

Editors' Note

The Canadian Journal of Exploration Geophysics (CJEG) is the peer-reviewed publication of the Canadian Society Geophysicists (CSEG). CJEG has a citation rating and has been in existence since 1965. The journal is available to all CSEG members through the CSEG web site, and after 3 years of initial publication, CJEG issues are open to the non-members of CSEG. Publication of peer-reviewed scientific papers is in line with the SEG goal "to promote the science of geophysics". There are normally 1-2 CJEG issues per year containing a total of 6-12 peer-reviewed scientific papers.

Readers of CJEG will notice that the 2017 edition has only 2 papers. The reason for this is primarily financial. Journal Co-Editors, Larry Lines and Satinder Chopra were notified that the CJEG's budget was reduced to zero for the 2017 financial year. Budget cutting was considered necessary due to very difficult economic times in the oil patch, accompanied by a concomitant large decrease in 2017 CSEG revenues. However, the CJEG Editors believed it was ethical and necessary to publish those papers that had been already been accepted for publication earlier in the year.

The editors were opposed to placing the journal into dormancy. This action (inaction) was previously done in 2000, and unfortunately this dormancy lasted for over a decade! It was not until 2011 that CJEG was revived through the efforts of the editors. Given the time and efforts required for a restart, dormancy was not considered a desirable option.

Hence, the editors decided to keep publishing the journal, albeit at a much reduced level. As with the 2016 issue, 2017 copy editing costs will be supported through donations to CSEG Foundation. Long term solutions may involve reinstating CJEG as a budget item, covering costs through financial donations, or the implementation of page charges. These and other alternatives continue to be discussed. For the time being, we will continue to publish CJEG at a reduced level, with the hope that the CSEG financial situation will improve and that we can return to the previous rate of publication. We hope that there will be contributing authors and readers of the CJEG for many years to come.

Larry Lines and Satinder Chopra, Co-Editors, Canadian Journal of Exploration Geophysics.