
EDITORIAL

Welcome to GeoQ!

Formerly known as the EGGS, the quarterly newsletter of the European Geosciences Union is entering a new phase. While keeping much of the informative material of the previous newsletter, GeoQ brings a few changes.

Not only is the name different, but so is the look. This new version comes in the form of a completely redesigned interactive PDF file. The user can navigate through GeoQ by clicking on the articles listed in the table of contents, or on the side tabs, visible from page 6 onwards.

The new version also features new sections. From these, I would highlight EGU Voice, which brings personalised news about EGU activities, and offers division presidents a chance to inform GeoQ readers about the workings of their respective divisions.

Issue 1 of GeoQ also provides readers with their quarterly intake of EGU and external news, information about new books, conferences and other events. There is also a Journal Watch section, which features particularly interesting articles recently published in EGU journals and highlighted by their editors. And much more!

The publication of this first issue was made possible by the work of all at the EGU office, particularly Edvard Glücksman, the 2012 EGU Science Communications Fellow. Jennifer Holden, the 2011 Fellow, also deserves acknowledgement for her excellent outreach work at the office, and for coming up with the name GeoQ.

The assistance of those elsewhere was also invaluable. Kostas Kourtidis, Chief Editor of the previous EGU newsletter, actively



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collaborated with us to make the transition process go as smoothly as possible. The EGU is most thankful to him for his excellent work in the EGGS, which resulted in the publication of 37 unique issues of the Union's newsletter in almost a decade.

As we enter this new phase of EGU communications, we would like to hear from you about it. Feel free to drop me an e-mail with any comments, questions, or suggestions you might have about the new EGU newsletter.

Happy reading!

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENCY

Dear EGU members, dear friends and colleagues,

You are reading the first issue of EGU's new quarterly newsletter, GeoQ. At the same time, we are saying goodbye to our long-standing form of communication, the EGGS newsletter. As times change, especially in the world of electronic communication, we have had quite a vivid discussion of the future format of our newsletter for some time now. Meanwhile, major changes have occurred at EGU and its organisatory partners.

With the establishment of the Executive Office at Munich, and its manning with a highly capable and motivated staff, the time has come to act on the results of our deliberations. In particular, as you have no doubt noticed, the EGU has acquired the skills and talent of a first-rate scientist and science journalist, Bárbara Ferreira, to serve as the first full-time media officer of the Union. What you see here is largely her achievement. In the short space of a few months she has brought this initiative to completion with the issue you are perusing. I strongly encourage you to do so – to peruse it. I am certain there is something in it for most of you ... and if not ... tell us!

With a powerful platform of publications, meetings, awards, outreach and a large, stable and growing membership, the EGU has matured to a remarkable state. The office as well as the Union officers and functions are there to help you to achieve your professional goals. As always, you are invited to make your voice heard – also in this new format. See you in Vienna at the General Assembly!

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