

EDITORIAL

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The six contributions published in this issue confirm the diversity of topics inherent in the IGCP526 Project as well as its global coverage. They also attest to the richness of methodological approaches and techniques used in continental shelf studies.

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