

Report on *Natural Resources Research*

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EMD continues to participate with the International Association for Mathematical Geology (IAMG) in publishing the journal *Natural Resources Research* (NRR), which is produced quarterly. NRR has a very short turnaround from initial submission of an article until acceptance and publication. Typically, this time is only 6 months, sometimes less if an approved article needs little or no editing.

EMD's main forms of support for the journal take the form of 1) subscriptions by EMD members, at the same cost as IAMG members, and 2) solicitation and submission (directly and indirectly) or papers for potential publication in NRR. All subscriptions are handled through IAMG. All submissions go directly to the Chief Editor rather than through me or other EMD leaders. EMD has no financial exposure on this journal, making it essentially a no-cost endeavor for EMD beyond volunteer time involved.

As part of EMD efforts stemming from the 2005 AAPG Annual Meeting in Calgary, Alberta, Fran Hein has been working on producing one or more special issues on oil sands for NRR. Fran has 4 papers in or through review and eight others committed to be submitted, but not actually in hand yet. One other author showed interest, but has not made a firm commitment on submitting a paper. If all committed papers are submitted and survive review and revision, we will have at least two special issues from just the oil sands sessions in Calgary.

There also is a possibility of a special issue on gas hydrates, but that is a slim possibility due to a number of the papers in that session already being published in or committed to other outlets. I will continue to follow up with the session chairs in case they come up with papers for NRR individually rather than for a special issue.

Again, I encourage EMD leaders to aid us in improving submissions of articles and subscriptions by EMD members. Technical councilors in particular need to encourage their committee members and colleagues in their topical EMD fields to participate in NRR by submitting articles.

Due to my work load this past year, I still am working on preparing additional information on NRR to provide for the EMD website, as I reported in June. The Information for Authors already has been posted on the website. Hopefully, in the near future, we also will put up a listing of past articles and links to IAMG and Kluwer Publishers for subscriptions and additional information on NRR.

This constitutes my report for the first half of the 2005-2006 AAPG administrative and fiscal year. I welcome any questions, comments, and active involvement in soliciting papers from the EMD leaders and members.

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