Welcome from the new Editor-in-chief

Starting with this third issue of 2006, I have the pleasure and honour of taking over the editorial responsibility for *Magnesium Research*. In fact after edition of 19 volumes of *Magnesium Research* Dr Jean Durlach, the founding editor of the journal, decided to end this activity. I am grateful to Jean for entrusting me with this fine journal. Jean Durlach has accepted my proposition to continue to collaborate with the journal as “Honorary Editor” and articles submitted under Jean’s tenure will continue to appear through at least to the end of this volume. My goal is to continue with the policies developed by Jean, while striving to raise the journal’s standards and reputation even further. In my future work I want to increase the representation of concerns of recent progress in various domains of magnesium research by promoting high quality original papers and reviews.

The category of the published papers will be organized as: original full papers, original communications and reviews. At least, once a year a specific theme issue will be published. This will be principally prepared by invited guest editors. I wish also to introduce a new type of paper “Recent Advances in Magnesium Research - short invited reviews” that will be more reactive to recent progress than usual review papers. *Magnesium Research* will still participate to the International and National Magnesium Societies by publishing abstracts and reports from meetings of these societies.

The Editorial Board is essential for a good quality journal. It serves in identifying the major advances in the field and also by constant day to day work as reviewer and author. The renewed Editorial Board will be presented in the last issue of the present volume. To improve contact between authors and the Editorial office a specific email box was created (Magnesium.Research@clermont.inra.fr). This permits the submission and evaluation of papers by email.

To conclude, let me invite you to participate fully in our journal and to share the results of your work in the pages of *Magnesium Research*.

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