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Préface

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It is my great pleasure and honor to introduce the first issue of the Canadian Journal of Tropical Geography (CJTG). A pleasure because the CJTG by its ambition, goals and background arrives at time when Canadian colleagues are interested more and more in tropical geographical areas. An honor because for 25 years I have a passionate interest in this area as I have been involved in research work which touches on both temperate and tropical geographical areas.

There are numerous journals specialized in Geography. Some focus specifically on topics pertaining to human or physical facts often in very distinct perspectives. What CJTG brings is flexibility, its commitment to bilingualism and speed in the dissemination of texts, and the openness for the personality and sensibility of the researchers. As long as they can demonstrate to us in a well-kept language what they wish to do, why and how they do it, and that they are to present a sight structured by a problem not or partially resolved, the CJTG prepares to submit their work to peer review.

Canadian Journal of Tropical Geography (CJTG) is an initiative of two professors from Laurentian University in Sudbury (Canada) aiming to bridge the gap in the distribution of tropical geographical knowledge in Canada. The journal wants to become the medium for researchers, teachers, students and professionals who want to disseminate their knowledge and results of their reflections on the tropical world. Over the years, many researchers here and abroad are showing great interests in growing tropical geographical areas. This interest covers both physical and human events. The informed reader knows that tropical geographical areas represent 29 % of land and 11% ocean surfaces. They represent more than half the world's population. Part of the four territories (South Africa, India, Brazil and China) among the five emerging countries is part of the tropical geographical areas. The CJTG is well positioned to serve tropical geography interests groups and practitioners.

The first issue of the Canadian Journal of Tropical Geography includes four articles. I express my gratitude to the authors, reviewers and all those who directly or indirectly contributed to the achievement of this first volume.

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