

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings! Fall 2002 has already been memorable for me. It began with a European trip and continued with a tropical storm (Isidore) and a Hurricane (Lili) battering the Louisiana coast one week apart. The latter occurred during a field seminar studying the modern Mississippi delta system with Harry Roberts. On Tuesday we took a vibracore in the Wax Lake Delta and noted the storm "event beds" dominating the sedimentary record in the pre-delta part of the core. On Thursday we spent the day in a hotel conference room instead of on a boat at the mouth of the Mississippi as another event bed was being made. The power of such storms is amazing even when they fizzle as Lili did.

2002 has been a good year for NAMS. Mike Simmons of CASP gave an interesting presentation on "The micropalaeontological study of outcrop analogues of subsurface reservoirs and exploration plays - examples from around the world" at the Marine Micropaleontology Research Group meeting at the AAPG-SEPM meeting in Houston last March. In June Garry Jones, Bruce Robertson, Rome Lytton and I taught our "Applied Biostratigraphy for Geologists, Geophysicists and Engineers" in New Orleans for the New Orleans Geological Society. The class drew 30 participants and raised \$1200 for the NAMS student endowment fund. If you haven't already, please consider making a donation to this fund administered by the

SEPM Foundation. We're well on the way to raising \$25,000 so that we can begin to make grants to students without eroding the capital.



President-elect, Mimi Katz, has been very active in increasing student membership in NAMS. Thanks to contributions from Shell and Unocal we are able to offer NAMS membership to students at no cost. We went from a student membership of zero to 28 in a few months. Students receive newsletters, are eligible for the NAMS annual \$100 book award and can submit an abstract for the SEPM Best Student Paper award that includes an expense paid trip to present the poster at the AAPG-SEPM annual meeting. Congratulations to Steve Nathan, the first NAMS student member selected for this honor!

In September NAMS cosponsored its first international event, a three-day meeting at University College in London with The Micropalaeontological Society (TMS) (formerly BMS the BRITISH Micropalaeontological Society) and the American Association of Stratigraphic Palynologists (AASP). This extremely successful collaboration drew some 200 registrants from around the world. The theme of the meeting, "Recent Developments in Applied Biostratigraphy" brought in excellent

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## REPORT ON JOINT AASP BMS NAMS MEETING

**REPORT - Joint Meeting of the American Association of Stratigraphic Palynologists (AASP), British Micropalaeontological Society (BMS) and North American Micropaleontology Section-SEPM, September 11-13, University College, London, England**

Approximately 200 scientists from some 24 countries attended this first-ever joint meeting of the three societies. The theme of the meeting "Recent Developments in Applied Biostratigraphy" drew a wide variety of papers from industry, academia, and government workers, so many that two concurrent sessions ran throughout the meeting as well as a fine suite of poster presentations. The conveners of the meeting: Jamie Powell, Jim Riding, Alan Lord, Rachel Preece, Sue Mat-

thews, Chris Denison and Tom Dignes are to be commended for putting on a stimulating show. University College proved to be a fine location for the meeting with good facilities, dormitory lodging available (as well as nearby hotels) and easy access to the whole of London via numerous "tube" stations.

In addition to "open" sessions there were a number of theme sessions in the oral program on such topics as Sequence Biostratigraphy, Reservoir Biostratigraphy and Quantitative Methods, as well as geographic sessions on Oman, the Caribbean and South America. There was also an entire day of papers dealing with "Faeces Facies" the geologic record of coprolites and the like.

For me, highlights of the technical program

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papers from industry and academia. With its London location, we were treated to an evening social event at Geological Society (London) headquarters where William Smith's map ("that changed the world") is on display. It is truly a remarkable piece of work! A highlight of the evening session was an invited talk by NAMS Treasurer Martin Farley. Martin gave an excellent presentation on "Forging a Path for Biostratigraphy," challenging the audience to take an active role in championing our science. Garry Jones and I were able to offer our short course in London after the meeting and in Oslo at the invitation of Felix Gradstein. Both drew a different mix of attendees than our U.S. offerings, mainly biostrat professionals and students rather than non-paleontologists, but productive discussions resulted at both.

