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EDITORIAL

Newsletter 241 reported on the EGU and Sea Grass course. On EGU Emiliano Mutti has received the 2012 Jean Baptiste Lamarck Medal. As it is use of IAS, Prof. Mutti will give a lecture tour during the 2013 on behalf of the IAS memebrs. Title of the proposed lectures will be posted in the web site and in the next Newsletter. Everyone interested in host the tour is pleased to contate me at pascucci@uniss.it

The central part of the Newsletter is dedicated to announcement of the VI Latinamerican Conference in Sedimentology, an event in which IAS is strongly involved.

In the final part of the Newsletter is presented a nice initiative run by the colleagues from Egypt. They are trying to set up geotouristic tours trough their country addressed to several geological and sedimentological topics.

IAS will be present at the begging of August at the International Geological Conference in Brisbane. Please come and visit our booth there.

I would like to remember that the next IAS Regional Meeting will be held in Schladming (Austria) for details, please check:

www.sedimentologists.org/meetings/ims Electronic Newsletter (ENIAS) started in November 2011continues to bring short information to members. For info on ENIAS contact Nina Smeyers at

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Check the new Announcements and remember that Meetings and events in CAPITAL and/or with * are fully or partially sponsored by IAS. More info @ www.sedimentologists.org

Vincenzo Pascucci (General Secretary)



REPORTS

IAS at EGU2012

(VIENNA, 22-27 APRIL 2012)

The EGU General Assembly 2012 was again a great success with 4,436 oral and 9,092 poster presentations in 530 unique scientific sessions together with 157 Poster Summaries & Discussions sessions as well as 165 side events. At the conference 11,275 scientists from 95 countries participated, of which 28% were students, 15,000 copies of EGU Today distributed, keen media presence and reporting, and thousands of visits to

the webstreams as well as to the EGU blog GEOLOG. We thank all of you very much for your attendance and your active contribution to this great event. We would be pleased to welcome you back at the EGU General Assembly 2013, 07–12 April 2013, Vienna, Austria.

IAS Booth

IAS was present at the conference with a booth and equipped with TV



Figura 1. Visitors at the IAS booth (from left to right: Donald Gabriels, Patric Jacobs, Nina Smeyers, Stephen Rice, Stephen Lokier).



screen displaying a loop of IAS membership benefits and Summer School promotion. Booth was manned continuously by Nina Smeyers until Thursday evening 26 April when booth had to be pulled down.

Jean Baptiste Lamarck Medal

On Thursday 26 April, IAS member Emiliano Mutti was awarded the EGU 2012 SSP Division Jean Baptiste Lamarck Medal for his outstanding lifetime achievements on turbidites and deep water sedimentation. Emiliano was nominated by 5 IAS members, SSP Medal Committee Chairman Ian Jarvis handed over the Medal and the Diploma: Peter Homewood acted as citationist and introduced Emiliano and his work. Emiliano held a much appreciated talk of which the ppt will be uploaded as a pdf file on the IAS website by the PR Officer as outreach towards the IAS membership and the larger sedimentological community. Furthermore, Emiliano Mutti enthusiastically consented to go on a 'So rby ' lecture tour for IAS starting on 2013. The call for this lecture is opened and everyone interested is kindly asked to contact the IAS General Secretary at pascucci@uniss.it

IAS (co-)sponsored sessions

IAS has always played a major role in the SSP Division at EGU (Stratigraphy-Sedimentology- Palaeontology) by organizing or co-organizing sessions at the initiative of IAS members. This year in total

17 sessions had been listed, of which 6 have been (co-)sponsored by IAS, including a special session on "Turbidites: from outcrops to oil reservoirs and on to ideas" as a tribute to the work of Emiliano Mutti.



Figura 2. SSP Division Award Committee Chairman lan Jarvis hands over the Jean Baptist Lamarck Medal and Diploma to 2012 Award Medalist Prf. Emiliano Mutti

Sessions further included topics as «Reconstructing redox conditions from sedimentary records»,

«Tectonics, sedimentation and surface processes» and «Palaeoclimate records from speleothems». It has to be noted however that IAS members organized sessions within and outside the SSP Division Programme without 'sponsoring' from IAS. In the future IAS fellow conveners of sessions should be explicitly invited to have their session (co-)sponsored by IAS, not only to strengthen IAS's impact on the SSP Division but also to allow IAS student members to benefit from the IAS travel grant offer.



