75 Years and Still Going Strong

I suspect that few of you noticed that this was Volume 75 of the Soil Science Society of America Journal. If I wasn’t currently serving as editor, I would have noticed. But I’d encourage you to take a quick look at the cover, which has been redesigned to commemorate that this year marks the 75th Anniversary not only of SSSAJ, but also of the Soil Science Society of America.

In conjunction with anniversary activities in the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held in San Antonio, Texas, later this year, SSSAJ will be publishing a number of special articles that we hope will be of interest to our readers. Last summer we sent out a call for suggested topics. I was quite pleased with the response we received. After consulting with the Technical Editors, we have selected about a dozen topics and those authors are busy working on their manuscripts. Some of those manuscripts will take a historical perspective (e.g., we’ll look back at some of the seminal papers that have been published in SSSAJ), but most will be timely reviews on topic of current interest or present opinions on the outlook for various fields of soil science. I hope that you will find these articles both enjoyable to read and thought provoking. In fact, if they provoke you to consider synthesizing your thoughts on a timely topic, please contact me about potentially drafting a review manuscript for the Journal.

On behalf of SSSAJ, let me extend to you our best wishes for this Anniversary Year, may it be productive and fulfilling for you. I welcome any comments you may have about ways we can might improve the Journal and, of course, encourage your support by submitting your research for consideration for publication.