Our fall program continues this month with our first ever Marine Micropaleontology Research Group meeting at GSA. If you'll be in Denver, please plan to join us Monday, October 28 from 5-7 pm in room A109/111 of the Colorado Convention Center. Past President Mark Leckie will present his research on "Mid-Cretaceous Oceanic Anoxic Events and Plankton Evolution." Refreshments will be provided by Shell Deepwater Services.

Plans are underway for the spring as well. At the AAPG-SEPM meeting in Salt Lake City, (May 11-14, 2003)

NAMS will Co-sponsor an oral session entitled "Biostratigraphic and Paleoenvironmental Analyses: Characterizing Depositional Sequences and Facies." We will also hold a Marine Micropaleontology Research Group meeting in Salt Lake.

In 2003 we will also continue our association with AASP and participate in their joint meeting with the Canadian Association of Palynologists in Niagara, Ontario, October 5-8, 2003. Francine McCarthy is organizing the meeting and president-elect Mimi Katz will coordinate our participation. I am very excited to see continuing ties to palynology. NAMS as an umbrella group needs to court specialists from all of the microfossil disciplines (paly, conodonts, nannos, rads, etc.) to fulfill our mission.

One thing is clear to me having been involved in NAMS for many years: Micropaleontology remains a key discipline in our understanding of the geologic record. Practitioners continue to make exciting contributions to the science and there are still younger workers entering the field. We have much to be proud of, but there is still much to be done!

Brian J. O'Neill  
*NAMS President*

## JOINT AASP BMS NAMS MEETING (Cont.)

included an excellent presentation by Tom Demchuk of Conoco on how palynology was used to straighten out the reservoir stratigraphy in the Oficina Formation at Petrozuata, Venezuela. Several presentations by members of the Technical Alliance for Computational Stratigraphy (TACS) focused on building practical tools to assist in interpreting biostratigraphic signals in the subsurface. Gwydion Williams (GeoStrat) gave an interesting talk on a non-acid technique for processing paly samples at the wellsite. There were good papers on detailed reservoir work using larger forams presented by Wynn Hughes (Saudi Aramco) and Haydon Bailey (Network Stratigraphic Consulting). Underrepresented at the meeting were nannofossil papers presumably because of the International Nannoplankton Association (INA) meeting held in Parma, Italy the same week.

An evening social event was held at the headquarters of the Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly where participants had the opportunity to view William Smith's original geologic map of Britain, the first ever geologic map. The evening began with two excellent presentations, the first on "Arthur Raistrick: Britain's Premier Palynologist," by J.E.A. Marshall, and the second "Forging a path for Biostratigraphy" by NAMS treasurer Martin Farley. Martin challenged the audience to "think outside the

box" and find ways to promote biostratigraphy. One suggestion was to "infiltrate" by participating in sessions and meetings not devoted to biostratigraphy, integrating our discipline with others.



The meeting was followed by two optional events: a field excursion to visit the Cretaceous succession of the Isle of Wight led by Iain Prince, Bruce Tocher and Ian Jarvis; and a workshop on the biostratigraphy and sequence stratigraphy of the Gulf of Mexico by Garry Jones and Brian O'Neill.



The abstracts from the meeting can be downloaded or viewed at the Micropalaeontological Society's website:

[http://www.nhm.ac.uk/hosted\\_sites/bms/](http://www.nhm.ac.uk/hosted_sites/bms/). From the home page, select "details of the TMS-AASP-NAMS meeting" link and then "conference abstracts."



By Brian J. O'Neill

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 30 September 2002, the NAMS treasury contained about \$9600. Since my last report in February, NAMS received \$1400 from member dues and interest, \$200 for ads, and \$700 as donations from Shell and Unocal to support free student memberships. Expenditures totaled about \$625. This included newsletter and mailing expenses, and donation of the ad revenue to support the NAMS Endowed Fund at the SEPM Foundation. For the last 12 months, expenditures totaled \$676 and receipts \$3365 (major expenses associated with the newsletter have been generously subsidized by BP, so our expenses are lower than usual).

