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Preface

**Brittle Microtectonics, Neotectonics, and Archaeoseismology
In honour of Paul Lewis Hancock: Editor-in-Chief, 1979–1985;
Founding Editor, 1986–1998**

On December 9th, 1998, Paul Lewis Hancock passed away in Bristol, England. Many others, including writers in this journal have taken the opportunity to publicly and gracefully memorialize Paul's contributions to life. We do not intend to attempt to overwrite or replicate those good words. Instead, we wish to use this preface and this issue to highlight Paul's contribution to the geosciences via both his work and his editorship of this journal. We wish to thank Jim Evans for giving us, three of Paul's past research students, the opportunity to bring this issue to reality. We also wish to thank the many authors who volunteered manuscripts in the early days of this issue and who submitted manuscripts when invited. Our hope is that the quality of work herewithin will lead to many readers and citations, creating a fitting tribute to Paul.

Paul was not the typical British structural geologist of the 1960's and 1970's. His research interests lay in fractures and not in the then more trendy ductile structures. This choice was an example of Paul's approach to life: Do what you think is important and not what others believe, such as starting the *Journal of Structural Geology*!

Through his entire career, Paul would continue to focus primarily on fractures, although his framework and questions would change through time. His abiding interest in fracture geometry, sequences and causes is the focus of the first section of this issue about *Brittle Microtectonics*. His desire to see field relationships extrapolated to

answering larger-scale questions, particularly in younger tectonic settings, is featured in the second section about *Neotectonics*. Finally, his wish to see collaboration between geologists and archaeologists is highlighted in the third section about *Archaeoseismology*.

As Sue Treagus noted in the Memoriam in the *Journal*, Paul very much wanted the English-language *Journal of Structural Geology* to include as many high-quality contributions as possible from investigators for whom English was not their first language. The more global the homelands of contributors and study areas, the better! The present issue includes work from five continents and some islands. Almost half of the articles have lead authors and/or author teams that have made the great sacrifice of learning an additional language to help others to understand better scientific problems. Thus, this issue hopefully meets Paul's expectation that good science is not always done by those who had the misfortune of learning English as a first language.

Please read, enjoy and remember. Thank you.

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Iain Stewart
Jonathan Turner

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