

## Editorial

### Changes in the Team of Editors for Geologica Balcanica

Dear readers,

After 17 years of activity, Prof. Ivan Zagorchev has stepped down from the position of Chief Editor for Geologica Balcanica. We would like to thank him for his efforts in managing the journal during a very difficult period for Bulgarian science. Fortunately, we will still be able to rely on Ivan's experience because he will remain a member of the journal's Advisory Scientific Board. We would also like to express our thanks to the other members who have stand down from the Editorial and Consilium doctorum teams for all their hard work on behalf of the journal.

The journal will remain a general publication for articles in the broad field of the Earth Sciences, in particular from the Balkan Peninsula and surrounding regions. In 2008, Geologica Balcanica became the official journal of the Carpathian-Balkan Geological Association (CBGA). To meet this new

challenge, and in view of the current trends in scientific communication, the Editorial Board and Advisory Scientific Board have been restructured to include well-known representatives from different fields of the Earth Sciences and from different parts of the world. The new Editorial Board then reached the conclusion that the journal needs to both guarantee regular publication and increase the quality and diversity of articles. All the papers will be published in English. They will be analyzed for content by a field editor and sent to a minimum of two referees for review. In order to increase the impact of articles and diffusion of the journal, it has been decided to allow free download from the web site [www.geology.bas.bg/geobal.html](http://www.geology.bas.bg/geobal.html), starting in the middle of 2009. Information about the editorial teams and entire instruction to authors for publication in the journal can be found in the same site. Shorter instructions are given in the last inner cover page.

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