

PREFACE

On the occasion of the VIII International Sedimentological Congress 1971, to be held in Heidelberg, Germany, from August 30th to September 4th, the Editorial Board of the Royal Netherlands Geological and Mining Society has undertaken to publish a special issue on "Research on Sedimentology and Sedimentary Geology in The Netherlands".

In step with the overwhelming development of sedimentology and sedimentary geology in the post-war period, several scientists in The Netherlands have made major contributions to this new branch of the earth sciences. — I am glad that invitations to contribute to this number have received such a generous response. Unfortunately, the preparatory discussions on the reorganization of the geology departments of the universities in The Netherlands have made it impossible for several of those involved to send in their contributions in time. Nevertheless, the present issue reflects very adequately most of the current aspects and the standard of work achieved in The Netherlands and by Dutch sedimentologists and sedimentary geologists abroad.

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