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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SEDIMENTOLOGISTS (IAS)

The International Association of Sedimentologists was founded in 1952. Its objectives are the promotion of the study of Sedimentology by publications, discussion, and comparison of research results, by encouraging the interchange of research through international collaboration, and by favouring integration with other disciplines.

Accomplishments in 2000

The IAS held the 20th Meeting of Sedimentology in Dublin, Ireland, from September 13 to 15. Some 190 participants represented 32 countries, and six field-trips were run. Furthermore, the IAS co-sponsored the 2nd Latin American Sedimentological Congress in Mar del Plata, Argentina (14-17 March), the Resaerch Conference on Permo-Carboniferous Carbonate Platforms and Reefs in El-Paso, U.S.A. (12-19 May), the Third International Congress on Geofluids in Barcelona, Spain (12-14 July), the SEPM/IAS Enivironmental Research Conference on the Hydrogeology of Sedimentary Aquifers in Santa Fe. U.S.A. (24-27 September), and the GSGP-WG4 Meeting on Ouantitative Models on Cretaceous Carbonates in Gargano, Italy (25-28 September). The collaboration with other international organizations thus is well established, and our members greatly henefit from it.

IAS published 6 issues of its journal Sedimentology, comprising 1248 pages. Furthermore, a millennium issue with invited papers was published in February (256 pages) and given free to all members. IAS continues to support the journal Basin Research. A Special Publication on quartz cementation in sandstones has been produced.

Prof. R.N. Ginsburg (the recipient of the Sorby Medal 1998) has been on a Lecture Tour visiting Argentina, Brazil, Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Spain, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Brunei, Indonesia, and New Zealand. An IAS short-course on Computer Modeling of Stratigraphy and Sedimentary Processes was held in Prague, Czech Republic (24-27 October). By such lecture tours and workshops, sedimentologists also in countries off the main stream can be reached.

The journal Sedimentology is accompanied by a Newsletter where the IAS National Correspondents report on sedimentological activities in their country, reports on past meetings are given, forthcoming meetings are announced, and where our members can make their comments. The Newsletter also gives the opportunity to publish reports and announcements of the IAS Bureau. All this information is displayed on the IAS

homepage (http://www.blacksci.co.uk /uk/society/ias). Links to other sedimentological associations and groups as well as to other relevant organisations are available.

The IAS Friendship Scheme for scientists and libraries in developing countries continues. In 2000, 151 individuals and 36 libraries benefit from it.

Membership is stable with 2029 members in the year 2000.

Goals for 2001

The 21st IAS Meeting will be held in Davos, Switzerland (3-5 September). The Association will also co-sponsor the meeting on Deep-water Sedimentation of South-East Asia (Jakarta, 14-16 May), the 7th International Conference on Fluvial Sedimentology in Lincoln, Nebraska (6-10 August), and the 4th Argentine Meeting of Ichnology in Tucumán (24-28 September).

Workshops have shown to be very efficient in transmitting new approaches in Sedimentology, and IAS will continue to sponsor them. A workshop on Sequence Stratigraphy in Non-Marine Settings will be

held in May in San Juan, Argentina, and one on Aquifer Sedimentology is planned in Prague.

The journal Sedimentology will again appear with 6 issues. Five Special Publications, a Field Guide for the Almeria area in Spain, as well as a Reprint Volume on clastic diagenesis are in preparation.

We will continue to publish high-quality science, and to organize and sponsor top-level research conferences and meetings. However, we also want to encourage young sedimentologists from countries where research possibilities are less well established, and where funding is lacking. We do this through our Friendship Scheme and by paying travel expenses to international congresses and field workshops.

Funding

IAS is funded by membership fees. All officers work for free, and there are no permanent staff or formal headquarters.

André Strasser, Fribourg, Switzerland.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1: Balance sheet as June 30, 2000

	June 30, 2000		June 30, 1999	
	French Francs	French Francs	French Francs	French Francs
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets		64 189		21 434
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks (books/publications)		335 906		248 472
Receivables				
Prepayments	27 306		23 025	
Other receivables	1 360 067		52 944	
		1 387 373		75 969
Liquid assets		7 386 350		7 633 737
		9 173 818		7 979 612
CAPITAL				
General reserve	7 791 506		6 527 159	
Result for the year	828 000		1 264 347	
		8 619 506		7 791 506
SHORT TERM DEBTS				
Other debts and Prepayments				
received		554 312	_	188 106
		9 173 818		7 979 612

2: Profit and Loss account for the period July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000

