

# **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 EMD leaders. EMD has no financial exposure on this journal, making it essentially a no-cost endeavor for EMD beyond volunteer time involved.

## **EMD Annual Commodity Reports in NRR**

The EMD commodity annual reports have been compiled and incorporated into a NRR article by Pete Warwick and co-editors for publication since 2007. A new compilation just is starting up for publication in 2013.

Pete has noted in an e-mail today that

“Paul Hackley (USGS) has agreed to work with me and be co-editor. We have not set a date when we would like to have the 2013 reviews submitted, but were thinking of mid-March 2013. That way, committee chairs could update their midyear and final reports and combine them into a summary article. I'm sending this information to let EMD leadership know of our plans and ask that this be mentioned to the committee chairs during the upcoming midyear EMD meeting. If EMD leadership approves, Paul and I will contact the committee chairs after the meeting to provide them with additional information. At some point, we would need the email contact list of all the current committee chairs.”

Committee Chairs, **please** state your interest in participating in the next compilation for NRR either in person at the meeting or immediately following the meeting via e-mail to Pete Warwick.

Pete would like to start grooming “younger” participants in the compilation effort for taking over the lead on doing this biennial compilation. Therefore, I recommend that this point be brought up during the Mid-Year meeting to see if any of the EMD leadership is interested in taking this on or if they can find someone willing to work with Pete and Paul Hackley to ease into the co-editor position for 2015 and subsequent compilations.

## **“Changing of the Guard” for NRR**

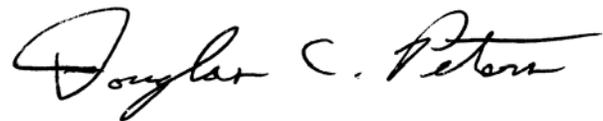
In addition to Pete looking for a replacement, I also intend to step down after my too-long tenure as Deputy Editor for NRR on behalf of EMD. I have been unable to devote serious time to the journal over the past several years and it is time for someone with more energy (and hopefully support from their employer) to provide a more active role in the journal on behalf of EMD. I would like this to be a topic of discussion for the Mid-Year meeting and see who is willing to replace me as soon as possible.

The new Chief Editor, Dr. John Carranza of Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation at the University of Twente in the Netherlands, is looking to re-organize the editorial Board of NRR such that the Deputy Editor would be one of several senior editors for the journal. These folk potentially would be backed up by Associate Editors and a cadre of reviewers, with editors also acting as reviewers in their fields of specialty. This is an ideal time for someone new to replace me and fit into the new scheme of things at NRR and start working with John in his efforts to revitalize the journal. I would be happy to put a willing person in touch with John following the EMD meeting.

### **Repeat Call for Help in Getting More Papers and Special Issues**

We continue to 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. Any opportunity to turn a technical session at an ACE or ICE into a special issue should be pursued!

This constitutes my report for the first half of the 2012-2013 AAPG administrative and fiscal year. I welcome any questions, comments, and active involvement in soliciting papers from the EMD leaders and members.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas C. Peters". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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