REPORT

Course on Seagrass Carbonate Production: from mordern to fossil environment»

APRIL 30TH 2012- MAY 05TH 2012, SÓLLER (MALLORCA, SPAIN)

The First edition of «Course on Seagrass Carbonate Production: from mordern to fossil environment» was held at the Museu Balear de Ciències Naturals of Sóller (Mallorca, Spain), one of the most picturesque villages of the island of Mallorca, in the heart of the Serra de Tramuntana, on April 30th 2012- May 05th 2012. It gathering sixteen participants from all over the world; the event is addressed to graduate students and carbonate specialists from the Academia and Industry. It has been organized on behalf of the Museu Balear de Ciències Naturals of Sóller, Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra-Università di Roma La Sapienza, Càtedra Guillem Colom Casasnovas-Universitat de les Illes Balears and IAS. The organizing committee of the Course included Giullem Mateu-Vicens (Càtedra Guillem Colom Casasnovas-Universitat de les Illes Balears), Marco Brandano and Laura Tomassetti (Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra-Università di Roma La Sapienza), Salud Deudero (Instituto Español de Oceanografía) and Carolina Constantino (the Museu Balear de

Ciències Naturals). The aim of the course was to introduce the participants to the seagrass ecosystem with emphasis on biological structure, sedimentological and compositional characters of seagrass substrate.

Examples from selected areas worldwide were compared to assess the geographical/latitudinal effect on the composition and texture of the facies. The course offered the experience to explore the modern and fossil seagrass systems by observation loose sediments and thin sections.

The course was organized into 3 days of lectures and one day of snorkeling in a Posidonia oceanica meadow to observe and analyse in situ its structure and composition. On the evening of April 30th 2012 an icebreaker party was organized in the Botanical Gardens of the Meuseu Balear de Ciéncies Naturals for all the organizers and partecipants to meet to each other.

The first day of the course was dedicated to Modern Case History of seagrass environment. The key lectures was held first by Salud Deudero who gave a general introduction about the





Figure 1. Group picture besides the entrance of the Museu Balear de Ciènces Naturals with all the partecipants and the organizers.

biology and ecology of the seagrass environments and about seagrass ecosystem both in temperate and tropical systems. After lunch, Guillem Mateu Vicens gave a lectures about a the Modern Case History of seagrass in

temperate systems talking about the Mediterranean and Australian seagrass systems, its ecosystem and biological characteristics. The final part of the afternoon was characterized by practice exercise directly on stereographic and



Figure 2. One of the keynote lectures about the seagrass during the morning held by Guillem Mateu Vicens...





Figure 3. The partecipants during the exercise at the microscope...



Figure 4. ...and during the coffee break





Figure 5. The partecipants during the afternoon exercise session...

petrographic microscope looking on loose sediment and thin section of modern seagrass examples.

The second days was dedicated both to the Modern Case History with tropical seagrass system of Indo-Pacific and Caribbean system with a keynote of Guillem Mateu Vicens and after the coffee break to the Fossil Case History both on temperate and tropical system with the keynote lectures by Marco Brandano. He gave an overview of seagrass by a sedimentologic and stratigraphic point of view and he showed how much is hard to recognized the seagrass environments in the fossil record.

The afternoon was dedicated to another fossil keynote by Marco Brandano and by practice exercise directly on stereographic and petrographic microscope looking on loose sediment and thin section of fossil seagrass examples. The evening of second day of the course was characterized also by the social dinner in which fantastic and typical mallorcan dishes such as Paella were offer to all the partecipants together with a good wine and a friendly atmosphere.

