

Addition to the Preface of **Mesozoic-Cenozoic orogenic belts**. *Special publication of the Geological Society, No. 4*. I wish to add to add this information on the origin and initiation of the “Data for Orogenic Studies” project. The idea for the project was conceived by W. B. Harland with the aim to compile basic evidence independent of opinion. Also, he obtained finance for the project by getting the Natural Environment Research Council to use the Geological Society as the organization to which the funds were granted. A. M. Spencer, August 1999.