

Editorial

First of all, we are happy to introduce Hanneke Verweij as associate editor of the Netherlands Journal of Geosciences – Geologie en Mijnbouw (NJG). With her expertise on geothermal resources in the deeper parts of the North Sea Basin the applied geosciences are better covered within the editorial board.

The Netherlands has rich history in (applied) geosciences. The re-establishment of the Geological Survey of the Netherlands within TNO in 2010 hopefully reflects the need for geosciences in a changing world. Last year it seemed that the economic crises had also affected the regular inflow of manuscripts, while one special issue that we expected is still in preparation. Nevertheless, we managed to publish a nice set of manuscripts in volume 89 covering the broad field of (applied) geosciences. To close volume 89 and the year 2010, we ended with a small double volume, which was not intended, but will be followed in the next volumes by several thick special issues that are currently in different stages of preparation. One of these will be the memorial special issue in honour of the Felder brothers, who were so important for the geology of the southern Netherlands, particularly the province of Limburg. For volume 91 we can already promise you a special issue that is in preparation for the centennial anniversary of the Royal Geological and Mining Society of the Netherlands (KNGMG), to be celebrated in 2012.

In the current issue 90-1 you will find a mixture of deep and shallow (applied) geosciences on different time-scales. The Geo-perspective paper by Weijermars and Luthi on Dutch natural gas strategy is not a classic geological study, but more a position paper focusing on historical perspectives and the future. The focus on unconventional gas resources is probably more economic than strictly geological. However, this geo-perspective highlights that geosciences is not only a study of the past, but also places geological knowledge in the middle of our society. The paper by Albers provides a detailed scientific description of some new Triassic Nothosaurus fossils from the eastern Netherlands. We are happy with contributions from our neighbouring countries, who seemed to have found the way to our journal. Bogemans and Vandenberghe demonstrate that the formation aeolian river dunes in Belgium is comparable to the Netherlands while Notebaert et al. compare the fluvial development of different medium size rivers in Belgium in relation to human impact. Finally, in the correspondence section it is shown that NJG provides a platform for scientific discussion.

Please keep sending us your manuscripts; we will do our best to have them published for a broad and international audience in full-colour in the Netherlands Journal of Geosciences. In the near future, our knowledge of natural resources and the functioning of System Earth will continue to be of great value to science and the community.

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