectively. Further guidelines will be given in the *Instructions for Contributors* in Volume 9.

The *Brevia* section has become a popular means of publication of short notes and discussions, of up to 4 printed pages. They receive express treatment in press, where possible. The *Diary* (Vol. 8, No. 6) is a new annual feature which will perhaps prove useful and interesting. Details on forthcoming international meetings for the *Diary* may be sent to the Chief Editor at any time.

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