Editorial

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With the publication of this issue, the editor-in-chief George W. Luther III is passing officially the baton over to me. George has done an outstanding job keeping the journal onto solid ground and making it a valuable reference to look at for the geochemical community. His commitment and enthusiastic work have made *Aquatic Geochemistry* a quality journal and one that he can be proud of. Authors, readers, the board and I all thank George for a tremendously well-done job! George will remain involved with the journal as an Associate Editor, and I know that the new editorial board can count on him for advice and unconditional support.

With the strong team of Associate Editors and the help of Petra van Steenberg, the publishing editor of *Aquatic Geochemistry*, we aim to continue to successfully publish original research articles related to the geochemistry of natural waters and their interactions with rocks and minerals in the Critical Zone. In particular, theoretical, experimental, and modelling papers dealing with this subject area, and papers that stress major biogeochemical processes are the most welcome to the journal.

I encourage you to send me your suggestions to further support the success of the journal and for any timely topics, which you feel would make outstanding special issues.

Our journal will survive and can only succeed if you courageously submit your own high-quality papers to *Aquatic Geochemistry* in this highly competitive world. Receiving top-quality papers is absolutely vital and essential for a successful future for the journal.

Finally, please let me know your feelings about *Aquatic Geochemistry* and send me any ideas you may have which can help to the journal.

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