

# Acknowledgement

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THE PUBLICATION of the final part of Volume 4 of the *Quarterly Journal of Engineering Geology* sees the end of what is perhaps the first age of the Journal and also the retirement from Editorship of Dr Lees. To mark this occasion and to record the gratitude and best wishes of the editorial sub-committee to him and the thanks of all readers of the Journal, this acknowledgement is published.

Dr Lees has long said that before retiring he wanted to be able to hand over the young Journal to the next editor in a healthy and vigorous condition. It is clear that this end has been achieved and that the Journal has grown appreciably from its birth in 1967 to hold a significant place in the world's annals of Engineering Geology. Indeed it may claim to be the premier journal of its type published anywhere. The scope and aims of the Journal, printed inside the front cover, have remained more or less unchanged since its conception. Now it is beginning to be read by a wide circle of practising geologists and engineers and it is probably with the latter readership in particular that the success and perhaps the future of the Journal lies. The inter-disciplinary discussion between Geology and Engineering has found its forum in this Journal in a very readable form.

It was in 1964 that Dr Lees was invited to serve as a member of the steering committee of the Engineering Group of the Geological Society of London set up by the Council of the Geological Society to inaugurate the group. In 1966 he was nominated Editor of the proposed Journal by the Chairman of the Steering Committee, Professor S. E. Hollingworth.

In September 1967, Vol. 1, No. 1 was published under the Chairmanship of Mr Rudolph Glossop. The inaugural Editorial Subcommittee at that time was Mr Glossop, Mr J. E. Farnaby, Dr J. L. Knill, and Mr G. E. Satterthwaite (joint co-editor-executive secretary). From 1968 to 1972 subsequently Vol. 1 parts 2, 3 and 4 and Vols. 2, 3 and 4 were published under the successive chairmanship of Mr Glossop, Dr Dearman and Mr Little. The following members have served or are still serving on the Editorial sub-committee—Dr P. G. Fookes, Mr D. A. Gray, Mr I. E. Higginbottom, Professor E. Hoek, Mr A. L. Little and Mr G. Walton.

Volume 5, No. 1 will see the commencement of the second age of the Journal. Its new editor will be Dr W. R. Dearman, Reader in Engineering Geology at Newcastle University. The Editorial sub-committee takes this opportunity of wishing him every success and looks forward with pleasure to his time in office with the Journal.

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