

Editorial

by the presidents of the three Geoscience Societies publishing the Swiss Journal of Geosciences

Dear reader

The publication of the 100th volume of *Eclogae geologicae Helvetiae* coincides with the first issue of a journal under the name “Swiss Journal of Geosciences”, a name we already carried as a second title since 2001. The launching of our new title reflects the decision of the three Swiss Earth Science Societies, the Swiss Geological Society, the Swiss Palaeontological Society and the Swiss Society of Mineralogy and Petrology, to join their publishing efforts in a single journal.

This step will undoubtedly broaden the content and range of subjects of the journal, by also incorporating articles that were previously published in the *Schweizerische Mineralogische und Petrographische Mitteilungen*, which will be discontinued. While the principal scope and the quality of both earlier journals will remain unchanged by this change in publication form, the joining of editorial efforts will certainly strengthen our impact amongst the readers within and outside Switzerland.

We are pleased to be able to announce this important step forward in 2007, the year that coincides with the foundation of the new Platform Geosciences of the Swiss Academy of Sciences. We specifically welcome contributions from all member societies within this newly founded Platform, as well as all other geoscientists active in Switzerland and worldwide.

Irrespective of the origin or field of expertise of contributing authors, our journal will continue to give clear preference to articles that are of wide interest to the international research community. As in the past, a particular emphasis will be put on the evolution of the Tethys realm and the Alpine - Himalayan orogen. At the same time the journal offers to document high-quality geoscientific data of more regional content, including the occasional publication of maps, but also special thematic issues. In short, we intend to continue to maintain a good balance between being a highly renowned international journal and being “Swiss”, in the sense that we also cultivate a regional focus on the territory of Switzerland and adjacent Alpine countries.

Dear reader, please support our efforts by becoming a member of one of the three societies that publish the Swiss Journal of Geosciences. It is your financial contribution, together with a substantial support from the Academy, which will allow us to compete with scientific journals published by profit-oriented publishers, and to hopefully achieve our ambitious expectations regarding the joint publication of a top quality journal.

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