

## Editorial

With the publication of this first issue of volume 10 of *Biogeochemistry*, we wish to celebrate and thank those individuals who have helped make the Journal successful since our first publication in 1984. Many new journals fail, or succeed in only a limited way in semi-obscurity. *Biogeochemistry* is thriving, and we hope contributing to the development of this discipline. According to the Science Citation Index-1988, *Biogeochemistry* has an impact factor of 1.8, which is quite good for a relatively new journal. Values for some other journals are 3.0 for *Limnology & Oceanography*, 2.7 for *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, 2.5 for *Ecology*, 2.3 for *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*, 1.6 for *Water Resources Research*, 1.3 for *Water, Air, and Soil Pollution*, and 0.6 for *Hydrobiologia*. *Biogeochemistry* ranks on the third position in the Environmental Sciences category and on the second position in the Limnology category.

Many individuals have contributed to the success of *Biogeochemistry*. First among these are the Associate Editors, who handle much of the editorial load of the Journal. Gilles Billen, Jerry Melillo, and William Schlesinger have agreed to continue as Associate Editors. John Aber and John Rudd have stepped down (Rudd will join the editorial board). The efforts of all are greatly appreciated.

Among our editorial board, the following have accepted reappointment: Yehuda Cohen, David des Marais, James Gosz, Rafael Herrera, Bo Barker Jørgensen, Cindy Lee, Judy Meyer, William Patrick, William Reiners, Thomas Rosswall, David Schindler, Werner Stumm, Michael Swift, Alexander Zehnder. After five years of dedicated service, Bert Bolin, Thomas Brock, Steve Emerson, Henk de Haan, Charles Hall, Robert Hodson, Don Kinsey, Fauzi Mantoura, Christopher Martens, and Rene Schwarzenbach have stepped down. This editorial board has served the journal well, not only providing numerous reviews but soliciting high quality manuscripts. We offer our sincere thanks.

One of the original members of our editorial board, Robert Garrels, passed away. His death is a major loss to the discipline of biogeochemistry. He will be missed.

We also wish to welcome the following new members of our editorial board: Meinrat Andreae, Peter Attiwill, Ralf Conrad, Anne Giblin, Kate Lajtha, François Morel, Jerome Nriagu, David Schimel, Paul Wassman, Richard Wright, and Peter Vitousek. We look forward to working with them.

In addition to members of the editorial board, numerous individuals have provided high-quality constructive reviews of manuscripts submitted to *Biogeochemistry*. A list of these individuals who have assisted us with reviews during the past two years is published on the next pages. We thank them for their assistance.

Finally, we thank the authors who have contributed papers and our subscribers.

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