Editor's Note

I am delighted to announce completion of the second issue of the new journal of "*Geopersia*", a product of the new era of replacing the Persian language journals with specific English-language ones.

Our purpose is to provide a journal that offers a multi-disciplinary analysis of issues concerning Geology subjects (i.e. sedimentology, stratigraphy, paleontology, Petroleum Geology, Engineering Geology, Tectonics, Economic Geology, Petrololgy and all other aspects of Geology). The journal will strive to combine academic excellence with professional relevance. We try to fill the gap of the great existing need for an English-language journal for our geologist academics and to become the principal forum for an inter-disciplinary dialogue between our geologist researchers. This new journal is built on the premise that a multi-disciplinary approach to the Geology sectors and to encourage an inter-disciplinary dialogue with and between our authors; that requires intelligibility across the borders of the authors' specialities.

Today environmental challenges are with us, though the overarching issue is now not only the localised environmental problems but also the global challenge of climate changes, fossil fuels, needs for renewable energies and mining materials. The march towards global markets and the global nature of the oil and gas and mining industry has continued and the researchers are at the forefront of the progressive line of searching for these and solving the problems surfed because of unsafe use of the materials. The academic journals are the bridges between academics and nonacademics using the results of the researches.

Our "*Geopersia*" has the impressive sponsorship of the University of Tehran to guarantee rigorous quality control and to provide a solid grounding in and link to professional practice in the academic geology sectors. We have also put together an outstanding Editorial Board which makes us able to continue to develop and fine-tune the content to enhance the quality, scope and diversity of our papers.

I am very pleased to announce that our "*Geopersia*" was warmly welcomed by our geologist colleagues who sent us plenty of manuscripts during the past year, the first year of "*Geopersia*", launch. Our online system is now actively working and we have stopped receiving paper copies of manuscripts. We wish to appeal once again to the academic communities, university academics, professionals, governmental, non-governmental and Geology students to submit their findings to our "*Geopersia*". More information is available through our website: <u>http://jgeope.ut.ac.ir</u>

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