

Editorial

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Dear members of DEUQUA, dear readers,

E&G Quaternary Science Journal is a scientific open access journal, free of publishing fees for authors. The aim of DEUQUA is to further develop the visibility and the attractiveness of the journal. To make it more interesting for the scientific community, to foster information and increase the dialogue between scientists, we introduce two additional formats to be published in our journal. However, double peer-reviewed scientific articles will remain the core of the journal.

The first novelty will be the option to submit *Express Reports* which are short scientific papers and shall establish a platform to publish initial research results, important field observations, methodological improvements as well as scientific discussion contributions. Submissions are subject to single peer-review and quality control, and therefore they will be online latest two months after submission. The special guidelines are found at the end of this volume as well as on the homepage of the journal.

The second new part of *E&G Quaternary Science Journal* is related to *Thesis Abstracts*. Many doctoral theses are hidden in (online-)libraries of various universities, but often comprise more than just a number of articles. To learn more about the activities of the departments and working groups resulting in doctoral theses and to improve the visibility, we offer the opportunity to publish the extended abstract of doctoral theses in *E&G Quaternary Science Journal*. The guidelines are also published in this volume and on the homepage.

For both new parts of the journal the editorial staff has been extended by two young colleagues: Ingmar Unkel (Kiel) will organize the review of the *Express Reports*, and Bernhard Salcher (Salzburg) will be responsible for the submitted *Thesis Abstracts*.

We are looking forward to receive scientific papers, express reports and thesis abstracts to stimulate our presentation and discussion on Quaternary topics for young and advanced scientists by these enhanced publication opportunities.