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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Cartographic Perspectives, first published in 1989, will soon celebrate its tenth anniversary. It has been a remarkable decade for cartography and for the journal. The technology of map-making has advanced but, more significantly, new ideas have emerged about the meaning of mapping. This publication has provided a 'perspective,' publishing a number of seminal articles that have been widely cited. The circulation has expanded with subscribers in many foreign countries. In short, *CP* has become a world-class journal.

I am pleased to have assumed the editorship of the journal with issue number 29 (winter 1998). The previous editors - David DiBiase and Dr. Sona Andrews - need to be thanked for all of their work in getting the journal started and established. It has been a

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phenomenal effort. Thanks also need to be extended to the NACIS organization at large and to all of the executive officers and Board members that have continued their strong support for the publication.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the new staff of *Cartographic Perspectives*. The Assistant Editor, James Anderson from Florida State University, handles all aspects of production, duplication, and distribution. Without his efforts, *Cartographic*

Perspectives would not make it to paper, nor to you. James Meacham from the University of Oregon is the Cartographic Techniques Editor. The Cartographic Techniques section of the journals deals with issues of map design and production. Melissa Lamont is the Map Library Editor. She recently moved to Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. The Map Library Bulletin Board reports on developments at major map libraries in North America. Finally, Joanne Perry, Map Librarian at Oregon State University, is the Book Review Editor. I am fortunate to have such a capable group of individuals working with me as Editor of *Cartographic Perspectives*.

You may have noticed that *CP* is expanding. We have had to change to a different method of binding to handle the larger issues. We are also pleased to report that the journal is being indexed by UnCover and SCSJ.

Finally, the editors invite you to contribute to the Journal. Ultimately, it is your publication - not ours. Please take a moment to consider how you could contribute to the journal and then contact one of the editors. We hope to see you in print.