

## **Editorial. Journal of Geodesy**

This is the last issue of Bulletin Géodésique, the longest living international geodetic journal, thus a necrology is called for. For 73 years, ever since its inception in 1924, Bulletin Géodésique has been the official organ first of the Section de Geodesy of l'Union Géodésique et Géophysique Internationale and subsequently of the International Association of Geodesy. Only during 3 year (1943, 1944, 1945) the bulletin was not published.

In its illustrious past, BG carried many of the most important papers and other communications from the best geodesists of the day. The BG's author list reads like a "Who's Who" in 20th century geodesy.

Published by the IAG Central Bureau in Paris until 1990, it was taken over by the Springer publishing house, who administered a major face lift to bring the BG closer together with its friendly rival, Manuscripta Geodaetica, by then also owned by Springer. Even under Springer's flag, BG kept its status of the "official organ" of IAG, with a open corner for IAG news, meeting announcements and book reviews.

The past 4 years have seen an increasing convergence of the similarity of scientific material published in the two Springer geodetic journals. This was taking place in spite of the different mandates of the journals; other than the official status in IAG, little now distinguishes BG from mg. When, 2 years ago, the IAG Executive Committee and Springer Verlag expressed their interest in merging the two journals, most members of the common BG/mg Editorial Board could not tell the difference and voted overwhelmingly for the merger and we thus find ourselves at the end of one geodetic era.

Beginning from January 1, 1996, in one fell swoop, the new **Journal of Geodesy** will be replacing the two ageing rival journals. Its 12 glossy issues per year will do the same and better service for geodetic community, as the 4 issues of BG and the 6 issues of mg have done in the past. The only reminder of JG's close link with BG's past will be its volume numbering scheme which will just pick up where BG's volume numbering scheme leaves off.

We sincerely hope that all subscribers to Bulletin Géodésique will also subscribe to the new **Journal of Geodesy**.

The new journal will be managed by an new editorial board elected at a meeting held during the IAG XXI General Assembly in Boulder, Colorado, July 1995. Several of the members of the old editorial board will continue (D. Arabelos, F. Barlier, P. Holota, C. Jekeli, D. Milbert, S. Okubo, L. Sjöberg, A. Stolz ) and 10 new members have been elected (R. Barzaghi, E. Cannon, M. Feissel, H. Hsu, G. Seeber, B. Schaffrin, H. van Geysen, M. Vermeer, H.-G. Wenzel, P. Willis), with Professor Peter Teunissen, the Netherlands, as the new Editor-in-Chief. We thank the members of the old board for their work, and wish the new board success.

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