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PROGRESS REPORT

With this issue I have been able to bring out all but a few of the articles I inherited from the previous editor, Gerry Friedman. Readers will note that they vary somewhat in style and citation format. Since some of these represent papers written as far back as 1988, I deemed it unfair to ask authors to undertake revisions in order to make them more uniform. I will, however, apply the journal's new style sheet (as contained in suggestions to contributors in this volume) beginning with the next issue.

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

With Volume 14 # 1- which will appear in May, 1995, the journal will return to a regular Spring/Fall schedule. With the backlog of previously accepted manuscripts completely cleared in that issue I can move ahead to exercise more editorial discretion on Volume 14 #2—appearing in October 1995.

REFEREEING POLICY—MOVING TO COMPLETE DISCLOSURE

The journal has had no official policy on revealing or concealing the identities of referees and contributors of candidate manuscripts. I have consulted with some current and past officers of the Society, and have decided to move—on a trial basis—to a policy of complete disclosure. Henceforth:

Contributors will be identified by name to referees, and referees will be asked to submit their editorial suggestions for revision under signature, to be transmitted through the editor to authors.

Since it is the policy of the journal never to refuse a manuscript outright, except in the case that an article is not a historical piece at all, this commits EARTH SCIENCES HISTORY to proceed with authors through cycles of revision—whenever authors are willing. Thus no referee need assume responsibility under this new

policy for refusing a manuscript outright. The extent of the revisions deemed necessary for publication are the prerogative of the referees and the editor jointly—the decision whether to proceed with them or not will lie with the authors.

Those referees who have submitted confidential reviews in the last year will have that confidentiality respected, and all future requests for reviews of manuscripts will clearly describe the policy of complete disclosure of referees to authors

NEW EDITORS AND OLD

The journal welcomes as advisory editors, with this issue, Professor Naomi Oreskes of the Geology Department of Dartmouth, and Professor Joanne Bourgeois, of the Geology Department of the University of Washington. Both have excellent publications in the history of geology, and both simultaneously pursue full-time geological careers. The journal is extremely fortunate that they have each agreed to serve at least one three-year term as advisory editor.

The notice of the “three-year term” points to an innovation I have made—limiting, subject to renewal, the terms of advisory editors. We have had no policy about adding editors, nor of removing them. I have added six to the list, and will cease appointments with these already made: Bourgeois, Hevly, Mills, Oreskes, Sack, and Sengör. I will, in the next month, be writing to all advisory editors asking if they wish to continue for a further one, two or three year term. In January 1998, the new editor of Earth Sciences History, whomever she or he may be, will have a free hand to replace editors whose terms have expired, or to request their continuance as editors. The expiration date of editorial terms will appear on the copyright page beginning with Volume 14 #2. This policy will help train future editors of ESH, allow those with distinguished service some respite from editorial labors, and broaden the base of expert referees for our journal.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS TO EARTH SCIENCES HISTORY

1. *EARTH SCIENCES HISTORY* promotes and publishes historical work on all areas of the earth sciences—geology, geography, geophysics, oceanography, paleontology, meteorology and climatology. The journal honors and encourages a variety of approaches to historical study: biography, history of ideas, social history, and histories of institutions, organizations and techniques.
2. Submit **manuscripts** (original and two copies) to the Editor: Mott T. Greene, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington, 98416, U.S.A. Please include an **abstract** of approximately 150 words. Contributors should retain a copy for reference, and should include return postage or international reply coupons if they desire return of submitted material.
3. Manuscripts should be **typewritten** or processed on a **letter quality** printer and **double-spaced** throughout, including quotations and notes, on paper of standard size and weight. Margins should be wider than usual to allow space for instructions to the typesetter. All copy should be flush left, with the right hand margin left ragged (unjustified) to maintain even spacing and readability.
4. Revised manuscripts should be submitted in double-spaced hard copy and, whenever possible, on **3.25" diskettes** identifying both the platform (Mac, PC or Other) and the word-processing program used (WordPerfect 3.0, Word 5.1 etc.). All diskette copy should have **formatting stripped out**: it should all be flush left, unjustified, with no special character formats other than underlining (italics) or bold-face.
5. Bibliographic information should be given in **endnotes** (not parenthetically in the text), typed separately from the main body of the manuscript, **double-** or even **triple-spaced**, numbered consecutively throughout the article, and keyed to reference numbers in the text.
 - a. References to **books** should include author's full name; complete title of the book, underlined (italics); place of publication and publisher's name for books published after 1900; date of publication, including the original date when a reprint is being cited; page number cited. *Example*:
 Eduard Suess, *The Face of the Earth*, 5 vols., Vol. I (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1904), p. 17.
 - b. References to articles in **periodicals** should include author's name; title of article, in quotes; title of periodical, underlined (italics); year; volume number, Arabic and underlined (italics); number of issue if pagination requires it; page numbers of article; number of particular page cited. Journal titles are spelled out in full on first citation and abbreviated subsequently. *Example*:
 David R. Oldroyd, "The Archaean Controversy in Britain: Part I—The Rocks of St. David's," *Annals of Science*, 1991, 48:407–452, on p. 434.
 - c. Succeeding citations of books and periodicals should use an abbreviated version of the title with the author's last name. *Example*: Oldroyd, "Archaean," p. 446.
6. **Figures** are welcome in illustrating articles. Line drawings should be directly reproducible, glossy prints must be furnished for all halftone illustrations. Where authors elect not to make voluntary page contributions (see 8 below), there is a charge of US \$15.00 for each figure in excess of two.
7. Manuscripts should be submitted to *EARTH SCIENCES HISTORY* with the understanding that upon publication, **copyright** will be transferred to the History of Earth Sciences Society. This understanding precludes *EARTH SCIENCES HISTORY* from considering material that is under consideration or accepted for publication elsewhere.
8. *EARTH SCIENCES HISTORY* requests **voluntary page contributions** from authors, but acceptance of manuscripts and publication are not contingent on payment of page charges.