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MILLENNIUM FLUX: SEDIMENT SUPPLY TO BASINS

This was a two day British Sedimentological Research Group meeting convened by Stuart Jones (Durham) and Lynne Frostick (Hull) held at the impressive Southampton Oceanography Centre in the U.K. (June 22-23, 2000). The meeting was organised in order to bring together geoscientists who are working on many of the aspects involving sediment generation, transport and delivery to sedimentary basins.

On day one sediment flux associated with two broad themes was examined: 1) Alluvial systems, and 2) Marine systems. The alluvial theme began with a keynote presentation by Philip Allen (Dublin) who explored the interaction of tectonics, landscape evolution and sediment e-flux using an example of a single uplifting fault block from Death Valley. The keynote was followed by a series of talks that encompassed more geological aspects of sediment flux integrating tectonics and erosional / depositional records. Highlights included a stratigraphic modelling approach of piggyback basins, using examples from the Tertiary of the Spanish Pyrenees (Quintijn Clevis, Utrecht). A Quaternary river capture in SE Spain was described and quantified by Martin Stokes (Plymouth), who clearly demonstrated a dramatic increase in rates of incision following a

tectonically induced capture event. A highly numerical talk was presented by John Tipper (Freiburg) who examined the use of bed thickness in relation to proximal or distal settings using a series of simple mathematical models. The alluvial theme was continued following a second keynote address given by Lynne Frostick (Hull) who reviewed work into sediment transport over a range of scales from the sedimentary grain to a basin and how these can be modelled. A series of talks then followed with a more geomorphological perspective. These included suspended sediment yields from Nepal (James Brassington, Bristol), millennial / annual sediment budgets of upland British gravel bed rivers (Dave Passmore, Newcastle; Ian Fuller, Northumbria) and changes in channel gradient and stream power from transverse drainage of the Spanish Pyrenees (Stuart Jones, Durham). The Marine theme started late on day one and continued over into day two. It began with a keynote presentation by Dorrik Stow (Southampton) who presented a range of geological field examples of megabeds from submarine fan systems around the world. These were presented and discussed in terms of volumes and triggering mechanisms. Some interesting talks on turbidites from the Northwest African margin (Russell Wynn, Southampton), historical sediment flux in the Eastern Mediterranean (Serafim

Poulos, Athens) and erosion / accretion along the Suffolk coast (Jeremy Pile, Birkbeck) followed the keynote.

Day two was disrupted by programme alterations but comprised a broad modelling / quantification theme. The programme started with a keynote presentation by Keith Richards (Cambridge) who examined drainage basin structure, sediment delivery and the response to environmental changes. The keynote was followed by Patrick Bogaart (Amsterdam) who presented a numerical modelling study of complex fluvial response during the last glaciation using the River Meuse from the Netherlands. Anne Mather (Plymouth) outlined the reconstruction of Quaternary alluvial fan catchment areas in SE Spain and proposed that landscape change be driven by river capture rather than progressive denudation. Richard Teuuw (Hertfordshire) presented a very topical case study from Sierra Leone where placer diamonds had been used as a provenance tool to aid reconstruction of the Pleistocene landscape. Jon Noad (Shell, Netherlands) ended the session by examining palaeocurrent patterns from Miocene marginal marine sediments in Indonesia. A final keynote presentation by Mike Summerfield (Edinburgh) reviewed the use of thermochronology and cosmogenic isotopes as tools for quantification of denudation and sediment flux. A series of case studies outlining the use of cosmogenic isotopes

then followed including talks by Trevor Hoey (Glasgow), Charlie Bristow (Birkbeck) and Andrew Carter (UCL).

Overall the meeting was an interesting, successful and enjoyable event attended by some 63 European geoscientists. It clearly demonstrated a wide range of exciting research projects that are currently being undertaken in the field of sediment flux. The range and quality of the talks presented was extremely good. It was pleasing to see that the geoscience community is finally realising that in order to solve sediment flux and related problems often requires an interdisciplinary approach involving both geological and geomorphological perspectives. The meeting highlighted some important themes that are currently evolving rapidly within the geoscience community. These include the development of landscape evolution models and the use of cosmogenic isotopes to constrain uplift and denudational histories of landscapes. Many of the presentations should appear as papers in a Geological Society of London Special Publication to be published next year. Hopefully, this publication will provide a statement of research into sediment flux at the beginning of the new millennium.

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SORBY MEDAL 2002 – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The International Association of Sedimentologists awards the Sorby Medal to scientists of eminent distinction in sedimentology. The medal is presented every four years at the International Sedimentological Congress. Previous Sorby Medalists are:

- R.A. Bagnold and F.P. Shepard (1978)
- F.J. Pettijohn (1982)
- R.G.C. Bathurst (1986)
- R.L. Folk (1990)
- J.R.L. Allen (1994)
- R.N. Ginsburg (1998)

The award is given by the IAS Council on recommendation by the Bureau. The next Sorby Medal will be attributed at the 16th International Sedimentological Congress in South

Africa in July 2002. The Bureau would now like to invite nominations from the IAS members: if you want to propose an outstanding sedimentologist who should receive this highest award of the IAS, please write to the General Secretary. The motivation for the recommendation must be outlined, and a curriculum vitae of the person to be nominated should be included.

The final decision on the nomination stays with the IAS Bureau.

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NEW MEMBERS

The International Association of Sedimentologists (IAS) was founded in 1952, with the goal to promote the study of sedimentology. It counts about 2000 members coming from some 100 countries. The journal *Sedimentology* has six issues per year, comprising about 1200 pages. Special Publications appear at irregular intervals. Every year, an IAS Meeting is held in Europe or North Africa, and an International Sedimentological Congress takes place every four years.

Special Lecture tours are organized, allowing sedimentology groups to invite a well-known teacher to give talks and short courses in their country. The Friendship Scheme gives free membership to students and libraries in developing countries. IAS also maintains a network of National Correspondents who report on the activities in their countries.

Fees amount to 200 FF (\approx 35 US \$, 30 Euros) a year for full members, and 100 FF (\approx 17 US \$, 15 Euros) for student members. This includes receipt of the journal *Sedimentology* and the Newsletter, reduced prices for the Special Publications, and reduced registration fees for the Congresses and Meetings.

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IAS FRIENDSHIP SCHEME

Since 1986, the IAS runs the Friendship Scheme, and many people benefit from it. The basic idea is that a donor pays half of the annual membership fee for a person of his or her choice, or it is left to the treasurer to choose that person. The IAS pays the other half of the fee. Also libraries in developing countries are included in this scheme.

If you are interested in sedimentology and sedimentary research, if you wish to receive the journal *Sedimentology* and this Newsletter free of charge, and if you want to participate in the annual IAS Meetings and in the Sedimentological

Congresses as a member of the IAS but don't have the possibility to pay the membership fee, you should apply to the Friendship Scheme.

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National Correspondents establish the link between the sedimentological community in their country (and sometimes also in surrounding countries) and the IAS Bureau. They play an important role in promoting sedimentology especially in countries that are off the mainstream. If you want to organize a national sedimentological meeting or workshop, exchange information within your country, stock up your library, or simply talk to fellow sedimentologists, please contact your nearest National Correspondent.

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December 5-8, 2000

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March 29-30, 2001

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**7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
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**IV REUNIÓN ARGENTINA DE
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September 24-28, 2001

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July 7-12, 2002

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