

EDITORIAL PREFACE

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Last year I had the opportunity to present a synopsis of IJAGR's first five (2010-2014) at the International Congress of Turkish Geographers Association (Albert, 2014). The event was held from June 4-6, 2014 at Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University, Muğla, Turkey. On June 7th, attendees had the option to tour Koycegiz Lake, Dalyan Strait, and Kaunos Ruins.

During my presentation, I was able to point out that during IJAGR's first five years the journal received Scopus designation while producing 97 research articles, 22 editorial prefaces, and 14 miscellaneous items for a total of 133 table of content entries totaling 1,795 pages. Further, contributing authors of these entries were from 22 countries in North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. I was also able to highlight some 10 special issues, describe a series of 9 articles espousing philosophical approaches to geospatial facilities, and recognize awarding-winning

articles from Anderson Medal recipients (Barry Wellar, William Garrison, Bob Honea, and Michael DeMers) and Class Exercise Award Competition winners (Timothy Hawthorne, Brandon Vogt, and Lara Bryant). Both of these awards are sponsored by the Applied Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.

Besides showcasing IJAGR accomplishments, participation at the International Congress of the Turkish Association of Geographers allowed the editor-in-chief the opportunity to personally solicit authors, reviewers, and editorial board members from among conference attendees. Toward the end of writing *The First Five Years: International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research* (Albert, 2014), I was able to re-draft an earlier Call-For-Papers (CFP) to emphasize a request for manuscripts across physical, environmental, and human geographies (see CALL-FOR-PAPERS). The specific

mention of “physical” and “environmental” in the CFP is to encourage submissions across the geographic spectrum as articles and special issues from the first five volumes were mostly from the human geography subfields. The revised CFP also provides a link to IGI Global’s Journal Online Submission System, which was released in 2014. While I find the “old fashion” way of submitting and processing manuscripts via emails sent directly between the editor-in-chief and the authors, reviewers, and associate editors more personalized, it is understandable given IGI Global’s 155+ journals that automation is a necessity. However, should you want to report any problems with using the online submission system or want to offer suggestions, you may send comments along to me and I’ll forward the same to IGI Global.

THIS ISSUE

Four of the six research articles (articles 2-5) in this issue were originally accepted for a special issue (Kim, Delmelle, & Xiao, 2013) titled “Spatial Temporal and Modeling,” but because of space limitations in that issue appear here. The other two articles (1 and 6) are regular submissions and were authored by Unger et al. and Adu-Prah and Oyana. I would like to thank all the authors for their patience in the long delay between submission and print, the special guest editors Drs. Kim, Delmelle, and Xiao, associate editors and review board members, other participating reviewers, and IGI Global for their continued support of IJAGR.

CALL-FOR-PAPERS

The editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research* (IJAGR) is encouraging manuscript submissions for regular issues from across the physical, environmental, and human geographies. IJAGR is a double blind peer-reviewed journal specializing in studies from applied geography that interface with Geographic Information Science and Technology (GIS&T). IJAGR is indexed by Elsevier’s Scopus, the world’s largest citation and abstract database. This journal offers policy analysts, geospatial practitioners, and academicians with studies exemplifying various application domains within applied geospatial research. Manuscripts can be uploaded to IGI Global’s Journal Online Submission System, available at <http://www.igi-global.com/authorseditors/titlesubmission/newproject.aspx>. Those considering proposing a special issue should send a one-page single-spaced prospectus along with resume(s) to the editor-in-chief. Selection decisions will be made by the editor-in-chief in consultation with the associate editors. For more information visit IJAGR’s website: www.igi-global.com/IJAGR.

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