

PREFACE

(formerly Acta Montana)

Dear readers,

Our journal “*Acta Montana*” were issued in two series – i.e. Series A “Geodynamics” and Series B “Fuel, carbon, mineral processing”. In January 2004 both series were joined in a journal with common name: “***Acta geodynamica et geomaterialia***”, *ISSN 1214-9705*. The numbering in each year will begin by No. 1 and numbering, connected on original journal Acta Montana will be given in consecutive parenthesis.

Acta geodynamica et geomaterialia are devoted to geodynamics of the upper part of Earth’s crust and relations between natural factors and human activity (local natural and induced seismic activities, an earthquake hazard, natural slope stability, physical properties of rocks), geophysical and geological investigations of lithosphere, especially tectonics, engineering and geomechanical aspects. Further the journal articles on will contain coal chemistry, processing of raw materials, material engineering, especially carbon and carbon composites.

This arrangement makes possible a quarterly issue of this journal, which shortens intervals between submitting and publishing of papers. Themes of papers and reviewing procedures will be unaffected by the new arrangement. The price of journal (12 EUR for one issue plus postage) remains unchanged.

Former *Acta Montana Series AB* will have a new title: “***ACTA – Research Reports***” (*ISSN 1214-9691*). This journal contains extended essays, PhD thesis elaborated in the Institute of Rock Structure and Mechanics, as well as results of grant projects solved by this institute.

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