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# EDITORIAL

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Welcome to a very special edition of *GeoQ* dedicated to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Geosciences Union!

Ten years ago, in September 2002, the European Geophysical Society (EGS) and the European Union of Geosciences (EUG) merged to form the EGU, a “dynamic, innovative, and interdisciplinary learned association” to advance Earth, planetary, and space sciences, and promote cooperation between scientists. Since then, we have grown to unite over 12,500 members, publish 14 Open Access journals, and organise meetings and education and outreach activities. Now a decade old, and with a well-staffed Executive Office in Munich, the EGU is more dynamic than ever.

This special edition of *GeoQ* celebrates this major milestone in the Union’s history by telling its story and showing a glimpse into its future. This issue further sheds light on the EGU’s unique relationship with conference-organiser and publisher Copernicus, and on the workings of our Munich office. In the EGU Voice section, our Outreach Committee Chair writes about the past and future of the Union’s outreach activities, while the Education section features a report about EGU’s most successful education activity to date: the Geosciences Information for Teachers (GIFT) Workshops.

In line with the Union’s “dynamic” and “innovative” standards, we have recently strengthened our online presence by means of a blog

network. The On the Web section introduces this network and its geoscience bloggers. Also slightly different this quarter is the External News section, which features newspaper and magazine stories on research published in the Union’s journals in the past few months and presented at the 2012 General Assembly.

Next year’s General Assembly marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of another landmark event: the first joint EGS-EUG Assembly, a precursor to EGU’s annual conference, which at the time also featured the AGU. With the abstract submission deadline for the 2013 meeting (January 9) fast approaching, make sure to submit your paper soon!

This issue of *GeoQ* also marks one year since the newsletter, previously known as *The Eggs*, was redesigned. We believe it is, therefore, the ideal opportunity to ask our readers for feedback. With this in mind, I hope you will take a couple of minutes to complete the short questionnaire at <http://bit.ly/GeoQfeedback>, as your input would be invaluable towards improving future editions.

Happy reading!

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