

## Editor's Message

Since the publication of the Inaugural Issue of the International Journal of Geohazards and Environment (IJGE) in April 2015, the response we have received has been overwhelming. From the internationally distinguished scholars to the young graduates, they all welcomed the debut of IJGE, the only journal at present that encompasses both natural geohazards (e.g., landslides, earthquakes and debris flows) and ground instabilities associated with human activities (e.g., ground instability and failure in mining and geotechnical engineering). We have received submissions and inquiries from many countries/regions around the world, including Canada, China, Iran, Israel, Pakistan, Turkey, Sweden, Taiwan and USA. We are very encouraged by its reach to so many countries in such a short period of time. We want to thank the authors who have submitted their works and those who are preparing to submit.

The quality of the journal is maintained by a vigorous peer review process and all submissions are assessed by our valuable reviewers. The standard is that all papers to be published in the journal must have positive feedbacks from at least two reviewers and all issues raised by the reviewers must be addressed satisfactorily by the authors. It is important to understand that it is the responsibility of the authors to ensure the quality of their papers meeting the journal standard. The roles of journal editors and reviewers are to evaluate the technical quality and assess the writing standard of a manuscript, but not to make revisions or improvement on the manuscript, although they may provide useful suggestions.

Among the correspondents, there are many young scholars who are enthusiastic and passionate in publishing their research works. We want to be as helpful as we can on their journeys towards being renowned scholars and especially welcome their submissions. To help them write a high quality journal paper, we have provided information on “tips for preparing manuscripts” on IJGE website <http://ijg.camdemia.ca/instructions-to-authors>. To help them improve writing skills, they are also encouraged to submit a synopsis in advance and we will provide feedback to help them organize their thoughts. We welcome anyone who is uncertain on the journal requirements to visit the website for detailed information.

To those new authors whose first language is not English, we strongly recommend them to get English help before submission to increase their chance of acceptance.

On behalf of the Editorial Board and staff, I want to thank all reviewers for taking their valuable time in reviewing these manuscripts.

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