Editorial

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It is a great honor and pleasure to have been appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of *Journal of Seismology* (*JOSE*). The founding editor Prof. Agustín Udías was my professor at university in Madrid and motivated me to stay focused in earthquake seismology. I would like to thank him, and my predecessor, Prof. Torsten Dahm, for their efforts to keep the original vision of a journal of international character dedicated to the study of earthquakes in a broad sense, addressing the multidisciplinary approach of modern seismology.

The success of a scientific journal is built on the authors, the reviewers, the readers, the associate editors, the editorial board, and the publications staff. I would like to thank all of them and express my sincere appreciation for the support they have given to *JOSE* under my predecessors. I look forward to continuing this relationship and making *JOSE* even more valuable for our seismological community.

By keeping the original aims of *JOSE*, as an international character journal, and looking into the future, I would like to have a special focusing in the European-Mediterranean region. This region shows particular characteristics - e.g. very different seismotectonics environments, long historical records, high population density, large historical and cultural

heritage, ...- as compared to other regions in the world, deserving a specific forum for its seismological community, the same way our brother, the *Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering*, provides to the European earthquake engineers.

As already initiated by Prof. Udías in 2001, I could envision a closer collaboration with the European Seismological Commission (ESC) for further developments of *JOSE* considering the publication of news and relevant information of the Commission.

To achieve these objectives special efforts should be devoted to strongly encourage the submission of high standard scientific papers from all over the European and Mediterranean countries. Additionally, the involvement of the ESC could act as a catalyst, providing a framework where these pan-European issues could be fostered and developed in the near future.

All these initiatives should be addressed without losing sight of the wider international community—readers and authors—that the journal currently attracts and serves, by continuously improving the whole publication process, ensuring fair, rigorous and timely reviews to minimize the publication time, and looking for the highest-quality work.

Finally, I request all of our contributors to continue supporting *JOSE*. Any suggestions, thoughts, comments and ideas you may have for improving the journal would be greatly appreciated.

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