

Editorial

Dear readers,

You have probably all seen the last four issues of Volume 86 of the Netherlands Journal of Geosciences – Geologie en Mijnbouw (NJG), which contained a series of excellent papers distributed over two special and two regular issues. The special issues on *Fluvial Sedimentology* (86/1) and the special issue at the occasion of the retirement of Prof. Dr Ward Koster on *Geomorphology and Climate* (86/3) received much attention and this will hopefully result in an increase of our journal's Impact Factor. Since April 2005 NJG became available electronically through Igitur and the download figures indicate that an increasing number of people are making use of this facility. Furthermore, the recent digital publication of the Geologie en Mijnbouw classic papers is already attracting more visitors on the NJG web page: www.njgonline.nl. Here you can find a selection of the most cited papers that appeared over the last 50 years in Geologie en Mijnbouw. The majority of these papers is still frequently cited and, therefore, deserves the title classic paper. The absolute number one is the paper by Schlanger, S.O. & H.C. Jenkyns (1976): Cretaceous oceanic anoxic events, causes and consequences (Geologie en Mijnbouw 55, 179-184), which is cited in several hundreds of publications.

We should not only look back, but focus on the future of NJG. In comparison with the larger Geoscience Journals we may have a more limited distribution, however, we have the advantage that we can offer our authors publication in full colour without additional or page charges. Our Editorial Board is becoming more and more professional, thanks to our technical editor Jos Rietstap, the TNO/Deltares secretarial support, and our good co-operation with Igitur: Utrecht Publishing & Archiving Services (www.igitur.nl). We hope to implement electronic tracking software within the next few months, which enables a faster and more transparent submission and review process and will, particularly, speed-up the time between submission and publication. Since last year we do have an increasing and continuous flow of good quality manuscripts, which means that we expect to deliver the four issues of our journal on schedule. For Volume 87 (2008) we have planned two special issues: 1) the present issue (87/1) edited by W.E. Westerhoff on *'The Rhine – a major fluvial record'*, and 2) issue 87/3 with selected contributions from the KNGMG symposium on *'Climate: Facts, Uncertainties and Myths'*, that will be held on November 20, 2008. The other issues will be filled with regular papers.

During 2007 Theo Wong resigned from TNO and also decided to step down from the Editorial Board of NJG in January 2008. He was Editor-in-chief since December 2003 and guided NJG towards the current colourful journal that you are reading right now. We are pleased that Theo Wong will continue to serve on the editorial advisory board. We welcome our new editorial board member Dr Jeroen Schokker (TNO/Deltares) who will continue to maintain the link to the Geological Survey of the Netherlands. The support of the NJG Foundation, the efforts of our Editorial Board and your contributions give me full confidence that the Netherlands Journal of Geosciences has a growing potential to play a significant role in the international Geoscience community.

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