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EDITORIAL

It is hard for me to believe that I have now completed one year as Editor of Geoscience Canada. I thank those that have sent complimentary comments and notes about the issues published in 2002 and I can say that I have not received a single complaint. So there, that's your invitation to provide me with constructive criticism.

After this first year I still have some of the same concerns as I did when I started out on this adventure. Principal among these is that there are not enough spontaneous submissions of manuscripts to the journal. Too few people consider Geoscience Canada as a top-of-the-mind choice for publication of their articles. I have tried to open up the pages a bit, having suggested a new category of shorter article on fast-breaking scientific developments, called Earth Express (see the editorial for the March 2002 issue and another announcement in *Geolog.*, v. 31, part 2, p. 20). So far, response has been modest. I encourage you to review the description of this new style of paper and consider submitting an article. Please get in touch with me if you have any questions.

ONGOING SERIES

This, the staple part of our content, is moving along well. In this issue you will be able to enjoy two fine articles: one on the subject of geology and wine in Washington (sixth in the series) and the other on the building stones of the Alberta Legislature. The paper on the Alberta Legislative Buildings by Burwash, *et al.* is the second paper in the series on the Geology of the Parliament Buildings of Canada. The first, entitled "Building Stones of Canada's Federal Parliament Buildings"

was written by D.E. Lawrence, and appeared in the March 2001 issue of Geoscience Canada. Doug VanDine, editor of the series, reports that at the present time papers are being prepared for the legislative buildings of British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. However, he is still looking for contributions from Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. If you are interested in contributing a paper, refer to the guidelines for the series, published in the March 2001 issue of Geoscience Canada and contact Doug VanDine at 267 Wildwood Avenue, Victoria, BC, V8S 3W2, phone (250) 598-1028, fax (250) 592-1459 or e-mail vandine@islandnet.com.

NEW SERIES

Two new series are under development. The first embraces Igneous Rock Associations and is being edited by Georgia Pe-Piper of St. Mary's University. This series will include about a dozen papers on igneous rocks, particularly from a Canadian perspective. The papers will deal with a large variety of topics including many aspects of volcanism, mantle plumes, ocean crust and ophiolites, rift-related igneous provinces, Precambrian iron formations and anorthosites. Anyone interested in contributing to this series is encouraged to contact Georgia Pe-Piper (gpiper@stmarys.ca).

The second new series deals with Resource Estimation and will be edited by Keith Dewing of the Geological Survey of Canada in Calgary, and Ben Whiting, a consulting economic geologist based in Kingston, Ontario. This series will include about ten articles

designed for practicing exploration geologists with little or no knowledge of resource estimation. The goal is to present the concepts in a non-mathematical way and to bring out the importance of geological considerations in resource estimation. The main emphasis will be on the mining sector, but at least one article for oil and gas is envisaged. Anyone who is interested in contributing to this new series is encouraged to contact either Keith Dewing (kdewing@NRCan.gc.ca) or Ben Whiting (whiting@kingston.net).

These two new series will debut in 2003.

GREAT LOSS

It was with great sadness that I learned in September that Leslie King was leaving as Managing Editor of Geoscience Canada. Leslie has been working with the journal for more than ten years. She started out when Mike Cherry was Editor and has continued with editors Phil Thurston, Roger Macqueen and me. She has been the solid rock of knowledge on whom each editor has relied. She is a highly knowledgeable technical editor and layout person and will be greatly missed by the Geological Association of Canada. Her careful work has greatly improved countless issues of the journal and I am sure that all the editors join with me in thanking Leslie for her tremendous contribution. Leslie also worked on GAC Special Paper 42, that wonderful exposition of the urban geology in Canadian cities and has helped the Association with a variety of other publishing projects.

I am pleased to report that the reason for Leslie's departure is a happy one. She has been successful in getting a

full time job as a communications coordinator with the Communications Services Branch of the ministry of Northern Development and Mines. We wish her all the very best in her new position.

NEW PRODUCTION TEAM

The production of this December issue, was contracted to the Geological Survey of Canada in Calgary: Joanna Monro Gray for the technical editing and Claudia Thompson for the layout.

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