

Editorial

2015 was a distinguished year both in Hungarian geography and in the development of Hungarian Geographical Bulletin (HGB). After 44 years break a major international geographical conference, the 5th EUGEO Congress, was held in Budapest. The Congress became a success story with over six hundred participants from 45 countries who discussed various aspects of geography in great number of sessions during the three day event (see detailed description of the congress in issue 3 of 2015).

The motto of the congress (“Convergences and Divergences of Geography in Europe”) reflects the way in which geography has developed in the recent past. The mushrooming of new research topics, the far-reaching specialisations and not least the strengthening co-operation between geographers and representatives of other disciplines all loosened up the traditional boundaries of geography. This is also well reflected by the growing diversity of papers published in our magazine recently. The proliferation of research topics in geography provides not only a challenge but also an opportunity for academic journals like HGB.

Present issue of HGB contains four keynote papers delivered during the EUGEO congress. They give an excellent insight into the current theoretical and practical questions of geography, be it physical or human geography. The congress provided the editors of HGB also an excellent opportunity to negotiate about future thematic issues and other co-operations within the region. We also hope that participants of the EUGEO congress had the opportunity to visit the HGB exhibition desk during the event and many of them consider future submission in our journal seriously.

Hungarian Geographical Bulletin has clearly changed over recent years. This goes not only for the layout (double column) but also for the quality of the content. The peer-review process will hopefully further improve due to the online submission system to be introduced in January 2016. We truly hope that the forthcoming issues of Hungarian Geographical Bulletin will confirm our continuous efforts towards quality and visibility.

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