

Editorial: To all Friends of J Soils Sediments (JSS)

Announcement: www.ScientificJournals.com embarking new shores

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It is with great pleasure that we, the three Editors-in-Chief of JSS, jointly with the Publisher-Editor, announce the transfer of www.ScientificJournals.com (JSS, ESPR, Int J LCA, UWSF) to Springer as of 31 December 2007. Our pleasure is due to the fact that two of us (W. Salomons and U. Förstner) have established a close relationship with Springer for more than thirty years. We have been publishing there around twenty books – ten of them focus on sediments – and are the Editors of the book series 'Environmental Science and Engineering'. Hence it is understandable that we look forward to cooperating with Springer also on our JSS hoping that it will be possible to develop a kind of network with our book program there. The third of us, Zhihong Xu, has been associated

with Springer's Journal 'Plant and Soil' as a member of its Consulting Editorial Board. He is in expectation of using Springer's global network for his research work in Australia, his home base and work base, as well as China, his homeland. Australia is called the 'Gate to China', and it is a great concern of Prof. Xu to build bridges from one continent to the other.

Our activities' radius and operation basis will be extended at Springer, for the sake of our authors and thereby all associates. We invite you to further contribute to JSS and support the journal. For more details, see the nice Greeting below.

With best regards,
Prof. Ulrich Förstner, on behalf of
Prof. Wim Salomons, Prof. Zhihong Xu and
Almut B. Heinrich, Publisher-Editor

Welcome Greeting

Be Welcome at Springer, Unit 'Environmental Sciences'

Paul Roos

Dear Editors, Authors, Referees, Subscribers, Friends and all interested parties of JSS

On 16 September 2003, when I approached, for the first time, ecomed publishers to explore their interest in a distribution agreement between www.ScientificJournals.com and Kluwer/Springer, I worked for Kluwer, Dordrecht, as Editorial Director, Environmental Sciences. The merger Kluwer/Springer was already established then and set in force on 1 July 2004.

The 'Distribution Agreement' on the three English-language journals JSS, ESPR, Int J LCA between ecomed and Springer was signed on 14 July 2004 and set in force on 1 January 2005. It was planned to also integrate later the German-language journal UWSF into the agreement. Here I would like to extend my greetings to UDO GRAF, the Managing Director for ecomed at that time, in order to gratefully acknowledge his support concerning this co-publishing agreement. Without him, I would most likely not be in the position to welcome you today at Springer.

In the meantime, I became not only familiar with the three journals, I really liked them and followed their successful development with the greatest interest. The importance of UWSF was clearly demonstrated to me at the Springer booth, where the four journals were displayed, on the occasion of the recent SETAC Meeting in Porto.

The 'Distribution Agreement' between ecomed and Springer turned out to be extraordinary successful, for both publishers, and almost immediately, in contrast to my experience then that it takes pretty long to convince the subscribers (large consortias) of a new product.

Since September 2003, the Publisher-Editor of the Journals, Almut B. Heinrich, and I developed a trustful cooperation, which became closer yet when, in March 2005, Almut Heinrich moved her office from ecomed at Landsberg/Bavaria to Heidelberg, as a result of the merger ecomed/Landsberg with Huethig/Heidelberg in November

2004. At that time, I was established from Springer/Dordrecht to Springer/Heidelberg.

While I have always liked the idea to integrate the Journals into my unit 'Environmental Sciences' at Springer, it was in April of this year when the Management from Huethig considered the possibility to entrust www.ScientificJournals.com in the care of an international publisher, in order to more effectively develop their potential. Due to our 'Distribution Agreement', the contact to Springer suggested itself, and on July 23rd, the 'Letter of Intent' was signed according to which the four Journals will be transferred to Springer as of 31 December 2007. Here again I had the pleasure to meet an outstanding personage, the Managing Director from Huethig, PETER HABIT, who made the negotiations a success.

To my great pleasure, the Editors-in-Chief of www.ScientificJournals.com support, welcome and embrace the opportunity of the transfer. I met them in person occasionally the SETAC Meeting in Porto when the transfer was already in discussion. To my additional pleasure, Almut B. Heinrich will accompany the Journals to Springer. She will continue her function as Publisher-Editor (named 'Managing Editor' at Springer) and sustain and develop the current and future relationships and traditions. Hence there will not occur a break or change in your collaboration with the four Journals. The two of us will work closely together to make this transfer as smooth as possible.

I look forward to cooperating with all of you and assure you that the four Journals are a great concern of mine. Almut B. Heinrich and myself will strive at not only maintaining but rather improving the quality and the reputation of the Journals. Your gracious support will gratefully be appreciated.

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