

EDITORIAL

With this issue, responsibility for *Geoscience Canada* passes to its fourth editor in sixteen years. During this time, the dedicated work of the previous editors — Gerard Middleton and Robert McNutt of McMaster University and Andrew Miall of the University of Toronto — has built *Geoscience Canada* into a respected periodical, with a unique place in Canada's geoscience community. New issues are eagerly anticipated and usually are read from cover to cover — a remarkable contrast to many other geoscience journals.

The journal's editorial policy is to publish "articles written in a style that will interest and inform the non-specialist professional reader". Readers will welcome the news that no changes are planned as a result of the change in editor. We will continue to emphasize the highly successful special series: we welcome suggestions for new series, to augment the concepts on hand which are currently being assessed. Other regular features will also continue.

As the premier journal of the Geological Association of Canada, *Geoscience Canada* is an appropriate forum for discussions of the health of the geosciences in Canada. In this issue, John Hamilton presents an analysis of Canada's earth sciences from the perspective of the minerals industry. His suggestions for continued government participation in the earth sciences, both as surveys and as funding agencies, and for increased participation by universities in industry-related research in the earth sciences, warrant close scrutiny. In a similar vein, John England's contribution to "Pyroclasts" continues the recent discussion in that column of funding sources for earth science research in Canada. We will endeavour to increase participation in *Geoscience Canada* by industry and government scientists, with the objective of improving communications among the three geoscience communities of industry, academia and government.

In his departing editorial, Andrew Miall noted the difficulty of soliciting contributions to the journal. If its success is to continue, *Geoscience Canada* must rely on the willingness of the Canadian geoscience community to contribute both its ideas and time. Readers are again encouraged to make unsolicited contributions to any of the regular features of the journal.

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