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EDITORIAL

The *Journal of Spatial Information Science* will be ten years old in 2020, and as we reach this milestone, we would also like to inform our readers and supporters of some changes to the editorial team.

JOSIS owes everything to the vision, hard work, and determination of one person—Matt Duckham. Ably supported by Jörg-Rüdiger Sack and Michael Worboys, Matt had the foresight to suggest an open access journal for the GIScience community. In 2010, the open access movement was young, but Matt's vision was much braver than simply launching an open access journal. Matt wanted to introduce a journal run by and for the community. It would not charge for or profit from published articles, nor would it charge readers to read articles. The journal's objectives were to be purely scientific, enabling timely publishing of high quality scholarly articles as a service to the GIScience community.

Matt's vision meant setting up the entire infrastructure of a journal without the support of a commercial publisher and, in turn, doing all the work that this entailed. JOSIS has remained true to this vision, and worked hard to solicit and publish high quality papers from our field. We have continued to publish two issues per year, each consisting of papers which have been through a maximum of two rounds of review. JOSIS' reviewing is one of the features of which Matt should be most proud. From the start, he focused on gaining meaningful reviews and expecting authors and reviewers to engage intellectually in the process. Allowing only one round of major revisions forces both authors and reviewers to get off the fence, and move away from making incremental changes and on the fence decisions. We firmly believe that this also leads to higher quality papers, which leave a mark on our field.

Of course, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and open access has now well and truly taken off in GIScience. In terms of the pure volume of publications, these publisher-driven outlets dwarf JOSIS. JOSIS' vision is not to compete with these behemoths, but rather to remain a small, high quality niche journal run by our community for our community. Matt led the way in showing how this could be done, and as he now steps down we would like to record our thanks, on behalf of the community as a whole, to Matt for all that he has done.

Looking forward, we are delighted to announce that Somayeh Dodge has agreed to join us as an editor in chief. Somayeh brings with her expertise in movement analysis and the application of GIScience to a wide range of urgent societally relevant problems. Our editorial board has also been renewed, and we take this opportunity to thank previous members for their service and welcome new board members.

JOSIS is though nothing without authors, reviewers and readers. We are grateful to all of those who have made JOSIS' first ten years a success, and would encourage all of you to think of JOSIS as an outlet for your next paper. We look forward to your submissions, and encourage you to get in touch with us with ideas for special features. GIScience's importance, as a driver of research in a world where understanding processes and patterns

in space is becoming increasingly important, is increasing, and we believe the future is bright.

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