

# Preface

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*Göttingen Contributions to Geosciences (GCG)*, yet another new journal for earth science? The answer is no, the issue you are watching on your screen or holding in your hand is the new version of the well-known *Göttinger Arbeiten zur Geologie und Paläontologie (GAGP)*. After 45-year-long presence as printed version, the *GAGP* goes online as an Open Access journal and from now on available as both printed and online. The journal intends to cover a wide range of different geo-scientific subjects and is dedicated to disseminate and share selected research achievements, offering a convenient access to interested researchers in geoscience and related communities.

The Geoscience Centre of the Georg-August University of Göttingen (GZG) acts as the publisher of the *GCG* represented by the present director. The first editors in chief will be J. Reitner and M. Reich both also responsible for the museum, exhibitions and the geopark of the GZG. The editorial board is primarily built by the professors from the eight divisions within the Geoscience Center, and therefore a very broad spectrum of geological themes like geology, sedimentology, structural geology, mineralogy, geochemistry, paleontology, environmental geology and geobiology are covered, but also guides to special exhibitions as well as contributions to the history of geolog-

ical sciences are welcome. Like in the *Göttinger Arbeiten zur Geologie und Paläontologie* the *Göttingen Contributions to Geosciences* will also be open for conference abstracts, contributions from workshops, PhD dissertations, excursion guides and further related monographs.

The cooperation with the *Göttingen University Press (Universitätsverlag Göttingen)* not only guaranties a professional handling of the new releasing issues, but also the Open Access to the 76 regular and 5 special issues of the *Göttinger Arbeiten zur Geologie und Paläontologie* already published. The publication of these former issues would not have been possible without the highly appreciated work of Helga Groos-Uffenorde, who was the responsible editor of the journal from 1969 to 2003.

The continuation of the *GAGP* as an Open Access journal has been the aim of Joachim Reitner for many years, so we are happy the realize his ambition on the occasion of his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. I am well aware that the celebration took place two years ago, but as a geochronologist I am used to work with ages including a certain limit of error. Nevertheless, I am convinced that the *Göttingen Contributions to Geosciences* will have an excellent future as it is based on a long and successful tradition.



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