



EDITORIAL

Editors' news

I am pleased to welcome a new associate editor to the *Journal of Structural Geology* this year. Don Fisher (Pennsylvania State University, U.S.A.) begins duties on 1 August. Don has already been involved with *JSG* through his guest editorship of this year's special issue on fault-related folding, and we are very pleased to bring him on to the team as a new resident editor. He fills the place vacated by the retirement of Peter Hudleston this July. So with this good news comes the regret of losing our longest-serving Associate Editor.

Peter Hudleston has served a remarkable 14 years as an Associate Editor, and we owe him a huge thank-you. He has truly been the rock that his name suggests: providing me with immeasurable support over the years, enabling us to establish a long-running *JSG* editing style, and helping countless authors to improve their work, underpinned with kindness and encouragement. We are sorry to lose him, but look forward to his continued involvement with *JSG* on the Editorial Advisory Board.

There will soon be another change in the editorial team of *JSG*. I have decided, after long consideration and discussion, to step down as Chief Editor at the end of the year. After 12 years without break as Chief, and approaching 17 years altogether as a *JSG* editor, I am ready for a change and the opportunity to pursue some new directions in my life. The job has been a great source of personal satisfaction and enjoyment over the years, with some frustrations mixed in of course. But I think this is the right time for a change at the helm, both for me and for the Journal.

I am delighted to announce that Jim Evans, our Associate Editor at Utah State University, has agreed to become the new Chief Editor from 1 January 1998. On this date, the *JSG* editorial headquarters will move from Manchester, U.K., to Logan, Utah, U.S.A., and new manuscripts thereafter should be sent to Jim Evans. I shall be working closely with Jim, in the months to come, to ensure a smooth transfer of duties with the minimum of disruption to authors and to Journal production. While the location of the editorial office will change, the objectives of the Journal, and its editorial policies and procedures, will remain the same. I will, of course, continue to support *JSG* in the background, in years to come.

Plans for a 20th Anniversary Issue — call for papers

When writing of how long some of us have been editing

for *JSG*, we are reminded that it will not be long before the Journal reaches its 20th anniversary! The Editors have been discussing ways to mark this event with an extra-special Special Issue. We do not want to attempt a re-run of the 10th Anniversary Issue (Vol 11, No 1) on *Current Topics in Structural Geology*. There is no doubt that there *have* been significant changes in structure and tectonics in the intervening 10 years, and today's 'current topics' might be quite different. However, our idea is to do something different, and quite new in concept, for *JSG*.

We propose a 20th Anniversary Special Issue called **Questions in Structural Geology** comprising a large number of *short contributions*, of *Brevia* style (4 to 6 Journal pages apiece). Written as 'opinions', letters, discussions or other forms of short note, the contributions will ask a topical question, tackle an enigma, provide a stimulating new look at an 'old chestnut', or introduce a hot new topic. We aim to celebrate structural geology over the Journal's 20-year span by providing the opportunity for as many people as possible to contribute. Long-standing supporters and contributors to *JSG*, as well as young 'starting up' researchers, are invited to write something truly novel for this *JSG* milestone. We think a varied and far-reaching collection of *Questions in Structural Geology* will appeal to teachers, students and researchers alike; will provide a unique celebration of structural geology, past, present and future; and will stimulate ideas and thoughts into the next decade.

Such a collection will need a different style of editing and reviewing from the usual scientific article. Editors will need to ensure that each 'question' is interesting, and is fair and sound science, even if they do not agree with the contributor's viewpoint. We will be mindful of balance, and attempt to avoid too many people tackling the same question! To this end, we invite would-be participants to send us a title and short abstract, as soon as possible.

The 20th Anniversary Issue will be published as Vol 21 No 1 (January 1999). We have set the manuscript submission date as **31 January 1998**. Manuscripts, and also advance titles and abstracts, should be sent in triplicate (following usual *JSG* style), to Prof. J. P. Evans, Department of Geology, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322-4505, U.S.A. Tel: 801 797 1267. Fax: 801 797 1588. (Note: after 21 September 1997, the 801 prefix changes to 435.) E-mail: jpevans@cc.usu.edu.

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