

DENIS ALEXANDER

Editorial

Science and Christian Belief – Recent Developments

It has been two years since an Editorial has focused on the development of the journal, and much has happened during this period. Those who obtain their subscriptions direct from our publisher, Paternoster Periodicals, will already know that journal printing and subscriptions are being handled by Alpha-Graphics, who are assisting greatly in increasing the subscription level. Various marketing campaigns to promote the journal further will be taking place during 2010. It would be a great help if you could pass on the enclosed brochure to a library or to someone who might be interested in taking out a subscription. The e-version of the journal (posted at www.scienceandchristianbelief.org) is proving increasingly popular: it provides access to each new Issue several weeks before the print copy, as well as providing fully searchable access to all Issues back to 1989.

With this Issue we also welcome our first Associate Editors, all four already long-serving members of our Editorial Board, who will be assisting in the handling of submitted manuscripts. Dr Peter Bussey was until very recently Reader in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Glasgow; Prof. Edward Davis is Professor of the History of Science at Messiah College, USA; Prof. Gareth Jones is Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Otago University, New Zealand, with a particular interest in bioethics; and Prof. Robert White FRS is Professor of Geophysics at Cambridge University. We are very grateful to these busy academics for their assistance in helping to run the journal efficiently. Our acceptance rate continues at a rate of one article accepted for publication for every 2.5 – 3.0 articles submitted, and of those accepted for publication, nearly all articles undergo one or more rounds of revision prior to final acceptance. As with icebergs, most of the journal's activities remain hidden from view, and with increasing numbers of articles being submitted each year, it is good to see the strengthening of the Editorial team.

In this Issue we celebrate the 350th anniversary of the founding of The Royal Society with the third in our series of annual review articles, this time authored by Prof. Peter Harrison and describing the fascinating religious influences on the early founding and development of the Society. We are always interested in further topics for review articles, so please do make contact if you have suggestions.

Occasionally readers complain that their particular perspective or point of view is not represented in the journal. The only answer to that, of course, is to submit a letter or, even better, an article for publication in order to provide balance. Differing perspectives are welcomed.