

EDITORIAL

# Editorial

In our last volume Somayeh Dodge bid farewell to the journal as an Editor in Chief. We'd like to thank Somayeh for all her hard work with us, and wish her well for the future. We're very pleased to announce that Judith Verstegen from Utrecht University has agreed to work with us as a new Editor in Chief. Judith brings expertise in geosimulation and spatial optimisation, which she applies to study interactions between people and the environment. She has consistently argued for the need for the integration of theory in modelling, and thus is ideally suited to joining our team. We're very excited about working with Judith in the coming years.

JOSIS though is not just three editors, we also have an editorial board who advocate for the journal and represent the diverse fields that the journal publishes. We're very excited to have almost twenty new members of our editorial board, coming from a wide range of institutions and backgrounds worldwide. At the same time, we'd like to thank the members of the editorial board stepping down at this time for their service to the journal over the years. And last, but very much not least, we are grateful to all of those who have agreed to serve for another term on the editorial board.

JOSIS is special not just since we are concerned with spatial information science, but because the journal is published by researchers, for researchers. We are fully Open Access, with all papers published under a CC-BY licence and no page charges. This is a unique combination in spatial data science, and we are proud to be continuing the mission that Matt Duckham started when he launched JOSIS 15 years ago. We are working hard to increase the diversity of authors who publish in JOSIS, which in turn means providing constructive and actionable reviews to submitted papers. We can only do this with the support of the whole community, and we invite you all to be part of our mission—by submitting your best work to JOSIS, by writing reviews for the journal and by reading and sharing papers that make valuable contributions to research.

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