

Notes on the Adjustment of the English Edition of *Acta Geologica Sinica*

Acta Geologica Sinica (formerly the *Bulletin* of the Geological Society of China) began publication in 1922, and was published mainly in English through 1952. Since then, the journal has been published in Chinese with English abstracts. In March 1988, *Acta Geologica Sinica* appeared in English language translation. The journal is a full translation of the Chinese edition, and follows the Chinese edition by two issues.

With the development of geosciences in China, more and more papers of scientific merit are contributed to the journal. If the Chinese and English editions continued to carry the same papers, the journal would contain too limited papers and a very long period of the periodical would restrict the development of the journal. Thus the Standing Committee of the Council of the Geological Society of China has made the following decisions to adjust the contents of the two editions: (1) The English edition will no longer carry the full text translation of the Chinese edition in principle, but will directly carry the English originals instead. (2) All the papers contributed to the Chinese edition of *Acta Geologica Sinica* and *Geological Review* or recommended by experts may possibly be selected and published in the English edition. (3) The English edition will give coverage to English abstracts of 200 to 800 words carried in the Chinese edition in order to cover more geological information, and vice versa. (4) The journal will carry both long and short papers, but shorter papers covering less than 6 printed pages are encouraged. The long papers normally cover 6–12 pages and text should be compiled in a recognized word-processing system (for details see the *Guidance for Contributors* in this issue). (5) This adjustment is to be formally implemented from No. 1, 1998, and the year 1997 is a transitional period. (6) Starting from No. 1, 1997 on, the English edition will be numbered in the same way as the Chinese edition so as to keep in line of the latter.

Acta Geologica Sinica (English edition), as an academic publication of the Geological Society of China and a vital communications link between the geoscience communities abroad and those in China, reflects the most representative of the major results obtained by Chinese geologists and also welcomes papers from foreign or overseas-Chinese geologists which concern new concepts and methodology in geosciences or geological problems in China.

If there are any comments or opinions, please do not hesitate to raise them so that the English edition of *Acta Geologica Sinica* may be improved step by step.

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