I am also pleased to report that the New Orleans Geological Society and the organizers of the "Applied Biostratigraphy" short course (Garry Jones, Brian O'Neill,...) arranged for the proceeds of their New Orleans edition of the course to be donated to the NAMS Endowed Fund. This yielded \$768.31 for the Fund.

--Martin Farley, *NAMS Treasurer*  
February 6, 2002

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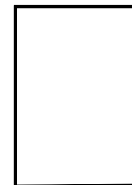
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# MEETING CALENDAR

## Geological Society of America National Meeting

October 27-30, 2002  
Denver, Colorado October 27-30  
[www.geosociety.org/meetings/index.htm](http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/index.htm)



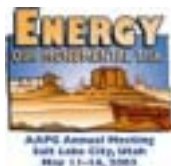
## GCAGS/Gulf Coast Section SEPM 52nd Annual Convention Conference

Oct 30 - Nov. 1  
Austin, Texas  
<http://www.beg.utexas.edu/gcags2002/>



## American Association of Petroleum Geologists Annual Meeting

May 11-14, 2003  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
[www.aapg.org/slc03/index.html](http://www.aapg.org/slc03/index.html)



## Joint AASP/CAP/NAMS Meeting

October 5-8, 2003  
Niagara Peninsula, Canada  
(See Below)

## Geological Society of America National Meeting

November 2-5, 2003  
2003 Seattle, Washington  
[www.geosociety.org/meetings/index.htm](http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/index.htm)

## American Association of Petroleum Geologists Annual Meeting

April 18-21  
Dallas, Texas

## International Nannoplankton Association Conference INA10

Summer 2004  
Lyon, Lisbon or Lincoln (Nebraska)?  
[http://www.nhm.ac.uk/hosted\\_sites/ina/INA10invites/index.htm](http://www.nhm.ac.uk/hosted_sites/ina/INA10invites/index.htm)



## The XIth International Palynological Congress

July 4 - 9, 2004.  
Granada, Spain

## Geological Society of America National Meeting

November 7-10, 2004  
Denver, Colorado  
[www.geosociety.org/meetings/index.htm](http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/index.htm)

## XVII International Botanical Congress

July 17-23, 2005 in Vienna, Austria

email contact: [botanik@univie.ac.at](mailto:botanik@univie.ac.at)

## 15th International Symposium on Ostracoda

September 2005  
Free University of Berlin  
<http://userpage.fu-berlin.de/~palaeont/iso15/iso15-main.htm>

# AASP/CAP/NAMS MEETING

## JOINT AASP/CAP/NAMS MEETING NIAGARA, OCTOBER 5-8, 2003

A joint meeting of the American Association of Stratigraphic Palynologists, the Canadian Association of Palynologists, and the North American Micropaleontological Section of SEPM will be held in Canada's Niagara Peninsula October 5-8, 2003. The weather tends to remain very pleasant in Niagara through the early part of October (daytime highs in high 50's- low 60's °F) although cool nights produce gorgeous fall colours not much further north. This is harvest time (just before Canadian Thanksgiving) in a region renowned for its vineyards and fruit orchards, and for its wineries and restaurants.

Symposia proposed to date illustrate the interesting dynamic of bringing the three host societies together in a common venue- they include:

**Micropaleontology and Palynology of the Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plains of North America.** Convenor - Peter McLaughlin, Delaware Geological Survey

**Land-Sea Correlation in the Quaternary/ Cenozoic**  
Co-convenors - Alwynne Beaudoin, Provincial Museum of Alberta and Martin Head, Cambridge U.

**Great Lakes Palynology, Paleocology & Archeology**  
Co-convenors - Catherine Yansa, University of Wisconsin- Madison and Sarah Finkelstein, University of Toronto

**Origins and Evolution of Microfossils: links between evolutionary history and paleoenvironmental changes**  
Co-convenors - Paul Falkowski, Miriam Katz, and Oscar Schofield, Rutgers University

**Micropaleontological Applications in Geoarchaeological Studies** Convenor - Eduard Reinhardt, McMaster University

**Pragmatic Palynology- Melissopalynology, Forensic Palynology, etc.** Convenor - John H. McAndrews, University of Toronto

