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FROM THE EDITOR

We have entered a new era!

I am very pleased to announce that we have successfully restructured the NCGT Newsletter. As you can see above, it now has an editorial board and an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN). All of the board members are well-established, high-caliber scientists who have supported the Newsletter and the NCGT group enthusiastically in the past. I should mention that some high-profile scientists were unable to join the board due to other commitments or health problems, but they are very keen to help us in whatever ways they can. It is inevitable that the Editor's workload will increase dramatically in the coming years. This will come on top of my consulting business. When this happens, I'll appoint one or two associate editors, and will hire a competent editorial assistant/secretary for the group on a part-time basis. Soon I will nominate an auditor for our group's financial accountability. Every year, the March issue of the Newsletter will publish the auditor's report on the previous year.

Under this new structure, you can send your manuscripts to any of the above editorial members or directly to the Editor. We will try to publish high-quality, enlightening papers which are well founded on hard data, but will also maintain the journal as a vehicle for expressing your opinions in the spirit of free and open communication, as long as they are supported by sound evidence and are in accordance with the NCGT group's aims.

We will keep financial contributions on a voluntary basis. We know some countries have unduly disadvantageous currency exchange rates compared with other countries. But those of you who can afford it, please remit your subscription fees or donate a sum of money to support the journal. Donations are used solely to cover stationery, printing and mailing with occasional typing costs. A new subscription fee structure and payment details are given on the following page: We had to increase the fees for hard-copy subscribers because of printing and mailing charges, whereas the fees for online subscribers remain the same.

Despite our efforts, we were unable to solve certain problems in 2005, the major issue being the registration of the group in a legal system. We encountered several difficulties in trying to register the group as a non-profit organization (*NCGT Inc.*) in Australia. But we are striving to get around the problems, and will find a way to solve them in the near future. (*continued on the next page*)

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