From the Editorial Board

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In this issue of the journal, much attention is paid to the micromorphology of soils. The papers devoted to it are included not only in the traditional section *Mineralogy and Micromorphology of Soils* but also in other sections: *History of Science* and *Book Reviews*.

In 2011, we celebrate the centennial anniversary of the birth of Yekaterina Arsenievna Yarilova, the world-known micromorphologist and the only Russian winner of the Kubiena Medal, the major award of specialists in the field of soil micromorphology. The development of her ideas is reflected in most of the papers included in this issue.

This year is also marked by the completion of a fundamental work on unification of micromorphological terminology and its translation into 16 languages (the

translation into Russian has been performed by Moscow micromorphologists). The problems of micromorphological terminology as reflecting conceptual differences between different schools of soil micromorphology are discussed in a special paper. Another important event in the field of soil micromorphology is the recent publication on an international monograph *Interpretation of Micromorphological Features of Soils and Regoliths*. Its comprehensive review is given in the paper by M.A. Bronnikova.

These are the three reasons that encouraged the editorial board to change the traditional structure of the journal and to focus attention on soil micromorphology.