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EDITORIAL

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This issue of *Earth Sciences History* marks a milestone in that the journal has now reached its 25th volume. This is a significant anniversary and testifies to the vision and hard work of its founding editor Gerry Friedman and successive editors Mott Greene and Greg Good. Of course a journal is not simply the product of the Editor, and all have been ably assisted by, in the first place an Editorial Board (1982–2000), and since 2001 by a skilled and knowledgeable group of Associate Editors, and all the time backed up by successive HESS officers. However, a journal cannot survive twenty-five years, let alone a few, if it was not for the continued support of its readers and subscribers, many of whom I imagine have a full run of the journal. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Of greatest importance to a journal in terms of input and effort is that provided by the contributors of papers and reviews to the journal, and the efforts of the reviewers of those contributions. In these days of continued reevaluation of the educational and research role of the university sector and the seemingly unending research-evaluation exercises, it often transpires that we have less time to carry out the research that our assessors wish to evaluate. I am pleased to report that a steady stream of papers continue to land on my desk and on those of the Associate Editors. There are still researchers willing to find the time to research and write about the subject that they love. Thank you—without these papers *Earth Sciences History* would simply not exist. Long may you all be stimulated to write and submit papers, even though I know that to do this many of you have to carry out research outside of normal working hours (I do much of my research and editing in the early hours).

Earth Sciences History provides a valuable, and unique forum for dissemination of research scholarship in the field of the history of the Earth Sciences (in its broadest sense). Long may it continue, and we look forward to the next 25 volumes!