**Micropaleontological Applications in Ecology and Paleocology** Convenor - R. Timothy Patterson, Carleton University

Abstract deadline: May 30, 2003

Proposed pre-conference field trips (Sunday, October 5) include:

**Crawford Lake- Archeology & Paleocology-** 1 day (leader: J.H. McAndrews, U. of Toronto)

**Geology and Wine-** 1 day (leader: E.B. Grant, Brock University)

**Niagara Falls: Geology/History-** ½ day (leader: K.J. Tinkler, Brock University)

**Botany/ biogeography/ birding, St. John's Conservation Area/ Short Hills Provincial Park-** ½ day (leader: S. Varga, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources)

Registration Costs include Opening Mixer, lunch Monday & Tuesday, & 2 coffee breaks each day  
All costs are in Canadian dollars, which results in affordable prices for everyone!

Advanced Registration (deadline June 30, 2003)  
Professional Members of AASP, CAP or NAMS: \$175 (~\$100 US!) (Late/ On-site: \$225)  
Student Members of AASP, CAP or NAMS: \$75 (Late/ On-site: \$100)  
Professional non-members: \$250 (Late/ On-site: \$300)  
Student non-members: \$125 (Late/ On-site: \$150)

1-Day Registration (including on-site)  
Professional Members of AASP, CAP or NAMS: \$75  
Professional non-members: \$125  
Student Members of AASP, CAP or NAMS: \$25  
Student non-members: \$50

We will soon be creating a website linked to the AASP, CAP & NAMS homepages. In the meantime, you can contact: Francine McCarthy ([francine@craton.geol.brocku.ca](mailto:francine@craton.geol.brocku.ca)), Earth Sciences, Brock University, Canada L2S 3A1 (905) 688-5550 X4286

# NAMS NOTES

## MICROFOSSILS AT BERKELEY

Ken Finger has recently assumed position of Microfossils Collections Manager at the University of California Museum of Paleontology in Berkeley. UCMP houses more than 250,000 prepared slides of foraminifera, calcareous nanofossils, diatoms, ostracodes, palynomorphs, and other microfossils. It is the largest collection of micropaleontology from the western United States, and the second largest micropaleontologic collection in North America. UCMP also houses bulk and processed material from an estimated 10,000 localities worldwide, plus millions of sample residues from about 10,000 California oil wells. Foremost among UCMP's extensive reference library is the Loeblich and Tappan collection of more than 25,000 reprints, books, and journals devoted to micropaleontology. Additional information and online searching of the collection is available at [www.ucmp.berkeley.edu](http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu).

## MICROPALEO PROGRAM AT BARCELONA

Esmeralda Caus (Prof. Micropaleontology, Department of Geology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Campus Bellaterra- 08193 Spain, tel: 34 935812031, fax: 34 935811263, e-mail: [esmeralda.caus@uab.es](mailto:esmeralda.caus@uab.es)) would like to give the membership of NAMS a brief description of their departments' activities in Micropaleontology.

### Teaching (in programmed courses) :

- A) General Micropaleontology to undergraduate students (lectures and practical laboratory work);
- B) Larger Foraminifera: applications to biostratigraphy, reconstruction of paleoenvironments and sequence stratigraphy, to the third cycle -MSc and PhD- students (short course comprising lectures, practical laboratory work and field work).

### Researching:

Main subject: Larger foraminifera from the Mesozoic and Cenozoic comprising systematics, biostratigraphy and environmental distribution.

Main areas of work: South Europe, Caribbean and Middle-East.

If you want to know more details about their courses, research, PhD students, field excursions, etc do not hesitate to contact Esmeralda.

## GEUS RELOCATION

Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS) has been relocated. The new address is:

Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS)  
Øster Voldgade 10  
DK-1350 Copenhagen K  
Denmark  
Telephone, fax, and e-mail addresses are unchanged.