The third day began with a brief keynote lectures of Guillem Mateu Vicens about Guillem Colom Casasnovas, one of the most important paleontologist and micropaleontologist of the XXth century because he was a a precursor in the interpretation of fossil seagrass meadows by comparison to current ecosystems. At the Museu Balear de Ciències Naturals all his precious collections was preserved, with ca. 20.000 slides and more than 250 original types of new species created by Guillem Colom. Also after the coffee break there was a visit to the Museu Balear de Ciències Naturals to observe both the collection of Guillem Colom and the artificial reconstruction of

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some seagrass environments and their associated biota.

The course concluded with the last day dedicated to the snorkeling in a Posidonia oceanica meadow in one of the many embayment of Palma de Mallorca. This experience offer to all the partecipants to observe and analyse

in situ seagrass structure and composition, and also to have fun swimming in the Balearic Sea even if the temperature of the water was a quite cold!! After that an «informal social lunch» all together with the organizers was made eating mallorcan dishes.



Figure 6. The snorkeling day on Posidonia oceanica meadows...the preparation begins...



...all the participants into the water to see Posidonia...

We hope that a new international Course on Seagrass Carbonate Production will held in the next edition of this event, but anyway it was a great pleasure to have all the partecipants in Söller in Mallorca for this experience. See you soon!

The organizers Guillem Mateu Vicens (Càtedra Guillem Colom Casasnovas-Universitat de les Illes Balears) Marco Brandano and Laura Tomassetti (Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra-Università di Roma La Sapienza) Salud Deudero (Instituto Español de Oceanografía) Carolina Constantino (Museu Balear de Ciències Naturals)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI Latinamerican Congress Of Sedimentology

SÃO PAULO (BRAZIL) - JULY 14TH TO 17TH, 2013

The Latinamerican Congress of Sedimentology is an event that takes place every three years, and has the purpose of promoting integration among geoscientists interested to exchange experiences on several disciplines related to sedimentology and stratigraphy of South America, including their application for hydrocarbon and mineral exploration. The first congress of this nature took place in Margaritas Island (Venezuela) in 1997, the second in Mar del Plata (Argentina) in 2000, the third in Belém (Brazil) in 2003, the fourth in Bariloche (Argentina) in 2006, the fifth in Puerto

La Cruz (Venezuela) in 2009.

The 6th Latinamerican Congress of Sedimentology will take place in São Paulo, Brazil, from July 14th to 17th, 2013. The technical programme comprises 51 thematic sessions grouped into 11 main themes that will be developed during three days of the congress. The main themes include: siliciclastic depositional systems and sequences; carbonates and evaporates; tectonics and sedimentation; source-to-sink systems; volcano-sedimentology; palaeontology and sedimentology; sedimentary record of climate change; geohazards and applied sedimentology;



Figure 1. Aerial view of the building of the Institute of Geosciences, University of Sao Paulo.



Figure 2. Entrance hall of the Institute of Geosciences.





Figure 3. Pedra Pintada Formation, Early Cambrian, Southern Brazil (Photo by Renato P. Almeida)

sedimentology and carbon energy resources; and geotechnologies. Five short courses will take place previously from the congress, which are: SC1 -Biomarkers in petroleum geology; SC2 - Microbialites; SC3 - Stalagmites and sediment cores as paleoclimate archives; SC4 - Depositional models and petrophysics of siliciclastic reservoirs; and SC5 - Dating of depositional and diagenetic events (OSL, Pb210, Cs137, U-Pb, K-Ar and Ar-Ar). The congress will also have organized one precongress field trip, i.e., FT1 - The ltu Varvite Park and the roche moutonnée of Salto, State of São Paulo, and three post-congress field trips, which are: FT2 - The Gondwana succession at the eastern part of the Paraná Basin, State of São Paulo; FT3 - The estuarine system of Cananéia and the caves of the Ribeira de Iguape River Valley: and FT4 - The Mantiqueira Plateau, Taubaté Basin and the Serra do Mar coastal range: tectonics and

sedimentation in the elevated, passive continental margin of Southeastern Brazil. In addition, the congress will run six conferences with outstanding lecturers.

