Editorial

In my first year as Honorary Editor, *Géotechnique* received 220 submissions and published 44 papers and 17 technical notes in 10 issues. This is more or less the level of activity over the past few years. The *Géotechnique* Advisory Panel met in London nine times and conducted business by e-mail three times and so decisions on publication were made on 12 occasions in the year. Processing, reviewing and assessing articles to *Géotechnique* standards is a major undertaking for the Advisory Panel, for the Thomas Telford secretariat and for the army of external reviewers and I would like to thank them all.

In the summer Mary Henderson, who had looked after *Géotechnique* for the past 8 years, retired from Thomas Telford. Many will remember her quiet efficiency in administering the Advisory Panel and managing the throughput of papers. Several past editors and I relied heavily on her. We thank her and wish her well. *Géotechnique* is now administered jointly by Kathleen Hollow and Craig Schaper, both of whom also administer several other ICE journals.

The first two issues in 2007 will contain a Symposium in Print on 'Stiff Sedimentary Clays—Genesis and Engineering Behaviour'. On Monday 14 May 2007 there will be a meeting at ICE at which there will be additional Keynote Lectures and discussion on the published papers. The Symposium in Print and the meeting have been organised and managed by a sub-committee of the *Géotechnique* Advisory Panel chaired by Dr Robert May and we are grateful to them.

If you go to www.geotechnique-ice.com and look on the left-hand side you will find links to a number of pages of the history of *Géotechnique*. My predecessor Guy Houlsby assembled the information and I am grateful to him for this interesting and valuable resource. Among the wealth of information there you will discover that the first issue of *Géotechnique* was published in June 1948 so our 60th birthday will be in June 2008. We are planning suitable celebrations.

John Atkinson