

## Editor's Message

2015 was an important year for the **International Journal of Geohazards and Environment** (IJGE). Three issues with high quality papers have been published as planned since the inception of the Journal. I would like to thank all authors for their contributions and all reviewers and editorial board members who helped to make it happen. I am confident that 2016 will be another successful and fruitful year for the Journal.

In the previous issue, we initiated a call for publishing Theme Issues focusing on specific events and/or subjects. To continue on this initiative, I would like to encourage submission of manuscripts on real case studies this year. A real case of geohazard event can be a historical or recent natural event, such as landslide, earthquake, debris flow, subsidence, sinkhole, avalanche, volcano, effects of climate change, etc. Papers on real cases are expected to have clear description, adequate investigation of the events, and more importantly, sufficient analytical content with technically sound results. It will be a challenge to accomplish papers on new events because of the limited time frame and accessibility to the event sites and documents. However, such papers will provide our readers with exciting and nearly “live” technical insights to the events, and hopefully will inspire more lively discussions and exchange of ideas on events which may affect our day to day life in a timely fashion.

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