

EDITORIAL PREFACE

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IJAGR begins its fifth year of publication with this issue of articles drawn from our regular submissions. Running a journal and the countless activities associated with it would not be possible without the help of the contributors, reviewers, editors, and of course IGI-Global our publisher. Thanks to everyone! I am pleased that IJAGR was accepted into Scopus – the premier abstract and citation database from Elsevier – in August 2012.

Since inception IJAGR has forged significant linkages with the Applied Geography Conferences, Inc. (AGC) and the Applied Geography Specialty Group (AGSG). Under the leadership of Jay Lee, professor of geography at Kent State University and executive director of the AGC, Inc., an annual AGC/IJAGR issue is produced by inviting authors to substantially expand and resubmit their conference papers for consideration with the *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research*. The resubmitted manuscripts go through a second round of peer-review and revision before editorial decisions are rendered. IJAGR also fosters a number of connections with the Applied Geography Spe-

cialty Group of the Association of American Geographers (AAG). For example, IJAGR has published several of the distinguished lectures given by recipients of the James R. Anderson Medal of Honor (Barry Wellar, William Garrison, Bob Honea, and coming soon Michael DeMers). Further, IJAGR has been publishing articles based on winning entries of the AGSG's Class Exercise Award Competition as well as other materials originating from AGSG activities.

IJAGR has also facilitated publications of articles, commentaries, and reports from scholars all around the world. So thus far after four complete volumes, plus this issue from volume five, IJAGR has included articles that were written by authors operating from twenty countries: Australia, Canada, China, Columbia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, Rwanda, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan (ROC), The Netherlands, Uganda, United Kingdom, USA, and Zimbabwe). Or from another geographic scale contributors have originated from six of the seven continents save Antarctica and this will be conquered in IJAGR

volume 5 number 3 (July-September 2014) with Tom Chasteen's report titled "In search of metalloid-resistant microbes in Antarctica." Thanks to Dr. Chasteen for affording IJAGR the distinction of claiming global coverage at the continental scale—that's fantastic! Our ultimate goal is to publish high quality manuscripts that exemplify applied geography research. It is truly my pleasure to serve the applied geography community and I look forward to continued service to the discipline via IJAGR.

In this issue IJAGR is pleased to present an invited contribution on an innovative experiment to model spatial diffusion by Dr. Jay Lee, Kent State University, and collaborators from the National Taiwan University in Taipei, Taiwan.

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