### NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE EDITORS

We have received many contributions for this number, more than we have room for and we ask patience from those contributors whom we have not been able to include and these contributions will appear in the next issue. We cover quite a range of topics and we hope they will be of interest to our readers.

We are particularly pleased about the publication of the Proceedings of Tsukuba Conference in Himalayan Geology and are grateful to the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology for agreement to reproduction of the Overview from this volume in the Newsletter. We hope the overview will raise discussion on a number of conclusions which have been drawn from the papers in the Volume. We are also grateful to Hetu Sheth for his review of the volume and also for the review of the thought provoking book of Ollier and Pain.

Inter alia we reproduce two Abstracts of published papers by Hetu Sheth. Although it has not been easy, we are getting a number of publications non-sympathetic to plate tectonics and the publication of Chris Smoot's paper in the Journal of Scientific Exploration is imminent. We hope to have a review of David Pratt's important paper in the next Newsletter.

There are other interesting contributions in the Newsletter. We wish you good reading.

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