
EDITORIAL

In March 2003, the publication of the first issue of Geologica Acta was the early expression of a long term project hosted and sponsored by the University of Barcelona and the Earth Sciences Institute Jaume Almera (CSIC, Barcelona), and supported by the DURSI of the Generalitat de Catalunya. Geologica Acta was born as a non-profit, independent journal that aims at making a significant contribution, publishing both relevant conceptual developments and contributions from any knowledge area in the field of Earth Sciences.

During these two years the journal has developed and maintained its international character, with emphasis on research from Europe, neighbouring Mediterranean areas and America, but also focusing as far as possible on world wide contributions and diffusion. The cooperation during these two years of nearly one hundred reviewers enabled the Editorial Committee and the Scientific Advisory Board of Geologica Acta to manage with the around sixty papers that were accepted for publication. We would like to acknowledge both authors and reviewers their inestimable trust and cooperation.

The European-Mediterranean and American forum that was initially proposed and promoted by Geologica Acta has been fruitful, as shown by the papers included in the published issues and those that are right now in preparation. Moreover, some thematic issues have been published or are in preparation as a result of contributions from IGCP projects (International Geological Correlation Program, sponsored by UNESCO and IUGS) or from scientific meetings. The combination of both printed and electronic format of Geologica Acta (which is fully and freely available online on our web page) guarantees a world wide distribution of its contents and enables authors who publish in the journal to increase the distribution and impact of their papers. The optional, free e-mail alerting service of Geologica Acta also provides additional advantages to the potentially interested readers.

As mentioned in our first "Editorial", one of the aims of Geologica Acta is reaffirming its international and high quality profile by entering in the Science Citation Index. This will increase the diffusion of the articles published. This application for entering is currently being processed and we hope to attain a positive result as soon as possible.

The members of the Editorial Managing Committee and the Scientific Advisory Board would like to remind everyone that the journal is open to all research fields within Earth Sciences. We would also like to encourage new contributions to Geologica Acta and invite fellow Earth Scientists all over the world to participate in this stimulating project.

*On behalf of the Editorial Managing Committee
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