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PREFACE

This thematic issue of the *Annals of Glaciology* on glacial erosion and sedimentation is the result of a solicitation to the glaciological community in 2019. Also, on May 12-17 of that year, the International Glaciological Society (IGS) held a symposium on that theme in Madison, Wisconsin. This meeting was the third IGS international symposium on glacial erosion and sedimentation, with the previous symposium held in Reykjavik in 1995. Since that time, methods applied to how glaciers erode rock, move, modify and deposit sediment, and shape landscapes have improved greatly, and efforts to link these processes to glacier dynamics have intensified.

This volume highlights these improved methods and heightened attention to glacier dynamics. Refined geophysical techniques probe subglacial conditions and landforms in sufficient detail to relate subglacial sediment transport to the dynamics of modern ice streams. LiDAR and satellite-based remote sensing techniques image glacial landscapes with extraordinary resolution, revealing previously unrecognized landforms and allowing modern changes to landscapes to be quantitatively assessed. Cosmogenic nuclides of proglacial bedrock provide long-term estimates of erosion rates. Numerical models allow re-evaluation of the theoretical foundations for glacier sliding and bedrock erosion. New experimental and theoretical approaches provide improved assessments of friction between the bed and debris in ice that impedes glacier sliding, and innovative analytical techniques illuminate the origin of the silt and clay that are ubiquitous in tills and help control their mechanical properties.

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