

CALL FOR PAPERS AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

## *Welcome to a new year with Rural Landscapes: Society, Environment, History!*

Later this year, on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019, we celebrate five years of communicating landscape research across disciplines. I like to thank all who have contributed as editors, reviewers and authors since the launch of the journal. I am particularly happy with the quality of the peer-review comments that we have received on submitted manuscripts. A number of authors have specifically highlighted the value of the dedicated and insightful peer-review they received. I am also glad to see that the articles we have published are receiving attention and citations.

We are still a relatively new open access journal run by academics, based on a non-profit model, and will continue to combine high quality peer-review with low-cost author fees – and we have capacity to increase the number of papers we publish each year! Our current aim is to reach a publication frequency of at least ten contributions per year. Hence, with this said, I invite you to submit your work to Rural Landscapes, and to suggest to colleagues to do the same.

Proposals for themed collections of articles (special issues) are also very welcome. Should you have a suggested theme, conference proceedings, or existing collection of research output then please get in touch. Themes can have a wide or narrow focus, and an advantage with publishing themed collections with us is that they can include articles from different disciplines (using different writing styles) as long as they fit with the focus and scope of the journal.

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All the best,  
Lowe Börjeson, Editor-in-Chief