

Editors' preface - a new start

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Another stage in the evolution of both *Contributions to Tertiary and Quaternary Geology* and *Tertiary Research* has now been achieved – their amalgamation into this, the new journal, *Cainozoic Research*. *Tertiary Research* (ISSN 0308-9649) will cease publication with volume 22, *Contributions to Tertiary and Quaternary Geology* (ISSN 0165-280X) with volume 37, both for the year 2000.

Contributions first came out in 1964, as the journal of the Dutch **Werkgroep voor Tertiaire en Kwartaire Geologie (WTKG)** under the name *Mededelingen van de Werkgroep voor Tertiaire en Kwartaire Geologie*. It appeared twice a year and was produced from stencils and printed on a single side of the paper. Starting in 1972 (volume 9), double-sided printing was introduced, as were photographs. Volume 15, part 1 (1978) was the first printed edition (as opposed to stencilled) and Dr W. Backhuys, in various capacities, took on the publishing from volume 15(2) to the present. Initially, the journal was published by 'Dr W. Backhuys, Uitgever, Rotterdam' and from 1982 (volume 19) by the publishing house E.J. Brill, Leiden. In 1990, prompted by reorganisation in publishing house Brill, the journal's name changed to *Contributions to Tertiary and Quaternary Geology* and publication was taken up by Universal Book Services/Dr W. Backhuys, Oegstgeest. From that moment on, *Contributions* primarily was an English-language publication, and attracted papers of a more international nature, although the focus still was on Cainozoic palaeontology and stratigraphy of the North Sea Basin.

Tertiary Research, the journal of the London-based **Tertiary Research Group (TRG)**, was first published in September 1976, having been preceded by the duplicated publication *Tertiary Times*, whose two volumes, each consisting of four parts, had appeared irregularly between 1970 and 1975. The six parts of *Tertiary Research* were typeset and published by the TRG, and printed in the United Kingdom. From volume 2, part 3 (1979), publication was taken over by Dr W. Backhuys; it increased from two to four parts *per annum*. From then, *Tertiary Research* followed the same path as its Dutch counterpart, having the same publisher, a similar size and

format and becoming increasingly more international in character. Although still containing numerous papers devoted to the palaeontology and stratigraphy of British Cainozoic strata, subjects covered ranged more widely, both in contents and geographic distribution, than in its Dutch sister journal.

For the new journal (ISSN 1570-0399), the spelling *Cainozoic*, as opposed to *Cenozoic* and *Caenozoic*, was chosen as it more accurately reflects the original Greek root *kainos* - recent. In addition, it avoids possible confusion with the Japanese journal *Shirseidai no kenkyu*, which translates as *Cenozoic Research*.

Each volume of *Cainozoic Research*, consisting ideally of two parts *per annum*, will comprise a maximum of 160 pages. Considered for inclusion, after peer review, are papers on all aspects of Cainozoic geology and palaeontology, although those on northwest Europe (North Sea Basin) are particularly encouraged. There is no upper limit on the size of papers we will consider for inclusion, although a financial contribution will be requested if a paper cannot be accommodated within our contractual annual number of pages. Publishing costs and editorial responsibilities will be shared between members of the WTKG and TRG.