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EDITORIAL

As with many other scientific journals, adjustments to content and format are inevitable. Thus, the editors of *Gulf and Caribbean Research* (GCR) are pleased to announce that starting in 2016 with Volume 27, we are adding a new section entitled ‘Ocean Reflections.’ The Editorial Advisory Board of GCR recently approved this new section which will highlight invited manuscripts from eminent senior scientists with a significant history of research in the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea regions. These invited contributors will address broad topics associated with the region and will discuss how their discipline has evolved during their career due to technological advances, changes in the discipline, or paradigm shifts. These invited contributions will be editor–reviewed, Open Access, and limited to 1–2 per volume (year). For Volume 27, the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium will support Open Access publication of the first Ocean Reflections article.

These invited articles will be advantageous for young scientists and undergraduate and graduate students alike as they will focus on the history and development of selected disciplines written by senior–level leaders in the field of study. A brief biography of the author will be included with each article. The Ocean Reflections section will highlight the development and changes in such diverse fields as deep sea research, coral reef ecology, harmful algal blooms and salt marsh ecology over the past 30–40 years. It is our hope that the GCR readership will gain an appreciation for the evolution of science and research through these Ocean Reflections articles.

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