	June 30, 2000		June 30, 1999	
	French Francs	French Francs	French Francs	French Francs
Income		2 205 590		2 020 184
Cost of books and magazines	969 046		397 056	
Staff and housing expenses	335 374		320 001	
Other expenses	413 576		300 227	
Total expenses		1 717 996		1 017 284
Operating result		487 594		1 002 900
Capital gain on marketable Security	(8 934)		96 448	
Exchange gain	60 071		20 603	
Interest	289 269		144 396	
Financial result		340 406	-	261 447
NET RESULT		828 000		1 264 347

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SEDIMENTOLOGY IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

etween May 1999 and October 2000, several seminars and meetings dedicated to various aspects of sedimentary geology took place in the Czech Republic. The Sedimentary Geology seminars at the Charles University presented a number of speakers, including international guests: on May 31, IAS Vice-President Bruce Cairneross (Rand Afrikaans University, Johannesburg) gave a talk on "The origin and sedimentology of South Africa's Permian coal deposits", followed by a vivid discussion with Czech sedimentologists and coal geologists. A list of topics presented by Czech speakers during the fall semester 1999 follows:

Lenka Spicakova (Geophysical Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague)

Sequence stratigraphy of fluvial deposits in incised valleys - examples from the Bohemian Cretaceous Basin

Radomir Grygar (VSB -Technical University, Ostrava)
The evolution of the Variscan accretionary wedge of the Moravo-Silesian Zone and its reflection in the

Upper Silesian Basin

Jaroslav Kadlec (Geological Institute, Czech Acad. Sci., Prague) Cenozoic sediments in the Moravian Karst: new findings on sedimentation in caves and karst valleys

At the Department of Geology and Palaeontology of the Masaryk University, Brno, a 4-day short course "The carbonate world in sedimentary geology", led by Jindrich Hladil (Geological Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences) and Lubomir Jansa (formerly Geological Survey of Canada), took place in October 1999. A regional conference on the "Moravian-Silesian Palaeozoic" was held at the Masaryk University in February 2000: 17 contributions dealt with stratigraphy and palaeogeography of Palaeozoic sedimentary successions of the eastern part of the Bohemian Massif. Another conference dedicated to this topic will be held in February 2001 in Olomouc, hosted by the Palacky University (zapletal@prfnw.upol.cz).

In Spring 2000, the Charles University in Prague hosted two brilliant lecturers: Frank Picha (Chevron Overseas Petroleum) arrived in March to give his AAPG Distinguished Lecture on "Sedimentary basins and petroleum systems in terms of global tectonic cycles". In May, Gary Kocurek (University of Texas, Austin) gave two talks on aeolian sedimentology which attracted great attention: (1) "Climatic, tectonic and eustatic controls on the aeolian rock record - A comparison of the Jurassic of the Western US and the Quaternary of Africa", and (2) "OK, so maybe we have had it

wrong for the last half-century: viewing aeolian bedforms from chaos theory". Domestic speakers in the Spring semester included, among others, Stanislav Oplustil (Charles University, Prague), who presented his new research on "The role of tectonics, palaeotopography and compaction in fluvial and coal deposition in Late Carboniferous extensional basins in Central Bohemia".

In September 2000, a seminar dedicated to links between sedimentology. stratigraphy, and laeobotany took place at the Charles University: Howard Falcon-Lang (British Antarctic Survey) gave talks on "The geological record of wildfire" and "Cretaceous polar forests of Antarctica". In October 2000, the Geophysical Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences in Prague and the Charles University jointly hosted the IAS short course "Computer modelling of stratigraphy and sedimentary processes" (see next page).

Probably the most important event for the Czech geological community in the year 2000 was the 5th Meeting of the Czech Tectonic Studies Group (CTS), held between April 12 and 15 in the village of

Bublava in Krusne Hory Mts. (Erzgebirge). These meetings are attended every year by a growing number of sedimentary geologists from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Poland. This year, over 100 participants attended. One of two field trips was dedicated to sedimentological topics and focused on sedimentation and synsedimentary deformation an excellently exposed, riftmargin, lacustrine delta system of the Miocene "Bilina Delta", Most Basin (part of the Eger Graben system in North Bohemia). The abstracts and field guides were published in English as an issue of the journal Geolines. Those interested in the volume and field trip guide can find details about the journal and contact the editor http://www.gli.cas.cz at geolines. In 2001, the 6th CTS meeting will be hosted by our colleagues in Slovakia, and we believe that sedimentary geology will be represented even better than in 2000.