All participants are invited to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations. Abstracts should be submitted to the congress address. For more information about this congress, including registration fees and direction for abstract preparation, please access the web: http://www.6lacs.com

Any questions related to this congress should be addressed to the following e-mail address: contact@6lacs.com

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VI Latinoamerican Congress of
Sedimentology
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GEOTOURISM

Geologic, Geo-Archeologic and Geo-Tourist Excursions

The Tethys Geological Society arranges Field Trips to Geologic, Geo-Archeologic and Geo-Tourist sites at:

- 1- Greater Cairo- Whales Valley at El Fayium Depression, Western Desert.
- 2- White Desert at the Western Desert.
- 3- Central Sinai, Gulf of Suez Rift, Wadi Ferian, Saint Catherin, Sharm El Sheikh, Gulf of Aqaba.
- 4- Luxor Aswan.
- 5- Abu Simbel.
- 6- Others

If you are interested, you are kindly requested to: 1- Assemble your group

2- Decide the suitable time for your excursion. 3. Contact us. 4- Arrive to Egypt by your self or through your agency and once you arrive in Cairo airport, you will find our representative. The Society will offer accommodation (3, 4 and 5 Star hotels), Lunch, logistics, local transportation (bus, train or airplane) and security permits. Fees will be decided according to your choice.

The first excursion is addressed to:

1- Oligocene basalt surrounding greater Cairo and the Late Cretaceous dome at Cairo-Alexanderia road. 2-Geological background of Pyramids and





Figure 1. Whales Valley, El Fayium Depression, Western Desert





Figure 2.
White Desert, Western
Desert

Sphinx plateau. 3-Tectono-stratigraphic pattern of the Middle-Upper Eocene limestone of Mokattam fault blocks. 4-The whale fossils at the Whale's Valley are found in a fine grained sand section (70m thick) deposited in a sheltered bay with narrow connection with the sea during the Late Bartonian. Fayium proves to be one of the biggest graveyards of the world animals during the Early Tertiary.



Figure 3. Paleocene / Eocene section at Gebel Gurna, Hatshepsut Temple

The second excursion is addressed to: The whale fossils at the Whale's Valley

The third excursion is addressed to: 1-Late Cretaceous domes (related to the Neo-Tethyan closure) at the Mitla Pass, Central Sinai. 2- The complete Phanerozoic section at central & southern Sinai. 3- Tectono-stratigraphic patterns of the Oligocene-Miocene rift (Gulf of Suez rift). 4- Wadi Feiran gneisses and migmatites and lake deposits. 4- St. Catherine Monastery, Gebel St. Catherine (2637 above sea level.) and Gebel Mussa (1500 above sea level.). 6- Sharm El

Sheikh. 7- Gulf of Agaba.

The Fourth excursion is addressed to:
1- Paleocene / Eocene section at Gebel
Gurna, where El-Deir El- Bahari
Temple (Hatshepsut Temple) Ramesseum Temple - Medinet Habu
Temple - Valley of the kings - Valley of
the Queens are exist at the western
bank of the Nile. 2- Karnak TempleLuxor Temple at the eastern side of the
Nile. 3- Stratotype for Paleocene /
Eocene Boundary (Dababiya Section).
4- Aswan Pre-Camberian granites, Iron
ore and kaoline. 5- Geological and

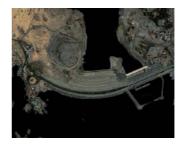


Figure 4. High Dam, Aswan

historical review for the High Dam -Unfinished Obelisk - Nubia Museum -Philae Temples, Temple of Kom Ombo and Temple of Edfu.

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IAS STUDENT GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Application

The application should be concise and informative, and contains the following information (limit your application to 1250 words max.):

- Research proposal (including Introduction, Proposal, Motivation and Methods, Facilities) – max. 750 words
- Bibliography max. 125 words
- Budget max. 125 words
- Curriculum Vitae max. 250 words

Your research proposal must be submitted via the Postgraduate Grant Scheme application form on the IAS website before the application deadline. The form contains additional assistance details for completing the request. Please read carefully all instructions before completing and submitting your application. Prepare your application in 'Word' and use 'Word count' before pasting your application in the appropriate fields.