At the new address GEUS has become part of Geocenter Copenhagen, a mutual cooperation between the following five independent institutions:

Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS)  
Danish Lithosphere Centre (DLC)  
Geological Institute, University of Copenhagen  
Geographical Institute, University of Copenhagen  
Geological Museum, University of Copenhagen

The aim of the Geocenter is to become a focus of geoscientific research, education, consulting and publishing at high international level. More info about Geocenter Copenhagen, see <http://www.geocenter.dk>

## D. GRAHAM JENKINS REPRINTS AVAILABLE

The National Museum of Wales has given Mike Kaminski all the remaining authors' reprints of papers published by D. Graham Jenkins, who sadly passed away in 1995. I would now like to pass these on to anyone who needs them. Most of Jenkin's articles deal with Neogene planktonic foraminifera from various DSDP and ODP legs. If anyone would like to have a set of the collected reprints of D. G. Jenkins, they should write to me at:

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The complete set consists of about 15 articles.

## STRATOTYPE UPDATE

W.A. Berggren would like to pass along an update on activities at Rutgers Department of Geology on their studies in Egypt that may be of interest to NAMS membership.

After a decade of integrated magnetobiostratigraphic and stable isotope studies in lower paleogene stratigraphic sections around the world in search of a suitable global boundary stratotype section and point (GSSP) for the paleocene/eocene boundary under the leadership of Dr. Marie-Pierre Auby (professor of geology and stratigraphy at Rutgers University), the Dababiya section in the central Nile Valley, some 25 km south of Luxor has been approved by the voting members of the Paleogene subcommission. Documentation in the form of a number of papers dealing with various aspects of a 4-year study of several Egyptian sections are being prepared for a monograph to be published as a special number of

## NAMS NOTES (cont.)

### MIRIAM KATZ AWARDED AT GSA MEETING

NAMS member, and President Elect, Miriam Katz of Rutgers University, is going to receive the Doris M. Curtis Award from the Geological Society of America at its annual meeting in Denver in October.

### NAMS SPONSORS STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT

NAMS is pleased to sponsor student member Steve Nathan (University of Massachusetts) for a Mobil Foundation student travel grant that will cover Steve's travel expenses to Salt Lake City in May 2003 for the annual AAPG-SEPM meeting. Steve will participate in the student awards poster session, where he will present his dissertation research "The Western Pacific Warm Pool: A Probe of Global Sea Level Change and Indonesian Seaway Closure During the Middle to Late Miocene" with co-author and advisor, Mark Leckie. Steve's research interests in micropaleontology, biostratigraphy, and paleoceanography build on his diverse background in biology (B.S., Springfield College), physics (B.S., UMass), and geology (M.S., UMass). Steve pursued several different careers before turning his attention to microfossils, including high school math and science teacher, planetarium lecturer, hospital chemist, and biochemist at the Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Protection. Congratulations Steve!

## Post Doc Opportunities

### Post-Doctoral, PhD and MSc SCHOLARSHIPS in MICROPALAEONTOLOGY at University of Auckland, New Zealand

Mid-Pleistocene extinction of deep-sea foraminifera:

A collaborative team project involving taxonomic and quantitative stratigraphic studies, time-series analyses, and climate proxy studies, aimed at documenting the global timing, architecture, extent and causes of this event during the mid Pleistocene climate transition. Studies will be based on ODP core samples from the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans. A 2-3 year post-doctoral fellowship or two 3 year PhD scholarships, plus two one year MSc scholarships, are available starting early in 2003.

Mid-Pleistocene extinction of deep-sea ostracoda:

A one year MSc scholarship is offered to investigate possible ostracod extinctions in the deep-sea, coincident with the known foraminiferal extinctions. Starting early 2003 or 2004. Tenable at either Auckland or Canterbury Universities, New Zealand.

Foraminiferal record of human impact on the coastal marine environment or foraminiferal record of holocene

seismic displacement history of new zealand coastal regions:

Collaborative team projects involving quantitative analysis of benthic foraminiferal faunas in Holocene cores and surface samples in coastal lagoons and estuaries around New Zealand. A 3 year PhD or a one year MSc scholarship is available on one of the above topics, starting early in 2003 or 2004.

Value and timing: Post-doctoral fellowship valued at NZ\$45000 p.a. Scholarships valued at NZ\$20000 p.a. (PhD) and NZ\$10 000 (for MSc research year only), to support students enrolled for a PhD or MSc in Geology at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. Funding does not include MSc or PhD enrolment fees (c. NZ\$3 500 p.a. for citizens of NZ, Australia, France and Germany; c. NZ\$18 000 all other countries).

