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EDITOR'S PREFACE

One of the editorial policies of *Applied Hydrogeology* is to publish papers from a wide range of countries. Nine different countries have been represented among the 17 papers published up to now. These are:

Australia	1	
Canada	3	
Germany	1	
Israel	1	
Lebanon	1	
Netherlands	1	
Spain	2	(One of these included co-authors from France and U.S.A.)
U.K.	3	
U.S.A.	4	

This appears to be a good start. Keep up the good work. Eventually, every country represented in the International Association of Hydrogeologists should contribute to our journal.

The range of subject matter also was wide, including papers on subsurface diffusion, contaminant hydrogeology, hydrogeochemistry, morphotectonic methods, aquifer mechanics, geophysics, regional studies, effects of land use, and the socio-economic effects of groundwater exploitation.

In recent years much effort has been devoted to the possibility of *in situ* bioremediation of pollutants in groundwater; its practitioners may, perhaps, be termed hydrogeobiologists. Whatever the name, it is an important new specialty and we solicit papers in this subject area for future issues.