Recommendation letter (by e-mail) from the PhD supervisor supporting the applicant is mandatory, as well as recommendation letter (by e-mail also) from the Head of Department/Laboratory of guest institution in case of laboratory visit.

Please make sure to adequately answer all questions.

Deadlines and notifications

Application deadlines: 1st session: March, 31 2nd session: September, 30 Recipient notification: Before June, 30 Before December, 31

Guidelines for letter from supervisor

The letter from the supervisor should provide an evaluation of the capability of the student to carry out the proposed research, the significance and necessity of the research, and reasonableness of the budget request. The letter must be sent directly to the Treasurer of the IAS by e-mail before the application deadline.

Application Form

Research Proposal (max. 750 words) Title:

Introduction (max. 250 words):
Introduce briefly the subject of your
PhD and provide relevant background
information; summarise previous work by
you or others (provide max. 5 relevant
references, to be detailed in the
'Bibliography' field). Provide the context
for your PhD study in terms of geography,
geology, and/or scientific discipline.

Proposal (max. 250 words): ... Describe clearly your research August 2012



proposal and indicate in what way your proposal will contribute to the successful achievement of your PhD. Your application should have a clearly written hypothesis or a well-explained research problem of geologic significance. It should explain why it is important. Simply collecting data without an objective is not considered wise use of resources.

Methods (max. 125 words): Outline the research strategy (methods) that you plan to use to solve the problem in the field and/or in the laboratory. Please include information on data collection, data analyses, and data interpretation. Justify why you need to undertake this research.

Facilities (max. 125 words): Briefly list research and study facilities available to you, such as field and laboratory equipment, computers, library.

Bibliography (max. 125 words)
Provide a list of 5 key publications
that are relevant to your proposed
research, listed in your 'Introduction'.
The list should show that you have
done adequate background research on
your project and are assured that your
methodology is solid and the project
has not been done already. Limit your
bibliography to the essential
references. Each publication should be
preceded by a '*'-character (e.g.
*Surlyk et al., Sedimentology 42, 323354, 1995).

Budget (max. 125 words)

Provide a brief summary of the total cost of the research. Clearly indicate the amount (in Euro) being requested. State specifically what the IAS grant funds will be used for. Please list only expenses to be covered by the IAS grant.

The IAS will support field activities (to collect data and samples, etc.) and

laboratory activities/analyses.
Laboratory activities/analyses that
consist of training by performing the
activities/analyses yourself will be
considered a plus for your application
as they will contribute to your
formation and to the capacity building
of your home institution. In this case,
the agreement of the Head of your
Guest Department/Laboratory will be
solicited by automated e-mail.

Curriculum Vitae (max. 250 words) Name, postal address, e-mail address, university education (degrees &t dates), work experience, awards and scholarships (max. 5, considered to be representative), independent research projects, citations of your abstracts and publications (max. 5, considered to be representative).

Advise of Supervisor and Head of Guest Department/Laboratory

When you apply for a grant, your PhD supervisor will receive an automated e-mail with a request to send the IAS a letter of recommendation by e-mail. You should, however, check with your supervisor everything is carried out the way it should be. It will be considered as a plus for your application if your PhD supervisor is also a member of IAS.

Supervisor's name:
Supervisor's e-mail:

If you apply for laboratory analyses/ activities, please carefully check analysis prices and compare charges of various academic and private laboratories as prices per unit might differ considerably. Please first check whether analyses can be performed within your own University. If your University is not in a position to provide you with the adequate analysis tools, visiting another lab to conduct the analyses yourself strengthens your application considerably as it



contributes to your formation and to capacity building of your home University. Please check with the Head of Department/Laboratory of your guest lab to assure its assistance during your visit. You should fill in his/her name and e-mail address to solicit his/her advise about your visit.

Name of Head of guest Department/ Laboratory:

E-mail address of Head of Guest Department/Laboratory: Finally, before submitting your application, you will be asked to answer a few informative questions by ticking the appropriate boxes.

