Eugene S. Simpson

EDITOR'S PREFACE

With this issue we begin publication of translations in French of all abstracts. Special thanks are due to Dr. Michel Bakalowicz of the Laboratoire Souterrain du CNRS, France, for making this possible. Dr. Bakalowicz is a member of our Editorial Board.

The reader will note that this issue contains a solicited summary of the hydrogeology of Arizona, USA, (295,024 km²). We expect a future issue will contain a summary of the hydrogeology of Lebanon. We ask hydrogeologists of all countries to contribute to this endeavor. Please do not wait to be asked. In this way a series of summaries, valuable to hydrogeologists, will accumulate. It is possible that eventually the summaries can be gathered into a separate volume. Authors in non-English speaking countries are encouraged to work, if possible, with a co-author from an English speaking country. This should make the editor's job a bit easier and facilitate publication. Instructions to Authors can be found on page 2 of this issue.

Editorial policy for *Applied Hydrogeology* as formulated by the Editorial Board, was published in the flyer distributed last year. It is appropriate to republish it here. The policy states:

The core of *Applied Hydrogeology* will consist of scientific, peer reviewed papers covering a wide range of hydrogeological specialties from as wide a range as possible of countries of origin. Priority will be given to:

- papers that provide new and useful information for practicing hydrogeologists,
- theoretical papers of identifiable merit to practicing hydrogeologists.

Applied Hydrogeology also will publish

- appropriate commissioned state-of-the-art reviews
- solicited summaries of the hydrogeology of individual countries or regions
- sections for Technical Notes, Letters to the Editor, Reader's Comments, and Book Reviews.