With this issue so completes volume 1 of the *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research* (IJAGR). By the numbers volume 1 produced 4 issues, 19 research articles and 2 reports from 39 contributors operating within 24 institutes and across 3 countries (United States, Canada, and Kenya). Forty-seven experts reviewed submissions to provide critical and thoughtful guidance to the editors and authors. Topics in volume 1 spanned the spectrum from political epidemiology, retail banking, and school choice to tropical cyclones and disaster management. The authors employed various geospatial methods including least cost path analysis, Thiessen polygons, gravity models, G-statistics, landscape shape index, areal interpolation, and more.

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As IJAGR moves forward it will present many opportunities for applied geographers and others to participate as contributors, reviewers, board members, and guest editors. Besides a regularly occurring collaborative issue each volume between the AGC and IJAGR, at least four special issues are in advanced stages of development. These include the following tentative titles:

1. “Trends in Service Chaining for GEOSS Themes” edited by Dr. Carlos Granell,
University Jaume I, Spain and Dr. Rob Lemmens, ITC, The Netherlands;
2. “Special Issue on Business Geography” edited by Tony Hernandez. Director and Eaton Chair in Retailing, Centre for the Study of Commercial Activity, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario;
4. “AfricaGIS Special Issue” edited by Dr. Shuaib Lwasa, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.

Individuals interested in guest editing special issues should send a cover letter, a one-page prospectus, and recent resume for editorial consideration. Moreover, the Editor-in-Chief is open to ideas and suggestions that will propel IJAGR along so emails and phone calls are welcomed.

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