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STRATIGRAPHIC MODELLING IN PRAGUE

Report on the IAS Short Course 2000

etween October 24 and 27, 2000, an IAS Short Course "Computer Modelling Stratigraphy and Sedimentary Processes" took place in Prague (Czech Republic). The course was jointly organized by the Department of Geology, Charles University, and the Geophysical Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences (CAS). Leaders of the course were Dave Waltham. Dan Bosence, and Gary Nichols (all from Royal Holloway, University of London, UK) and David Ulicny (Charles University, Prague). course was attended by 22 students and professionals from academic and governmental organizations mostly from countries of Eastern Europe: Bulgaria, Croatia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Turkey, and the Czech Republic.

Perfect technical support, in particular a lecture room turned into a computer lab for this course, as well as pleasant working conditions at the Geophysical Institute of the CAS, were key elements to the success of the course. As a course attendee I can confirm its high scientific quality as well as practical usefulness. The skills acquired during the four days of the course helped the attendees to better understand the quantitative principles governing stratigraphy in both silici-

clastic and carbonate shallow-water settings. The emphasis of the course was on practical work with the modelling programs. The forward modelling package developed at the Royal Holloway and used throughout the course helped the participants to model the sedimentary responses to varying external conditions in a range of depositional settings, and to visualize the response in the sedimentary record in a number of flexible output formats - from 2-D cross-sections emphasizing the lithofacies to synthetic well logs and simulated reflection-seismic sections. The course participants had the opportunity to appreciate the applicability of the forward modelling program as a teaching aid as well as a research tool.

The third day of the four-day course was devoted to a field trip to the area of Cesky Raj (NE Bohemia): a well-organized bus excursion took the participants to good exposures of coarse-grained deltas in the Bohemian Cretaceous Basin, just one hour's drive from Prague. Apart from discussing the sedimentology and sequence stratigraphy in the field, the course participants had the opportunity to model the observed stratigraphic phenomena during the last day of the course.

In closing, on behalf of all course participants, I would like to thank the organizers and the IAS, as the sponsoring organization, for a valuable course which I am sure has contributed to the spreading of quantitative approaches to stratigraphy and

sedimentology in countries of the east-central European region.

Michal Kovac, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia.

CONTINENTAL SHELVES: PROCESSES, RECORD, UTILIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

IAS/SEPM ENVIRONMENTAL SEDIMENTOLOGY WORKSHOP

Venue:

The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Date:

January 7-10, 2002

Organiser:

Department of Earth Sciences, The University of Hong Kong

Sponsors: •

International Association of Sedimentologists (IAS)

- Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM)
- International Geological Correlation Programme Project #396
 "Continental shelves in the Quaternary" successor project (approval pending)

ontinental shelves are expected to increase rapidly in importance for human utilization in the new millennium. It is therefore timely for this workshop to review what we have already learnt and to examine the step forward. Topics to be covered include:

- Erosional and depositional processes
- Shelf sequences and land sea correlation
- Sedimentary record of global climate change
- Architecture, composition and properties of shelf sediments

- Exploration of economic mineral deposits
- Utilization including reclamation for airports, waste disposal, port and harbour facilities, offshore platforms, etc.
- · Coastal management

This workshop will bring together sedimentologists, marine geologists, Quaternary geologists, coastal engineers, and coastal managers to explore issues of continental shelf sedimentology and its applications. Hong Kong is an ideal venue for this workshop because of the wide range of coastal engineering activities on the South China Sea inner continental shelf. Much information has been obtained from offshore investigations carried out for projects such as the new Hong Kong International Airport.

A full-day field excursion to Lantau Island including a ferry trip in Hong Kong Harbour, and a study of the drowned and partially drowned landslide deposits in Tai O Bay will be arranged.

The weather in Hong Kong in January is usually dry. Temperatures in the range of 8 to 18°C can be expected.

Presentation of papers

Oral and poster papers are both invited. Each participant is encouraged to present one oral paper and one poster.

Programme

6th Jan. (Sun.)
Arrival in Hong Kong and registration
7th Jan. (Mon.)
Scientific session and reception

8th Jan. (Tues.)
Scientific and poster session
9th Jan. (Wed.)
Full-day field excursion
10th Jan. (Thurs.)
Scientific and poster session, workshop dinner

Cost

Registration fee: HK\$ 1,400 (inclusive of abstracts, reception, lunches, refreshments, field excursion and workshop dinner)

Accommodation: HK\$ 260 per day (double room sharing with breakfast), HK \$520 per day (single room with breakfast)

The current exchange rate is US\$1 to HK\$7.80. Note that in some countries economical air fare hotel packages may be available. Please check this out before booking accommodation with us. The venue is located on Hong Kong Island.

