
EDITORIAL



This issue marks *GeoQ*'s first anniversary. It was in early March last year that the [first edition of the new EGU newsletter](#) was published, and I hope you have enjoyed reading our past issues as much as we enjoyed producing them at the EGU Munich Office.

I am particularly pleased with the content of this issue. One of the things that motivated the redesign and rethinking of the EGU quarterly newsletter was having a publication that not only brings Union news (often published in advance on our website or blog) to our members, but also includes other interesting and, crucially, original geoscientific content. We put a lot of time and effort in making sure the Articles section provides our readers their quarterly intake of pieces on Earth, planetary and space sciences research that are absorbing and accessible to the many scientists – comprising a variety of research areas – who read *GeoQ*, in addition to being *new*. In this issue, for the first time, the External News section also exclusively features pieces that have not been published elsewhere before, articles that are not only original but are also – if I may – informative and engaging.

We commissioned two articles to external organisations for this issue of *GeoQ*. Representatives of the International Council for Science teamed up with members of the Future Earth Transition Team to contribute a piece on [Future Earth](#), a new 10-year research initiative on global environmental change research for sustainability; this is of particular interest to Earth system researchers, who may be keen to join in this project. The other External News article is

brought to you by the American Meteorological Society who write about their [Policy Program](#), which is aimed at “helping scientists and policymakers effectively work together to address policy issues related to Earth system science and services.”

We have also changed the On the Web section, which we now use to highlight exciting websites and blogs in the Earth, planetary and space sciences. Have you heard about [Anthropocene.info](#), or the [Landslide](#) and [The Contemplative Mammoth](#) blogs? Read more about them [here!](#)

And make sure not to miss the ‘old classics’ such as the EGU Voice section, which includes an article from EGU’s Awards Committee Chair Alberto Montanari, or the Press Releases section, featuring a release on research on Andean glaciers published in EGU’s Open Access journal *The Cryosphere* that was widely covered in the media, including the [BBC](#).

If your organisation, or the research project you are part of, is interested in writing for *GeoQ*, please get in touch (media@egu.eu): we are always on the look out for interesting articles to publish in this newsletter. Also, if you know of a particularly engaging geosciences website or blog, please contact us and you may see it featured in a forthcoming issue.

Aside from submitting contributions, you can also help improve future editions of *GeoQ* by letting us know what you think about the newsletter. Please tell us who you are and what you like and dislike about this publication by completing the very short questionnaire at <http://bit.ly/GeoQfeedback> – it won’t take more than a few minutes!

Before I let you go on with your reading, I’d like to introduce and thank [Sara Mynott](#), the most recent member of EGU’s communication team. Sara has helped produce the very newsletter you have in front of you and taken over managing EGU blogs and social media channels, among other tasks. To find out more about Sara’s work, [follow the EGU online!](#)

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