

## EDITORIAL

### Mark My Words: A Commentary for Contributors and Subscribers

The purpose of this editorial is twofold. First, I want to outline some important points for contributors to the journal and second, I wish to introduce some of the changes that are being incorporated into the Coastal Education & Research Foundation [CERF], publisher of JCR. I hope that these comments will be both helpful and informative.

Some of you may have noticed the appointment of Associate Editors to the board. These posts were created in an effort to speed up the peer review process and generally facilitate the most efficient processing of manuscripts. Although we encourage contributors to send papers directly to the Editorial Office in Charlottesville, manuscripts may enter the review system through any of the Associate Editors. This new review system is now working very well but will undoubtedly be fine-tuned with time. In addition to calling on our own board of experts in the normal vetting process, the Associate Editors will tap "outside reviewers" in an effort to speed the review process. The valuable assistance of these additional reviewers, who help us cover some of the more specialized and esoteric fields of coastal research, is recognized in the first issue of the next volume-year.

Due to increasing work loads as the journal grows and because the Editorial Office is comprised by a small volunteer staff, we are obliged to make increasing use of automated procedures. It is therefore imperative that prospective authors follow explicitly our instructions for the preparation of manuscripts. These instructions are periodically printed in the journal (see end of "Editorial" in this issue) and are available upon request from the Editorial Office. For hard (paper) copy we request that papers be prepared using a popular type style such as Courtier, Prestige, or Letter Gothic in 10 or 12 pitch. OCR-B is acceptable but over- or under-sized type styles are not. Do not use low-quality dot matrix printers, fancy typewriter fonts, nor bold or italic type. For scientific words or foreign phrases, use underlining to indicate italic type. Although the advent of

lazer printers has encouraged many contributors to present attractive manuscripts with fancy fonts and innovative styles, all this only slows down the processing of these manuscripts because they eventually must conform to accepted journal style. Because this conversion involves a considerable amount of copyediting, nonconforming manuscripts will in future be returned for proper formatting.

Other hints in the preparation of manuscripts deal with figures and formulas. Remember that most figures will be reduced to column width (7 or 14.5 cm) wherever possible. Lettering and symbolization must be of sufficient size to accommodate reduction and still be readable, *i.e.* not less than 1.5 mm high when reduced. Reducing photocopiers have many uses but they tend to produce poor letter quality and distorted graphic images, especially on excessive reduction or second generation copies. Submission of originals, photostats or PMT's, and glossy prints will help alleviate many of the problems associated with poor quality figures that are submitted in the first instance. Formulas that make use of special symbols or foreign alphabets, *i.e.* Greek letters, require marginal annotations that clearly identify the symbols or letters. Those annotations should be made in red felt tip pen (on the first or original copy), as should any other hand writing on the manuscript.

In addition to hard (paper) copy, we can also accept soft copies—manuscripts on floppy diskettes. The diskette must be formatted in DOS 2.1 or higher and in ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) suitable for application on IBM or compatible equipment. As an adjunct to post and telephone, the Editorial Office may be contacted by telex at 4944447 or The Source telecommunications system on call letters TCW370.

Readers will note some new additions to the journal which we hope will provide useful information to coastal researchers. First and foremost is the establishment of two special series that will highlight advances in the applied/

technological coastal sciences and ecology. Per Bruun heads up the series "Advances in Coastal Engineering" and there is already a healthy infusion of applied topics into the manuscript flow for production. The journal will now regularly carry papers that deal with some aspect of coastal engineering, an important part of coastal research. The Coastal Engineering Research Center (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg, MS) is a major participant that will provide papers on a wide variety of coastal engineering topics. The other series "The Biological Flora of Coastal Dunes and Wetlands," guided by M. Anwar Maun, is worldwide in scope and will focus on reviews and original information on biological and geomorphological aspects of plant species along a coastal location.

Two special issues are slated for this year. One, edited by Ashish J. Mehta and Earl Hayter, will focus on 'Estuarine Cohesive Sediment Dynamics: Physics of High Concentration Suspensions and Field Instrumentation.' The other special issue is edited by Nicholas C. Kraus and Orrin H. Pilkey, Jr.; it deals with the 'Effects of Seawalls on the Beach.' A third special issue (probably #5 in the overall series of special issues), being edited by Eric C. F. Bird and Maurice L. Schwariz, will deal with 'Artificial Nourishment of Beaches.' This special issue will probably appear later in 1989. Special issues are available separately from the regular subscription.

The "News and Announcements" department will be expanded to provide a wider range of information that will now cover who is doing what in coastal research, grants awarded, special summer courses in the marine (coastal) sciences, graduate programs, and a whole lot more. The journal will also offer a new department called "Professional Services" for those that would like to have their business cards published. Consultants and other advertisers

should find this section useful. For information about space, available at nominal rates, contact the Editorial Office.

The coastal Education & Research Foundation [CERF], a nonprofit society dedicated to the coastal sciences, anticipates offering an annual award for the best student paper that is published in JCR. It is also possible that there will be other awards for professionals in different categories for outstanding contributions to coastal research. A select panel of editors will ejudicate and, in addition to being elevated in the eyes of their peers, the holders of the named prizes will receive monetary appreciation.

The Directors and Trustees of the Foundation have recently approved new categories of membership in this nonprofit society dedicated to the coastal sciences. Members of the Coastal Education and Research Foundation [CERF] are individuals, institutions, and corporations that support the aims of the Foundation through personal or group efforts or by donations. Memberships are available in different categories with privileges. An Annual Member contributes \$25 (\$30 outside the US) and an Annual Fellow, \$45 (\$50 outside the US). These annual dues are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Members of the Foundation receive JCR free and are entitled to discounts on other CERF journals and books.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the following editors for valuable service in their first three-year tour of duty for the journal: Douglas R. Grant (Canada), Joel W. Hedgpeth (USA), Richard G. Hildreth (USA), Donna C. Rona (USA), and Keith Ronald (Canada). It is with pleasure that we welcome the following new editors: O. G. Houmb (Norway), E. van der Maarel (Sweden), and Michael R. Rampino (USA).

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