
Editorial

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I am pleased to present the first issue of the fifth volume of *IJOGCT* which was launched in 2008. Over the past five years, *IJOGCT* has witnessed a substantial increase in the rate of submissions and the quality of submitted papers. I am grateful to the authors and the volunteers for the review of submitted papers. In most cases, we have been able to decide on the acceptability of papers within two months of submission.

IJOGCT is now indexed in many abstracting and indexing services worldwide, such as Science Citation Index (Thomson Reuters, Formerly ISI), Compendex (Elsevier), Scopus (Elsevier), Scirus (Elsevier), Chemical Abstracts (American Chemical Society), Google Scholar, Pollution Abstracts and other indexing services. The main credit for the success of *IJOGCT* goes to the authors, the reviewers and the staff of Inderscience who have contributed to the journal over the past four years.

I am also pleased to inform you that during this year, we have three interesting special issues to be published. These are:

- 1 Special issue on 'Pore-scale flow and transport processes in petroleum reservoirs', Guest Editor: Prof. Zuleima Karpyn, Pennsylvania State University, USA
- 2 Special issue on 'Methods and technologies for simulation and modelling of petroleum systems' Guest Editors:
 - Prof. Chonglong Wu, China University of Geosciences, China
 - Prof. Frits Agterberg, Geological Survey of Canada, Canada
 - Prof. Gang Liu, China University of Geosciences, China
- 3 Special issue on 'Advances in drilling technology', Guest Editor:
 - Dr. Rajiv Sharma, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, India
 - Prof. R. Sundaravadivelu, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, India
 - Prof. S.P. Subramanian, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, India.

The common purpose of these issues is to prepare relevant information based on new ideas and the latest technologies related to topics that are of significance and importance for the industry, practicing engineers and academicians and to bring the latest research results and state-of-art technologies to the focus of the participants. The main objective of these issues is to share and disseminate the information proposed by the researchers in the subject area of the special issue and to make available to the readers of *IJOGCT* the knowledge they desire to enable them to understand the advanced and emerging subjects.

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