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The purpose of this editorial is twofold, as I wish to announce a permanent change of address for the main editorial office and to discuss the future roles of some of our departments in subsequent issues. Now that we are entering our third year of production, it is probably appropriate to also review some of our disappointments and successes. I hasten to indicate that, in my view, the journal has been most fortunate to develop a robust readership in the short time that it has taken to produce two volumes. This success would not have been possible without sound financial underpinnings from the Coastal Education & Research Foundation [CERF], a strongly supportive and active editorial board, and worldwide interest in the complex and multifaceted coastal zone.

In the first instance, I wish to formally announce the relocation of our main editorial offices to Charlottesville, Virginia. Please note that, effective immediately, all correspondence should be directed to the following address:

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This move was encouraged and facilitated by trustees of the Foundation and we are most pleased with our new headquarters in Virginia. In an effort to help maintain a physical coastal presence, Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida, has kindly provided the Coastal Education and Research Foundation, the parent publishing organization for the journal, with office space in the Department of Geology. Contributions to the journal (professional papers, reports of meetings, news and announcements, etc.) may be funneled through this branch office for those wishing to do so, at the following address:

Dr. Ian Watson, Deputy Director Coastal Education & Research Foundation *[CERF]* Florida Atlantic University Boca Raton, FL 33431 USA It should be noted also that, as a matter of practical convenience, papers and reports can be submitted to any Associate Editor of the journal. The editors, located in various parts of the world, will forward materials to the main editorial office as expeditiously as possible.

Now that we have turned to the subject of professional papers and reports, I would like to encourage contributors to strictly follow journal guidelines in the preparation of their work. An updated version of our "Instructions to Authors" may be found at the back of this issue. Careful attention to our format will speed production of your paper and help avoid possible errors in production. Please submit your papers in a popular typestyle such as Courier, Prestige, Letter Gothic, Pica, Elite, or OCR-B. Some over- and under-size or fancy typestyles produced by dot-matrix printers are difficult to read and slow down the editing pro cess. Please do not submit papers using dot-matrix printout; we need letter-quality copy. We require clean copy but if you must mark a page, please use a red felt-tipped pen to call attention to the modified text.

We have already published in nine issues more than 65 professional papers and have another 25 papers in various stages of production, not including about 40 papers that are in review or revision. The need for authors to cooperate with editors is apparent if we are to maintain a streamlined reviewediting process. Because of the strong interest in our research journal we will increase the number of papers per issue, producing larger volumes every year. This is a very positive development and warrants the \$20 increased price to institutions. The student (or "person-in-training") and personal rates remain the same at \$35 and \$50, respectively. Last year we published two special issues, one for IGCP-INQUA ("Late Quaternary Sea-Level Changes and Coastal Evolution," edited by Paolo A. Pirazzoli and John R. Suter) and the other an "Annotated Bibliography of Quaternary Shorelines" prepared for the XI Congress if **INQUA** (Moscow, 1982) by the late Horace G. Richards, and William B. Gallagher and Donald J. Colquhoun. This bibliography is the fourth supplement in a series originally published by the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia in 1965. I hope that this trend will continue and urge you to suggest possibilities and proposals for other special thematic or topical issues.

It may be interesting to note that about half the papers published in **JCR** have first authors with professionals affiliations in the United States. The next most frequent contributors come from France, China, and the USSR. A range of contributions have come from various parts of the world representing many important coastal regions, viz Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, India, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, Spain, Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom, and Venezuela. We continue to emphasize our international role in coastal research and encourage contributions from far-flung coastal regions of the world. Finally, as the person ultimately responsible for the content and layout of the journal, I would like to receive views, pro and con, for the style and content of different departments. Should we, for example, retain the world list of new citations or devote the space to professional papers? Is the list helpful to your research? Is the content appropriate, too broad, too specific, or just right? Is the Coastal Calendar useful? Comments or thoughts on any of these topics are welcome.

There is always a need for interesting and informative photographs of natural coastal features, processes, or human activities and engineering works along coasts. Feel free to submit coastal photographs, being sure to include a title and caption for each. Two pages in the front matter are reserved for editorials in each issue. Opinions and different points of view are always welcome and I encourage you to make use of this space. Such support and participation by our readers will be appreciated.

> Charles W. Finkl, Jr. Editor-in-Chief

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