

Editorial



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On March 16, 2016, the author of this review, Dr. Minoru Kusakabe, was presented with the Kusakabe Award by the Commission on Volcanic Lakes, International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior (IAVCEI), in honour of his more than 30-year research achievements on the Lakes Nyos and Monoun gas disasters. The Kusakabe Award was recently established by the Commission for commending persons who have made remarkable research achievements concerning volcanic lakes. Dr. Kusakabe is the first recipient of this Award.

On the same day, Dr. Kusakabe, and five colleagues, were awarded the Ordre de la Valeur by the President of Cameroon for their contributions to the clarification of the causes of the Lakes Nyos and Monoun gas disasters and the prevention of a possible recurrence of the disasters, as well as to the scientific training of young scientists and engineers of Cameroon.

As the Executive Editor of this Series, I congratulate the Author upon receiving these awards. His Review is a welcome addition to the Series.