

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EDITORS

The response to the first issue of the Newsletter has been so great that we have advanced the preparation of the second issue to March with the plan of having another number in June. We are very pleased with this response but it does pose some problems. First the cost of producing the Newsletter especially if it is more frequent. Secondly we have received about nine large MS contributions, which would be more appropriate to formal publication.

In this issue we have included the short contributions together with some longer ones giving preference to those which have arrived first. We would be grateful to have input on whether we should depend on monetary contributions from time to time or set an annual subscription. Meanwhile we would welcome any financial support our readers might feel they would like to make. Until this and the publication problem is resolved we ask colleagues to confine their contributions to a maximum of four pages.

From the response we have had, there is a considerable demand for publication and the editors are aware from their own experience how difficult it can be to obtain publication, irrespective of their quality, for papers whose interpretations do not fit current orthodoxy, or, for

example, do not excise data, which might be construed by editors or referees as a challenge to orthodox theory on the basis that if the data does not fit the theory, it must be wrong.

We are not sure how to tackle the publication problem. To enlarge the Newsletter into a Journal would seem to be beyond our human and financial resources. Another possibility might be to seek out journals which have a more open publication policy. We would be grateful to also have input about this.

We are very anxious to encourage discussion on the contributions in the Newsletter. We hope this will be of a positive supportive nature bearing in mind that none of us has a monopoly of wisdom. We are all aware, no doubt, of the limits of our knowledge and how we can benefit from the input of colleagues both from our own field as well as other fields of the earth sciences.

Meantime please forward any financial support to us. Please do not send bank cheques except from Australia. Send an International Bank Draft made out in the name of J. M. Dickins or remit money to Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Canberra City, ACT, Account No. 2900 200 429, Account name J. M. and G. A. Dickins.

Announcement of New Concepts Symposium

An invitation to the Symposium of New Concepts in Global Tectonics Group in Japan.

The New Concepts in Global Tectonics Group is preparing for the symposium in Tsukuba, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan, for two days in the period November 1998 to February 1999. Tsukuba is a science city situated about 50km to the northeast of Tokyo and is one hour by highway bus from Tokyo Station. Comfortable and reasonable accommodation is available. A short excursion to the Boso Peninsula is also being prepared. A fixed schedule will be presented in the next newsletter

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