



The times they are a-changin'

In December 2006, we changed the subtitle of *Geoderma* from an *international* journal of soil science to a *global* journal of soil science. *Geoderma* aims to publish soil research from authors from the entire world, with readership and research from every part of the world. We need a global perspective on soil processes to predict feedbacks and timeframes, to resolve persistent and emergent problems, and most importantly, *Geoderma* wishes to cover the whole gamut of soil science. *Geoderma* has always aimed for that since it was first published in 1967.

After four years of dedicated service Jay Bell (University of Minnesota, USA) has stepped down as Editor-in-Chief and we thank him for all his input to the journal. We are now with five Editors-in-Chief and welcome Edith Perrier (IRD, France) and Mike Vepraskas (NC State University, USA) as new members. We have also revamped our Editorial Board to reflect our global outreach and to recognize the new and vital talent in soil science. There have been considerable changes in soil science as a result of new opportunities, and a whole range of new technologies and the evolution of soil science subdisciplines. Over the years, the *Geoderma* Editorial Board has had incremental change but now we have made a major shift that can best be summarized as a rejuvenation and an expansion. To start with our new members we are very pleased to welcome: M. Bierkens (Netherlands), N. Bird (UK), O.K. Borggaard (Denmark), B. Chefetz (Israel), A.R. Dexter (France), R.L. Fontes (Brazil), E. Frossard (Switzerland), S. Grunwald (USA), I. Kögel-Knaber (Germany), H. Knicker (Germany), R. Kretschmar (Switzerland), P. Lagacherie (France), M. Lark (UK), H. Lin (USA), N. McKenzie (Australia), B. Minasny (Australia), C. Morgan (USA), D. Peak (Canada), D.J. Pennock (Canada), A.M. Tarquis (Spain), W. Wilcke (Germany), H. Wösten (Netherlands), G.-L. Zhang (China). We now have an active young board that is needed to cover the emerging topics in soil science and to cope with the growing number of submissions.

We would like to recognize the contributions of those who have contributed to *Geoderma* through the Editorial Board and

who are now stepping down: J. Bouma (Netherlands), K. Dalsgaard (Denmark), J.J. de Gruijter (Netherlands), D.P. Franzmeier (USA), R. Gilkes (Australia), P.M. Huang (Canada), A. Ruellan (France), M. Schnitzer (Canada), U. Schwertmann (Germany), J. Shamshuddin (Malaysia), S. Shoji (Japan), L. Stroosnijder (Netherlands), G.C. Topp (Canada), E. van Ranst (Belgium), A. van Wambeke (USA), and Gy. Varallyay (Hungary). A special word of appreciation to Dan Yaalon (Israel), who has served on the editorial board since the inception of *Geoderma* in 1967. We also recognize the vital importance of the past Editors-in-Chief who contributed so much to the journal: F.A. van Baren, R.W. Simonson (1972–1989), J. Bouma and J. McKeague (1989–1994), T. Elliot (1994–1996), D.L. Sparks (1994–2005), K. McSweeney (1996–2001), and H. Insam (1997–2006).

We thank you all for your efforts and for making *Geoderma* the success it is today. *Geoderma*'s impact factor has doubled in the past 10 years and its impact increases more rapidly than other major soil science journals. We trust that with the new board, all active scientists in their own right, our impact will continue to increase by publishing high quality soil science papers that will broaden and deepen our soil knowledge. Just like in the past 40 years, we will continue to strive onwards and upwards, making the unknown known, and revitalizing our soil science discipline all over the globe.

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