

## **From *Solos e Rochas* to *Soils and Rocks*...**

Dear Reader,

This is the first issue of the international journal *Soils and Rocks*. The publication of this journal was an old dream of the Brazilian geotechnical community that now comes true. An agreement among the Brazilian Association for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ABMS), the Brazilian Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (ABGE) and the Portuguese Geotechnical Society (SPG) has made possible the internationalization of the traditional journal *Solos e Rochas*, after about 30 years publishing papers mainly in Portuguese.

One of the main objectives of the journal is to increase the scientific and technical exchange among Brazilian, Portuguese and international researchers and practitioners. From 2007 on, researchers, consultants and practitioners from all geotechnical fields will have a new international journal to publish and discuss their projects and investigations. However, *Soils and Rocks* aims higher: all efforts will be ensured for the journal to maintain its high standard of quality in all papers and technical notes now to be published by authors from all over the world.

ABMS, ABGE and SPG are confident that *Soils and Rocks* will soon be one of the leading international journals and will effectively contribute for the development of all fields of Geotechnics.

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