

New challenges for Journal of Iberian Geology

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The issue you now hold in your hands represents the beginning of a new era for the Journal of Iberian Geology, a step forward in a trajectory that was initiated 47 years ago, when the first issue of the journal—back then, titled *Cuadernos de Geología Ibérica*—was released with the aim of disseminating the growing knowledge on the regional geology of the Iberian Peninsula and surrounding areas. With the new century (year 2000) a fundamental orientation of the journal began, including a change of names to *Journal of Iberian Geology*. Further, the journal became an international research forum, supported by the Complutense University of Madrid (Spain) and the Spanish Research Council (CSIC).

In the past few decades, the globalization of scientific research has posed new challenges in the dissemination of scientific knowledge. These challenges prompted *Journal of Iberian Geology* to adapt again, particularly by means of its incorporation into the equally globalized editorial system. This necessity culminated in the agreement between the Complutense University and SpringerNature for publishing the journal.

In this new era, *Journal of Iberian Geology* has increased its publication frequency and better defined its

scope, expanding it beyond Iberia and towards Latin America, the Caribbean and the Mediterranean regions. It has also restructured its editorial board in accordance with the new perspectives. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new team, mainly composed of young scientists who we are convinced will help improve the journal's quality standards with their knowledge and enthusiasm.

The opening of a new period always implies the closure of a former one, and thus it is also time to recapitulate and acknowledge. The success of *Journal of Iberian Geology* over the last two decades has of course primarily been due to the authors who trusted in our publication to disseminate their findings, and also to a small but extremely efficient editorial team in the Complutense Publishing Service, with special mention to Eduardo Guerrero, Leticia de Santos and Maite García. We wish to thank them sincerely for their hard work and invaluable support. And these thanks must be extended to all the members of the former Editorial Board, as well as to the reviewers, who helped to maintain the high standards of the published articles.

Our best wishes to the *Journal of Iberian Geology* in this new era!

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