

Editorial

I am pleased to welcome Steven Wojtal (Oberlin College, Ohio), as a new Associate Editor of the *Journal of Structural Geology*. Steve began his duties on 1 January 1991, in preparation for the vacancy to be left by Carol Simpson when she steps down at the end of June 1991.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank Carol Simpson for her 3 years as an Associate Editor of *JSG*. Regrettably, she has had to give up her *JSG* editorship, due to conflicts and pressure of work since she became joint Program Director for Tectonics at the National Science Foundation at Washington, DC.

Regular readers of the *Journal* will notice that there have been several changes in the editorial team in 1990–1991. There will be one further change during this year, when another associate editor will be appointed in preparation for Dave Sanderson's retirement at the end of the year. It may be good for the *Journal*, in the long run, that associate editors recognize their own needs to move on after a good 'editorial run', thus allowing new blood into the team. However, I am always sorry to lose editors who have, during our work together, become such good friends.

To avoid too much disturbance in 'the system' during changes of editor, I have developed a pattern whereby a new editor begins 6 months before the retiring editor steps down. The new editor can then take the proportion of new manuscripts on board, leaving the retiring editor to see as many of 'his'/'her' papers through the review/revision system as possible before the retirement date. Any remaining files for papers that are not 'in press' are passed on to me on the retirement date. I hope this information will reassure authors that the changes in *JSG* editors should not inconvenience them at all. If there are any queries regarding these matters, or indeed any problems concerning the *Journal*, please write to me.

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