Introduction

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Dear Readers,

First, a personal note: in the September issue, I mentioned that I was retiring from my government job and was going to be joining a consulting company, though at the time, I did not know which one. Well, I made the decision near the end of December and started working for CH2M Hill in early January as a Senior Mining Technologist with, for obvious reasons, a focus on mine water issues. So far, it seems like an excellent fit. If you would like more information about the company, or about what I will be working on, or about joining the company yourself, please let me know; you can reach me at Bob.Kleinmann@ch2m.com.

Next, on behalf of all of the editors, I am belatedly thanking all of you who have reviewed papers for us. Yes, I have done so in a general way each year but I have not provided the names of those who have provided this valuable service—in fact, I did not know that it was possible to do so. Below, you will find the names of all of those folks who have written reviews for this journal for the past 3 years. We, as editors, and even more so, all of the authors and readers of this journal have benefitted from the unsung labors of these individuals; we all owe them our thanks.

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You might also be interested in knowing who our top achievers were. During the years 2009–2011, Sierra Rayne reviewed 7 papers, and Kevin Morin, Kevin Myers, and Marja Liisa Räisänen each reviewed 5 papers for us. Special thanks to them!

If your name is not on this list, please let us know if you would like to review papers. You can simply register as a reviewer by visiting this web page: <http://www.MWEN.info/reviewer>. As you can see from all of the names listed for 2011, the number of manuscripts being submitted has exploded; we desperately need more reviewers so that we don't overtax the good souls whose names you see above. You get to select the specific mine water specialties that you feel qualified to review and we, as editors, try to send you papers that match those topics. If we send you papers that are not appropriate or if you are just too busy, you can decline the opportunity and count on being invited again. Finally, we do not ask you to edit the papers; that is our job as editors. And unlike any other journal that I know of, we do a preliminary editing job of the manuscripts before we send them out for review to make it easier for you to understand what the authors are saying or attempting to say, and provide some valuable comments, suggestions, and feedback. Finally, as you might imagine, we as editors are also getting overtaxed. If any of you would like to volunteer to be an associate editor and have good English skills, we desperately need some help.

Normally, on this page, I write about the papers that are appearing in this issue, but I have already consumed so much space! I will tell you that, as promised, we have started what we hope will be a regular part of each issue, IMWA Insights. Regarding the rest of the papers, I can only tell you that there is no unifying theme but that I think you will find them interesting.

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