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1. Administrative matters.

Bulletin Geodesique (BG) is from the beginning of 1991 published by Springer Verlag (SV). The lay-out and format have been changed, and instead of typesetting the articles they are now produced by the author. In exceptional cases SV will type the articles.

An agreement has been reached with SV, so that BG and Manuscripta Geodaetica (MG), (also published by SV) now have a joint editorial board, however with separate editors-in-chief. BG maintains its role as the official publication of the International Association of Geodesy (IAG), and will continue to publish business and other news related to IAG, meeting reports, book reviews, history and every fourth year the **Geodesist Handbook**. BG will primarily publish articles of an applied nature, while MG will publish articles of a more fundamental character. Authors, who submit an article to one of the journals may therefore in the future find that it is published in the other journal. All details about the agreement with SV and the relation to MG has been published in BG Vol. 64, pp. 172-185, 1990.

A main point is that the editor-in-chief in the future will be elected by the editorial board from candidates approved by IAG and SV. (This, and other changes, requires that the IAG by laws are changed as recommended by the Cassinis committee).

2. Editorial Matters.

Since the last general assembly, the information section of BG has been modernized. Updates (new addresses, new members of study groups etc.) to the Geodesist Handbook and a fast bibliography (only containing names of authors and titles of publications) are included. The managing editor, Dr. C. Boucher, has very efficiently taken care of this, and has continued this work in he's capacity as the editor of the newsletter now published in BG.

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The flow of articles to BG has been reasonable, but the competition with the IAG symposia proceedings (now also published by SV) and with proceedings from other meetings has been felt. In the future, the publication of certain proceedings as a separate part of BG will be considered.

Until the beginning of this year, the selection of reviewers has been the responsibility of the editor-in-chief. This is now done by the member of the joint editorial board, who handles the individual submitted article. Below follows a table showing the number of submitted and rejected papers per country, and the number of reviews done by scientists from that country.

Table 1. Survey of number of first authors and reviewers per country.

Country	Number Papers			Country	Number Papers		
	Accep- ted	Rejec- ted	Revie- wers		Accep- ted	Rejec- ted	Revie- wers
Australia	1	0	5	Nigeria	0	1	0
Austria	2	0	14	Norway	1	0	0
Belgium	2	0	0	Portugal	1	0	0
Canada	11	1	11	Poland	1	1	1
Denmark	2	0	32	Romania	0	1	0
Finland	1	1	1	Spain	1	0	0
France	4	2	6	S.Africa	1	0	1
Germany	13	1	64	Syria	0	1	0
Greece	7	0	3	Sweden	4	2	8
Hungary	1	0	0	UK	2	2	8
India	0	4	0	USA	25	1	68
Italy	10	2	8	USSR	2	0	6
Israel	1	0	2	Schweiz	0	0	2
Iran	0	1	0	CSR	0	0	1
Japan	2	0	0	Zimbabwe	1	0	0
Netherlands	4	1	12	P.R.China	8	10	2

Totally 140 papers have been reviewed, and scientists from 32 countries have assisted being authors or reviewers. Thanks to all who have assisted here.

When inspecting the table, it is obvious that scientists from some countries which has a great scientific potential has submitted very few papers to BG. Also developing countries are not well represented. I hope that having an editorial board will aid in soliciting papers from these countries.

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