



Editorial

GEODERMA: A global journal of soil science

Geoderma, as its name suggests, deals with the *skin* of the *earth*. In this volume we have changed the subtitle of the journal from *an international journal of soil science* to a *global journal of soil science*. We think some explanation of this change is needed.

One meaning of global is that it involves the entire world. Through Geoderma we are striving to publish soil research from authors from the entire world, we strive for a readership from the entire world, and we welcome research from every part of the world. Secondly, in the current stage of human development, we are keenly aware of resource limitation in the context of global environmental change. A global perspective on soil processes is, therefore, needed to predict feedbacks and

timeframes, and to resolve persistent and emergent problems. Thirdly, global means universal — we wish to cover the whole gamut of soil science.

Geoderma — a global journal of soil science — therefore welcomes authors, readers and soil research from all parts of the world (and beyond), encourages worldwide soil studies, and embraces all aspects of soil science.

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