

## *Editorial*

*The appointment of a new editor certainly gives rise to a period of reflection but it also provides the opportunity for a look forward. The "Geological Quarterly" has already passed its 41 years life lately. It has been led by Professor Ryszard Dadlez for more than a half of this period. His efforts succeeded in significant changes of the journal, especially during the last few years, among others introducing English as the leading language and a more convenient format of the journal.*

*The flow of papers to "GQ" calls for a broader spectrum of papers to be accepted, including not only the strictly geological ones but also from the related disciplines. "GQ" becomes therefore open to the whole geological and affiliated community. Obligatory reviewing is established; in addition to the editorial advisory board, there is also a wider circle of reviewers.*

*Speed of publication is a vital feature in the present market of scientific journals, therefore the Editors are fully aware of the importance of this fact to a geological community. The intention is that after a submitted paper is accepted, it is published as soon as possible. Hence a "Rapid Communication" section is introduced which offers a "fast-track" route to publication. Short communications (1200 words maximum) containing material with a top quality will be subjected to a quick review process and if accepted, published within 4–5 months.*

*Thematic issues as conference proceedings, research group reports, book reviews, etc. will become an integral part of the publication schedule and we hope to include also occasional invited review papers from distinguished scientists.*

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