Editors' Message

The past year and Thanks

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The past year in review. In the first year of the millennium, 2001, *Hydrogeology Journal* contained a total of 624 pages, including 45 major articles. The final issue of the year contained the annual volume index. The Guest Editor of the 2001 theme issue, on the subject of aquifer confining units, was Vicki Remenda. This year's theme issue, the one in which this Message appears, was produced by Guest Editors, Bridget Scanlon and Peter Cook, and considers recharge to groundwater systems. The significant efforts of the Guest Editors are reflected in the excellent scope and quality of these two theme issues. In 2001, the international scope of *Hydrogeology Journal* was sustained by the publication of articles from the following 24 countries: Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Korea, Nigeria, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, U.K., and U.S.A.

Thanks! The success and international reputation of the journal is due in large part to the many who contributed

to its production. Most important are the authors from all parts of the world. The support, guidance, professional approach and patience of the staff of the publisher, Springer-Verlag, especially Wolfgang Engel and Susanne Schemann, are very much appreciated. Assistance in the production of publishable manuscripts from articles that were technically acceptable, but that needed major editing to improve English language, was provided by two manuscript editors: William Johnson, who continues in this role, and George C. Taylor. We are particularly grateful to the staff of volunteer Associate Editors, listed on page A3 in this issue, for their great efforts in conducting or arranging for reviews. In addition to the Associate Editors, many others volunteered their time and talents to review manuscripts. At the end of this Message is a list of 94 technical reviewers (not including Associate Editors) who assessed manuscripts during 2001. Most abstracts are received in English and are translated to French and Spanish, often with only a brief time available prior to publication, by two of our Associate Editors, respectively, Michel Bakalowicz and Alfredo Pérez-Paricio. Thanks to all for your valuable contributions.

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Suggestions to potential contributing authors. One objective of the journal as an international scientific forum in hydrogeology is to encourage the submittal of articles by authors whose primary language is not English. Of course, such articles require more time for processing before publication due to the editing that is required to improve English clarity and readability. Processing time for such an article would be substantially shortened if contributing authors, who realize that their ability with English composition is only partial, would seek the help or review of a colleague who is well versed in English before submitting their article to *Hydrogeology Journal*.

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