

Editorial

Dear reader

The *Eclogae geologicae Helvetiae* had a long tradition in publishing articles in the fields of geology and palaeontology. Coinciding with the 100-year jubilee of the *Eclogae geologicae Helvetiae*, the Swiss Association of Mineralogy and Petrology decided to join the new Swiss Journal of Geosciences and to have one single platform including all branches of geosciences, comparable to the reorganization of the Swiss Academy of Sciences. This reorganization can be regarded as consequence of a growing interdisciplinary collaboration among different branches of geosciences in Switzerland. By consolidating the former *Eclogae Geologicae Helvetiae* and *Swiss Bulletin of Mineralogy and Petrology*, this international journal covers all disciplines of the solid Earth sciences, including their practical applications.

To meet this challenging task, in addition to the three Editors and an international board of Associate Editors, an Editorial Office has been established. The office will be occupied by Dr. Ellen Milnes. Thus questions concerning submission, editorial handling, or state of submission can directly be addressed to the office. The Editors will organize the peer-reviewing process and decide on handling interdisciplinary manuscripts. Although the journal content will be guided foremost by the scientific quality of articles, we will strive to balance each issue with regard to the three societies involved.

The Swiss Journal of Geosciences will continue to publish original research and review articles, with a particular focus on the evolution of the Tethys realm and the Alpine – Himalayan Orogen. The journal gives preference to articles that are of wide interest to the international research community, while at the same time recognizing the importance of documenting high-quality geoscientific data in a regional context, including the occasional publication of maps. In addition to the three regular issues per year, thematic “special issues” will be published at regular intervals.

With the launching of the editorial office we navigate towards international standards and we believe also towards an impact factor close to the one representing “Swiss quality”. However we will provide a timely handling of submitted articles.

Looking forward to a successful evolution of the Swiss Journal of Geosciences during the next 100 years, the three editors:

Stefan Bucher (Geology; SGS)

Jean-Paul Billon-Bruyat (Palaeontology; SPS)

Edwin Gnos (Mineralogy, Petrology, Geochemistry; SSMP)

