



## EDITORIAL

In issue 15 we welcome Dr Benjamin Adams, University of Canterbury, to the JOSIS editorial team as a second new incoming JOSIS Editor in Chief. Ben's research expertise lies at the intersection of geography, geographic information science, and computer science. He has worked on the application of machine learning, text mining, and statistical methods to big spatial data, with a focus on high-performance computing tools for geographic analysis. Previously, he worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis in Santa Barbara, CA, USA and more recently as a research fellow at the Centre for eResearch at the University of Auckland.

Ben's addition as a JOSIS Editor-in-Chief is a second step of our carefully planned program of succession for the JOSIS editorial team (see Editorial, JOSIS issue 13, doi:10.5311/JOSIS.2016.13.329). Since Ross came on board as EIC about 12 months ago, he has now assumed editorial leadership of the journal. Ben's arrival moves us another step closer to our EIC succession plan, with the planned replacement of EIC Matt Duckham in the coming 12–24 months being the final step of that process.

Of course, this also means that founding Editor-in-Chief Prof Jörg-Rüdiger Sack has now stepped down from the active JOSIS editorial team, following Prof Mike Worboys retirement from the role in 2016. Jörg-Rüdiger was an integral part of the founding of JOSIS, bringing his years of experience in journal editorial work as the EIC of Elsevier's *Computational Geometry: Theory and Applications* journal, and as Chair of the Scopus Computer Science Content Selection and Advisory Board (CSAB). Jörg-Rüdiger's practical know-how and understanding of the deeper mechanics of scholarly journals were vital to the success of JOSIS. Jörg-Rüdiger was, for example, the driver behind establishing our archiving (JOSIS is permanently archived at a DigitalCommons institutional repository, <http://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/josis>), and the journal's indexing on Scopus, DOAJ, and DBLP. On behalf of the whole JOSIS community I would like to thank Jörg-Rüdiger for his time, expertise, and incredible energy without which JOSIS would certainly not exist today. Thanks to his efforts, however, JOSIS will continue to grow and thrive long after this latest editorial transition, and indeed will persist in the archives in perpetuity.

Indeed, we are also delighted to announce that JOSIS is now also indexed in Clarivate's Web of Knowledge, under the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI). In addition to Scopus, DOAJ, and DBLP, this listing is a reflection both of the quality, consistency, and stability of JOSIS, and a fitting reminder of Jörg-Rüdiger's outstanding contributions to JOSIS. Thank you Jörg!

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