

## Editorial

---

Dear readers,

By now you have become accustomed to this attractively designed magazine. Indeed, we have received various enthusiastic reactions on this new look, which we gladly pass on to Jos Rietstap, the technical editor responsible for the beautiful layout. Most of you may have even ventured to consult our web page ([www.njgonline.nl](http://www.njgonline.nl)) to discover the possibilities it offers for those looking for our published articles. For a start, we have decided to permit free access to all published articles older than three years. Members of the KNGMG and institutional subscribers have free access to the younger publications with an especially issued user id and password. Registration of visitors to the web page shows that a great number of persons have downloaded our electronic articles. Moreover, people inquiring whether it is possible to have subscriptions to the electronic version only have approached us. We are not ready for that option yet as it would imply a new kind of membership to be introduced by the KNGMG. It is clear that the world of electronic publishing presents various challenging opportunities. In this context we will soon make available the electronic versions of several 'classic papers' published in earlier issues of 'Geologie en Mijnbouw'.

This issue of NJG clearly demonstrates, with the contributions of Kooistra et al. and Sass-Klaassen & Hanraets, that the present scope of our journal also welcomes articles that integrate archaeological field methods with methods used in landscape studies (geology, soil science, micromorphology) and vegetation studies (ecology, palynology and dendrochronology). I hope that we will keep attracting more of these comprehensive studies.

It is good to notice that our new publication policy (no page- and colour charges to authors) and our increasing citation index ranking is gradually attracting more and more authors willing to submit their manuscripts to our magazine. However, it remains a difficult and time-consuming task to really get these manuscripts on our desk. Once again, I urge you to help us acquiring those interesting articles!

Prof. Dr Th.E. Wong  
Editor in Chief