

## **Preface**

The XI International Symposium on Environmental Biogeochemistry (ISEB) was held in Salamanca, Spain, from 27 September to 1 October 1993 under the able leadership of National Chairperson Juan F. Gallardo Lancho. Over 170 scientists from 25 countries attended and participated in 5 sessions. *Biogeochemistry* agreed to publish suitable manuscripts from two of the sessions: those on 'biogeochemistry and quality of water bodies,' and on 'biogeochemistry of forest ecosystems and rangelands.' We are pleased to devote this special issue to 6 papers from the ISEB meeting. All received rigorous peer review and should be of wide interest to our readers.

The next International Symposium on Environmental Biogeochemistry, ISEB XII, will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in September 1995. Additional information can be obtained from Angela Luca-Rebello, Instituto de Geociências, U.E.R.J. rua São Francisco Xavier, 524 Maracanã, Rio de Janeiro 20550-013 Brazil (fax: 55.21.2484870).

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