

Editorial

This issue marks the tenth anniversary of publication of the first issue of *Biogeochemistry* in December of 1984. With pride, I have watched the journal grow into a respected and influential journal. This is a result of a great deal of effort on the part of many individuals. First is our publisher, Ir Ad C. Plaizier, who originated the idea of forming the journal and who has been highly supportive since our inception. Next are the associate editors who handle peer review for many of the submissions. Currently we have three associate editors: Gilles Billen (since our start in 1984), Pam Matson (since 1992), and Paul Wassmann (since 1993). Our previous editors include Bill Schlesinger (1988–1994), Jerry Melillo (1984–1990), John Rudd (1984–1989), and John Aber (1984–1988). I thank all of these for their dedicated service. The success of *Biogeochemistry* also owes much to the efforts of our editorial board, both past and present, to our reviewers, and to our authors. Finally, I thank Diane Sherman, who served as an editorial assistant from 1987 until this past summer. Kathy May has now taken on this responsibility, and I welcome her on board.

In celebration of our tenth anniversary, I have invited a series of papers from members of our editorial board. These are intended to be insightful reviews or thought-provoking articles and will be published in individual issues over the next year. The first of these, an article by Ralf Conrad on the role of compensation concentrations in regulating trace gas fluxes, appears in this issue.

Although I am pleased with the success of the journal, I am sure we can do even better. Please feel free to contact me, the associate editors, or any member of the editorial board should you have suggestions as to how we can better serve you, the readers of *Biogeochemistry*.

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