The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) announced on 25 April 2006 the election of 72 new members and 18 foreign associates in recognition of their distinguished and continuing achievements in original research. Included in this list of notables is David M. Karl from the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Election to the Academy is considered one of the highest honours that can be accorded a U.S. scientist or engineer.

The European Geosciences Union (EGU) and the editors-in-chief of Biogeosciences are proud to have such a distinguished scientist on the editorial board of Biogeosciences and warmly congratulate him.