



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GREAT LAKES RESEARCH

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Dear Colleagues,

I want to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on our plans to partner with Elsevier to publish our Journal. This arrangement was presented to the members at this year's Conference at Trent University, and it has now been finalized.

Our Journal is now in its 34th year of publication, and it has grown over the years under the guidance of a number of Editors (Marlene Evans, being the most recent); Associate Editors, who handle the review and revision process; and Stephen Schneider, our Managing Editor, who has taken care of our Journal's production since its inception.

We are now facing competition from other journals, some covering similar scientific areas, and access to our Journal has not kept up with modern distribution tools based on the Internet and on various search engines.

After a series of discussions with various publishers to determine how we could better publish and distribute our Journal, I am pleased to tell you that we selected Elsevier as our new publisher. Under the agreement I just signed, Elsevier will assume full publication of our Journal starting in January of 2009.

Elsevier, as many of you know, is a world-leading publisher of scientific, technical, and medical information products and services. Working in partnership with the global science communities, Elsevier's 7,000 employees in over 70 offices worldwide publish more than 2,000 journals, in addition to offering a suite of electronic products, such as ScienceDirect. Over a quarter of the world's full text scientific, technical, and medical articles are available in Elsevier's ScienceDirect; this adds up to more than eight million articles that are available online.

This partnership between IAGLR and Elsevier will improve the development and influence of our Journal, expand its global reach, and increase its visibility through the availability of all current and past Journal papers in ScienceDirect. Furthermore, it is expected that the Association's membership, library subscriptions, and sales of special issues will increase through Elsevier's various marketing plans.

Over the longer term, our Journal will be better positioned to be more truly global as we publish more papers dealing with large lakes of the world and their watersheds. We also plan to become even more selective in what we publish, and as the flow of papers in-

creases, we plan to eventually become a bimonthly rather than quarterly journal. Special issues will continue to be published with the usual page charges.

The transition to Elsevier should be seamless. Authors will see a change in the fall as we streamline the submission process with an end to end Web-based submission system, making the process easier for authors and reviewers alike. Our Association's web site will be updated to keep submitting authors informed. Readers will see small changes in the Journal's format and style starting with the first issue of 2009. Papers that are accepted for publication in 2009 will be available on-line within two or three weeks of acceptance.

The Board and Editor are pleased with this opportunity to expand the worldwide reach of our Journal, to improve our publication processes, and to serve our members more effectively. We look forward to a long and productive partnership with Elsevier.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald A. Hites". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

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