

Editorial

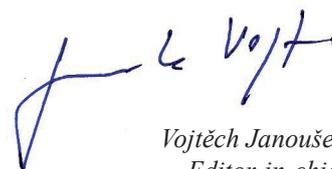
***Journal of Geosciences* gains an impact factor!**

It is exactly five years since I had here the honour of announcing a launch of the *Journal of Geosciences*, a considerably changed successor of the former *Journal of the Czech Geological Society* with over of 50 years of tradition. This June has brought news very important for us. Shortly after having been accepted to the Thompson's Current Contents and Science Citation Index Expanded databases, our *Journal* has gained an impact factor. The initial value is **1.026**, which falls just slightly above the median of the field (Geosciences, multidisciplinary). This is important not only for all of you involved but also for other small society-run journals, as it provides a further evidence that they are able to sustain the concurrence of the large publishing houses. It also proves that the Open Access Journal concept we have opted for, offering free Internet access and *on line* publishing of electronic supplementary materials, might be the right one.

This achievement is not only encouraging but also means a commitment to continuously increase the quality of the published papers. At the moment, we are running a model of alternating normal issues with no particular focus and thematic sets, dedicated to an interesting binding theme. For instance, after the first issue of this year, focusing on the various aspects of the subduction-related igneous activity in Central America, we are expecting another thematic set entitled 'Supergene mineralogy: insights into the mobility of elements during weathering process' to be published in mid-October.

Clearly, running a journal means a joint effort of many people. I am indebted to the authors, reviewers, members of both the internal and external advisory boards as well as many other people who are supporting our efforts to bring you an interesting and scientifically sound reading. I would like to stress that most of them, including the handling editors, do this for free, enthusiastically spending much of their precious time they could use for research. Last but not least, I would like to thank Mirko Vaněček for typographic design and typesetting as well as Vojtěch Erban for his skilful web design/programming.

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