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Preliminary Registration Form

IAS/SEPM Environmental Sedimentology Workshop - Hong Kong 2002

Surname	Other names
Title* Professor / Dr / Mr / M	Irs / Miss
Address	
Phone	Fax
E-mail	
Provisional title of paper for o	•
Provisional title of paper for p	poster presentation:
	Single room [] Double room []
Signature	Date returned
* Please tick.	

NEW: IAS GRANT SCHEME

TAS has created a new grant scheme designed to fund postgraduate students, aiming at helping in their fieldwork, data acquisition, visiting other institu-Ltions, or participation in field trips.

Starting 2001, up to 10 grants of 1000 US\$ each will be awarded twice a year.

Application forms are on our website (http://www.blackwell-science.com/uk /society/ias) or can be requested from the Treasurer's Office (IAS, Office of the Treasurer, Ecole des Mines de Paris, 35 rue St-Honoré, 77305 Fontainebleau cedex, France).

Application deadlines:	1st session:	April 30
	2nd session:	October 31

Recipient notification:

1st session: before June 30

2nd session: before December 31

CALENDAR

GLACIER-INFLUENCED SEDIMENTATION ON HIGH-LATITUDE CONTINENTAL MARGINS: MODERN AND ANCIENT

March 29-30, 2001 U.K. (Bristol)

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DEEP-WATER SEDIMENTATION OF SOUTH EAST ASIA

May 14-16, 2001

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SEDIMENT 2001

June 6-8, 2001 GERMANY (Jena)

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tagungen/ tagungen.html

EARTH SYSTEM PROCESSES CONFERENCE

A joint meeting of the Geological Society of America and the Geological Society of London

June 24-28, 2001

U.K. (Edinburgh, Scotland)

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12TH INTERNATIONAL CLAY CONFERENCE

July 29-August 4, 2001 ARGENTINA (Bahía Blanca) Contact: Fernanda Cravero, Secretary-General 12 ICC, Departamento de Geología, Universidad Nacional del Sur, 8000 Bahía Blanca, Argentina. Tel: +54 291 459 51 01 ext, 30 41

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7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FLUVIAL SEDIMENTOLOGY

August 6-10, 2001

U.S.A. (University of Nebraska - Lincoln)

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GROUND PENETRATING RADAR (GPR) IN SEDIMENTS: APPLICATIONS AND INTERPRETATION

August 20-21, 2001

U.K. (London)
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21ST IAS MEETING OF SEDIMENTOLOGY

September 3-5, 2001

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CL 2001 - CATHODOLUMINESCENCE IN GEOSCIENCES: NEW INSIGHTS FROM CL IN COMBINATION WITH OTHER TECHNIQUES

September 6-8, 2001 GERMANY (Freiberg) Contact: CL 2001 Secretariat, Freiberg University of Mining and Technology, Department of Mineralogy. Brennhausgasse 14, D-09596 Freiberg, Germany Tel.: +49 (0)3731 39 26 28 Fax: +49 (0)3731 39 31 29

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TURBIDITE SEDIMENTATION IN CONFINED SETTINGS: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE ANNOT SANDSTONES AND RELATED SYSTEMS

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14TH SPANISH SEDIMENTOLOGICAL CONGRESS 4TH CONFERENCE ON THE CRETACEOUS OF SPAIN

September 10-16, 2001

SPAIN (Jaén)

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3.5 BILLION YEARS OF BIODIVERSITY

Annual Meeting Paläontologische Gesellschaft & Gesellschaft für Biologische Systematik

September 17-21, 2001 GERMANY (Oldenburg) Contact: PalBioSys 2001, Wolfgang E. Krumbein, Geomikrobiologie, ICBM, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, D-26111 Oldenburg, Germany. E-mail: palbiosys@uni-oldenburg.de Web-page: www.uni-oldenburg.de/palbiosys

7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PALEOCEANOGRAPHY

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September 17-21, 2001 JAPAN (Sapporo)

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http://www.iijnet.or.jp/jtb-cs/icp7/

IV REUNIÓN ARGENTINA DE ICNOLOGÍA Y SEGUNDA REUNIÓN DE ICNOLOGÍA DEL MERCOSUR

September 24-28, 2001

ARGENTINA (San Miguel de Tucumán)

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EIGHTH FRENCH CONGRESS OF SEDIMENTOLOGY

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16TH INTERNATIONAL SEDIMENTOLOGICAL CONGRESS

July 7-12, 2002

SOUTH AFRICA (Auckland Park, Gau-

teng)

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