## Paul G. Falkowski, BG founding editor, elected to the US National Academy of Sciences

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) announced on 1st May 2007 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 Paul G. Falkowski, Professor at the Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences and the Department of Geological Sciences, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Election to the Academy is considered one of the highest honours that can be accorded a U.S. scientist or engineer. Paul G. Falkowski was key to launch the journal Biogeosciences, of which he is a founding editor, and received the EGU Vladimir Vernadsky medal in 2005. The European Geosciences Union (EGU) and the editors-in-chief of Biogeosciences are proud to have had such a distinguished scientist on the editorial board of Biogeosciences and warmly congratulate him.