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# EDITORIAL

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The EGU General Assembly is, without a doubt, the highlight of EGU activities – and, if I may, of European geoscience activities – each year. The conference this year was more vibrant and interactive than ever and we are thankful to everyone who worked behind the scenes, as well as to the fantastic participants, for an excellent meeting. With the conference now behind us, it was only appropriate to dedicate this issue of GeoQ to the EGU 2013 General Assembly.

The Articles section, for instance, features only research presented at this year's conference. It includes features on seismic monitoring in geomorphology, on the stability of methane stored in ocean sediments, and on dust-emission measurements tailored to climate models. There is also an interview with Andrew MacDougall, a young climate scientist working at the University of Victoria in Canada on a key issue: can a holocene-like climate be restored by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere?

In addition to the regular division reports in the EGU Voice section, we also publish a letter from the Chair of the General Assembly Programme Committee, Gert-Jan Reichart, about this year's meeting. The EGU News section features a report published earlier on our website that looks back at the EGU 2013 General Assembly, highlighting in particular the social media and press activities at this year's meeting.

It is not only scientists (and journalists) who take part in the conference: teachers too participate in the very special annual GIFT – Geosciences Information For Teachers – Workshop and can present educational posters at the meeting. For this issue of GeoQ, we interviewed two teachers about their experiences taking part in GIFT, where they learned about natural hazards (the theme of this year's workshop) directly from top scientists and dedicated valuable time to hands-on educational activities that they can now perform in their classrooms.

A final section fully dedicated to the General Assembly is On the Web, where we feature some of the many bloggers who covered this year's meeting. We briefly review their blogs and highlight the EGU 2013 blog posts they published.

Continuing on the EGU 2013 General Assembly theme, it is worth mentioning that this year's conference marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the EGS-EUG-AGU Joint General Assembly (EGS, the European Geophysical Society, and EUG, the European Union of Geosciences, merged to form EGU in 2002–2003). The joint conference was also the first EGS/EUG meeting to have a press centre and media participation – another 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary worth highlighting! Both events are documented in [issue 1](#) and [issue 2](#) of the EGGS newsletter, the precursor of GeoQ launched in November 2002. (On the occasion of the 10 years of EGU newsletters and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Union, we published a [special edition of GeoQ](#), which you may like to look into if you are interested in knowing more about the history of the EGU.)

Finally, on a new stage of EGU life, I would like to welcome all the new division presidents who were inaugurated during the Union Plenary Meeting on the Monday of the 2013 General Assembly. I look forward to working with you in promoting the best research and activities from your divisions.

Happy reading!

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