- is your supervisor a member of IAS
- was this application your own initiative
- did you discuss your application with your Supervisor
- did you already had contact in the past with the Head of the Guest Department/Laboratory (if appropriate)



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SEDIMENTOLOGISTS (IAS)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, JUNE, 30, 2012

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SEDIMENTOLOGISTS (IAS)

Financial statements - June 30, 2011

1. BALANCE SHEET

	As at June 30, 2011			As at June 30, 2010	
ASSETS		EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	Note	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Property, plant and equipment	4		3.683,29		1.873,96
CURRENT ASSETS					
Inventories	5		52.733,54		52.434,80
Receivables	6				
Prepayments Other receivables		2.970,00 133.142,46		10.640.00 73.725.05	
Other receivables		133.142,40	136,112,46	/3./25.05	84.365,05
Cash and cash equivalents	7		2 828 637,00		2.780.669.98
TOTAL ASSETS			3.021.166,29		2.919.343,79
		As at June 30,		As a June 30,	
		EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
EQUITY					
Reserves		2.856.132.37		2 687 612 61	
Surplus for the year		136.903,28		168,519,76	
			2.993.035,65		2.856.132,37
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Other debts and prepayments received			28.130,64		63.211,42
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			3.021.166,29		2.919.343,79



CALENDAR

Italian Association for Sedimentary Geology GeoSed

2nd-6th July 2012 Feltre Italy Massimiliano Ghinassi Massimiliano.ghinassi@unipd.it www.geosed.it

8th International Conference on Tidal Environments

28th July–5th August 5 2012 Caen, Normandy France

Bernadette Tessier bernadette.tessier@unicaen.fr www.unicaen.fr/colloques/tidalites2012/index.php

34th International Geological Congress (IGC)

5th-10th August 2012 Brisbane Australia Info http://www.34igc.org





European Seismological Commission 33rd General Assembly

19th-24th August 2012 Moscow, Russia Marianna Tuchkova tuchkova@ginras.ru



29th IAS MEETING OF SEDIMENTOLOGY *

10th-13th September 2012 Schladming Austria Hans-Jürgen Gawlick University of Leoben IAS2012@unileoben.ac.at www.sedimentologists.org/ims-2012

4TH INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICA BELGICA MEETING 2012*

11th-14th September

2012 Brussels lnfo http://www.geologicabelgica.be

Brussels Belgium

86TH CONGRESS OF THE ITALIAN GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (SGI) «MEDITERRANEAN: A GEOLOGICAL ARCHIVE FROM PAST TO THE PRESENT»*

18th-20th September 2012

Arcavacata di Rende, Italy Salvatore Critelli critelli@unical.it www.socgeol.it

GV and SEDIMENT «Of Land and Sea: Processes and Products»

23rd-28th September

2012 Hamburg Germany. Christian Betzler gv-hamburg2012@gv-conference.de www.gv-hamburg2012.de/.

AT THE EDGE OF THE SEA: SEDIMENTS, SEA LEVEL, TECTONICS, AND STRATIGRAPHY AS MAIN ELEMENTS OF A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH AND CORRELATION IN STUDYING QUATERNARY CHANGES *

27th-30th September 2012

Alghero Italy Mauro Coltori mauro.coltorti@unisi.it www.dst.unisi.it/SEQS2012.htm





HOPI BUTTES VOLCANIC FIELD WORKSHOP: INTERPRETING MAAR-DIATREME VOLCANISM USING BASE TO TOP EXPOSURES, SYN-ERUPTIVE SURFACE DEPOSITS AND COUNTRY-ROCK STRATA*

21st-27th October 2012 Flagstaff Arizona (USA)

Info Nathalie Lefebvre nathaliel.lefebvre@otago.ac.nz

3RD CONFERENCE TERRESTRIAL MARS ANALOGUES*

25th-27th October 2012 Marrakech Ibn Battuta Centre Morocco Gian Gabriele Ori ggori@irsps.unich.it www.ibnbattutacentre.org/conf/mars2012

ALLUVIAL FANS*

1st-6th December 2012 Ras Al-Khaimah United Arab Emirates

http://alluvialfans.co.uk/

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