Editors' Message

Clifford I. Voss, Editor
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Thanks! — The Editors once again would like to thank all those who contribute in so many ways to the production of *Hydrogeology Journal*. Authors from all over the world continue to submit interesting and high-quality articles; certainly, without their ongoing support, there would be no journal. Members of the Editorial Board have solicited, submitted, and reviewed manuscripts; arranged for reviews; and provided advice and counsel. Two of our Board members, Michel Bakalowicz and Xavier Sanchez-Vila, volunteer to translate all abstracts into French and Spanish. Our "re-Englishing" editors, David Banks and William Johnson, have taken manuscripts that are technically sound but that need extensive English-language help and turned them into publishable documents. We thank Gerry Jacobson for organizing and assembling this special issue on "Salinisation." Gerry is ending his tenure as a member of the Editorial Board, a position that he has served since the inception of the journal. His contributions are greatly appreciated. And we thank the 111 reviewers, listed below, who in 1996 continued to help insure the technical quality of the journal with their thoughtful, timely, and often anonymous reviews of manuscripts.

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New format and manuscript guidelines — In 1996, the backlog of accepted unsolicited manuscripts for *Hydrogeology Journal* began to grow. The number of unsolicited manuscripts being submitted to the journal is increasing, and only three issues per year are available for publishing them, because the annual Theme Issue includes only invited articles. In 1997, a second issue will also consist only of invited papers. This Memorial Issue will be dedicated to Eugene Simpson, founding Editor of the journal. Thus, only two issues remain this year in which to publish unsolicited articles, and, due to costs, the number of pages that can be published in these issues cannot be increased.

To help alleviate this situation, the editors have taken two major steps. The first is to institute the new space-saving format that you see in this issue. We anticipate that this move will allow one or two extra articles to be included in each issue. The second step is to establish a new policy regarding article length. Authors are urged to submit articles that would have **no more than 12 pages when published**. Most longer articles will not be accepted, although we will still publish longer invited articles in special issues, and longer unsolicited articles in regular issues if they are deemed to have sufficient interest or significance. As a guideline for authors, 10 double-spaced manuscript pages (text only) is equivalent to about 3-4 published pages. When estimating article length, authors should take into consideration the space required for figures and tables. Authors are requested to **provide a word count** (computer-generated, if possible) when first submitting a manuscript. In addition, the existing limitation of **200 words for abstracts** remains and will be enforced. The revised and expanded *Instructions to Authors* at the end of this issue reflects these new guidelines. Separate copies are available upon request. The new policy on article length applies to manuscripts received on or after May 1, 1997.

We hope that you find the new format pleasing; other solutions and suggestions for further improvement are always welcome.