

Editorial

Dear readers,

The Netherlands Journal of Geosciences now enters its fifth year, and to you it may appear that we are routinely hammering out those four issues annually. This is far from the truth, because there is a strong competition amongst the earth sciences journals to attract high-quality papers. But we are optimistic because we have noticed that we are starting to attract a wide scope of papers representing the broadening and integration of the geosciences of northwestern and central Europe. However, we rely on your help to contribute your manuscript to us or maybe you can persuade a colleague to act accordingly.

To make publication in our journal more attractive we have taken several steps. Last year we have introduced a new category of papers for timely and short contributions: Geo(im)pulses. These consist of a maximum of 4 pages, which are rapidly reviewed and published. Additionally, we have discarded the maximum page limit printed pages so that we can welcome longer review papers. Finally, we have established a yearly publication award for the best article in our journal. Last years award was handed to R.F.Houtgast et al., for

their article: 'Late Quaternary tectonic evolution and postseismic near surface fault displacements along the Geleen Fault (Feldbiss Fault zone – Roer Valley Rift System, the Netherlands), based on trenching (Vol. 82: 177-196).

We are currently investigating the possibilities of electronic publishing. We will also make available on our website some classics that have been published in 'Geologie en Mijnbouw'. At present, abstracts from published articles can be downloaded from this website.

Due to other obligations, Jan Smit has left the editorial board. We thank him for all his efforts during the early days of the new journal. As the new editor in chief I hope to contribute at least as much to our journal as Jan Smit did. Fortunately we were able to strengthen the editorial board with Kees Van der Zwan (Shell), Wim Hoek (University Utrecht) and Gert-Jan Weltje (TU-Delft). Also the advisory editorial board has been expanded and now represents a broad group of enthusiastic geoscientists who will assist us in attracting relevant papers.

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