

EDITORIAL

There have been two recent changes to the editorial staff at the *Journal of Physical Oceanography (JPO)* that we would like to bring to your attention.

First, we welcome Roger Samelson, Professor of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences, at Oregon State University as an additional fourth member. His editorial specialty will be papers in coastal oceanography and midlatitude theory, subjects that were previously handled by Jay McCreary and Nelson Hogg. (See the inside cover of each *JPO* issue for a description of the subject areas of each editor.)

Second, Jay McCreary retired as Chief Editor on 30 June 1999 in order to devote more time to his new responsibilities as Director of the International Pacific Research Center at the University of Hawaii, but will remain as an editor. He is succeeded by Peter Müller, Professor of Oceanography, at the University of Hawaii and a *JPO* editor for the past two years. The new editorial team continues to be committed to improving its service to *JPO* contributors.

The new AMS procedures governing the review process, which were outlined in editorials published in the January 1998 and 1999 issues of *JPO*, are now followed as closely as possible by each *JPO* editor. These procedures were designed to hasten the process, and generally they have been successful in doing so. To further shorten the review time we ask that

- reviewers who find themselves unable to complete a review in time to please let us know (so that a replacement can be found as quickly as possible)
- contributors ensure that their manuscripts are in near final form before submission and
- contributors think carefully about whether or not *JPO* is the most appropriate journal for their article (as *JPO* focuses on ocean physics rather than experimental or modeling techniques).

Please let us know of any specific problems you encounter in the review process, and of any specific suggestions you have for its improvement.

Jay McCreary
Editor

Peter Müller
Chief Editor