Editorial

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With the publication of this issue, Petra van Steenberghe, the publishing editor of *Aquatic Geochemistry*, is passing officially the baton over to Dr. Sherestha Saini. Since the journal's inception, Petra has done an outstanding job in helping and guiding John Morse, George Luther, and myself to keep this journal as a valuable reference and resource for the geochemical community. Her commitment and hard work have made *Aquatic Geochemistry* a high-quality journal, one that she should be especially proud of. On behalf of all authors, readers, reviewers, and the board, I thank Petra for a tremendously well-done job. We will miss her steady guidance, support, and encouragement.

As we warmly welcome Dr. Sherestha Saini, I already know that the editorial board can count on her for sound advice and support.

With a strong team of Associate Editors and the help of Sherestha Saini, the new publishing editor of *Aquatic Geochemistry*, we will revamp the editorial board by modestly increasing its size. I hope that new faces will join the team soon to help us to continue to attract and publish high-quality original research articles related to the geochemistry of natural waters and their interactions with rocks, minerals and organic matter in the Critical Zone. In particular, we would like to invite theoretical, experimental, and modelling papers dealing with these subjects, and papers that stress major biogeochemical processes to the journal.

I encourage readers and members of the board to approach me with ideas for special issues. Special issues have been very successful and have given high visibility to the papers published in them. 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. We will review your proposal in a timely manner; do not be afraid of any possible work load as *Aquatic Geochemistry* can make it easier for you.

Our journal will continue to thrive and 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 of the journal.

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