

Editorial

The *Journal of Structural Geology* should not just be a tool to publish our scientific results, but also a means of communication for the structural geological community. In this Editorial I would therefore like to introduce some new activities which we, the Editors, have recently decided upon. First of all, we introduce a *Journal of Structural Geology Student Award*. This award will be given annually to the graduate or postgraduate student under 35 years in age who is judged to have published the best student-authored paper in the Journal during the previous year. Students are invited to apply for the award when they submit a paper. The exact rules for the award will be given in the instructions to authors.

The second announcement concerns the introduction of a Photograph of the Month, to replace the changing cover of older issues of the *Journal of Structural Geology*, which many of you may remember. The first of these photographs can be found in this issue.

Finally, we wish to reward our many hard-working and dedicated reviewers. We appreciate that reviewing papers is a time consuming, relatively unrewarding occupation, unappreciated

in the academic evaluation systems, and it therefore pleasing that so many of you take the time and effort to write excellent reviews. Although some may regard reviewing as no more than an obligatory and necessary role in the process of publishing, we wish to make a positive gesture towards our reviewers by introducing a *Reviewer Honorary Award* which will be issued to the ten best reviewers each year. The list will be published in the Journal, and each will receive a token of our appreciation.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all contributors and readers of the *Journal of Structural Geology* a happy, creative and prosperous year 2007.

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Photograph of the Month

A few years ago, the Journal broke with a tradition of showing each year another eye-catching photograph of some deformation structure on the cover. Since Elsevier Journals normally have a fixed cover style, we had to break with this tradition. However, more than just a tradition was lost in the issue. The cover sometimes inspired people to inquire about the location of structures shown, and this even helped to set up new research cooperation. We have therefore decided to introduce a “Photograph of the Month”, the first of which is shown in this issue. The idea is to invite all contributors and readers of JSG to contribute interesting and striking photographs of deformation structures on all scales, with a figure caption. We will select the best photographs and publish them as photograph of the

month. Readers of the Journal are welcome to write a short discussion to the interpretation given in the caption, or other relevant comments, which will then be published in a following issue, if relevant with a reply of the original author. We wish to stress that copyright of the photographs is retained by the owner of the photograph, and is not transferred to Elsevier. Also, no one will be allowed to use the photographs without permission of the owner. I hereby invite all of you to let us share in the nice and interesting structures which you have encountered over the years, and I hope that this new feature of the Journal will be a success. Please send photographs as .tiff or .jpg with caption to jsg@mail.uni-mainz.de mentioning “Photograph of the Month”.