

EDITORIAL PREFACE

Congratulations to Anderson Medal Recipient Dr. Michael N. DeMers of New Mexico State University

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In this issue IJAGR has the distinction of publishing Dr. Michael N. DeMers' *James R. Anderson Distinguished Lecture in Applied Geography* that was delivered on February 25, 2012, at the Association of American Geographers (AAG) annual conference in New York City. Personally it has been a great pleasure getting to know Dr. DeMers over the last several years. Michael is one of the great ambassadors of geography and his enthusiasm is infectious. He has also been a tremendous advocate for the *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research* so I am especially pleased that this issue pays homage to this dynamic geographer. This is IJAGR's fourth opportunity to highlight lectures from past recipients of the Anderson Medal of Honor; the other three recipients were

Barry Wellar 1(1), William Garrison 2(2), and Bob Honea 5(1). Being able to interact, albeit via email, with these titans of geography was certainly an honor for me professionally. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors, reviewers, editorial review board members, associate editors, and IGI-Global for all the support they have provided. Without everyone's contribution this journal would not exist. I am humbled by the support that I have received since submitting the initial proposal for IJAGR in the fall of 2008.

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