Preferred background for Post-doctoral candidates: A solid PhD, and possibly a publication record, with a significant component of foraminiferal taxonomy, preferably deep-sea benthic foraminifera (but not essential). Preferred background for PhD candidates: A strong MSc or BSc(Hons) degree in geology or marine ecology, preferably including some foraminiferal studies. Preferred background for MSc candidates: A strong BSc degree in geology and or biology. Familiarity with foraminiferal and/or ostracod assemblages would be an advantage.

Expression of Interest: Applicants should initially email their interest, with a brief academic CV, and email addresses of two academic referees; to Dr Bruce Hayward at [b.hayward@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:b.hayward@auckland.ac.nz), NO LATER than December 10th 2002.

More information: Available from Bruce Hayward, Room 1006, Dept of Geology, University of Auckland, Private Bag 92 019, Auckland, New Zealand, ph: NZ 09-373 3799 ext.7608, or by email

### POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH POSITION, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

The Dept. of Geological Sciences and The Institute of Coastal and Marine Sciences at Rutgers University invites applications for a post-doctoral research position to work on the evolution and radiation of marine phytoplankton in the Mesozoic. The applicant should have strong skills in micropaleontology and paleoecology. The successful applicant will join an interdisciplinary team funded by NSF through a Biocomplexity grant. Details of the research program can be found at [http://marine.rutgers.edu/ebme/html\\_docs/project\\_Biocomplex.html](http://marine.rutgers.edu/ebme/html_docs/project_Biocomplex.html)

Send curriculum vitae and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Paul Falkowski, IMCS, Rutgers University, 71 Dudley Rd., New Brunswick, NJ 08540.



**2002 Geological Society of America Annual Meeting**  
**October 27-31**  
**Denver, Colorado**

*Selected Highlights*

**Micropaleontological Applications to Problems of Urbanization**

Tuesday, October 29, 2002, Session No. 171  
1:30 PM-5:30 PM, Colorado Convention Center: A111/109

**NAMS-SEPM MARINE MICROPALaeONTOLOGY RESEARCH GROUP**

**announces its first GSA workshop**

Monday 5:00-7:00, October 28, 2002  
Colorado Convention Center room A109/111



*featuring*

Mid-Cretaceous Oceanic Anoxic Events and Plankton Evolution  
by Mark Leckie (University of Massachusetts)



**Cushman Foundation Award Ceremony Reception**

Tuesday, October 29, 2002, 7:00 PM-11:00 PM, Hyatt: Moulin Rouge

## MEETING NEWS

### **MARINE MICROPALaeONTOLOGY RESEARCH GROUP MEETING ROOM CHANGE**

The NAMS/SEPM Marine Micropaleontology workshop at Denver GSA has been moved to Room A109/111 in the convention center (NOT A201 or A205, our previous two locations). Please join us for beer, nachos, and Mark Leckie's talk "Mid-Cretaceous Oceanic Anoxic Events and Plankton Evolution", followed by discussion. This room is on the other side of the convention center from our original locations, so please check with others to see if they know.

### **THREE HONORED AT INTERNATIONAL NANNOPLANKTON ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN PARMA, ITALY.**

The INA 9 (Parma) Conference abstracts volume was dedicated to Katharina von Salis, on the occasion of her retirement, in recognition of her many years of 'service' to the nannoplankton community, her astounding publication record, and her numerous and varied vocal contributions to six of the previous eight meetings.

The volume was also dedicated to Bill Siesser, to mark his 'retirement' as INA bibliographer at the end of this year, to thank him for his 13 years of dogged recording of nanno-related references, which he tracked down both on foot and through the ether, and for always having the lists ready well in time for the Journal. He is going to be a very hard act to follow!

And, finally, it was also dedicated to Bo Hamrsmid, who is

stepping down as the INA's Technical Editor, his last link with the world of nannoplankton. Whilst the Editor generally flies by the seat of her pants when it comes to getting the JNR into shape, and never sticks to her own deadlines, Bo has always managed to remain professional and calm, getting the thing printed and posted with the minimum of fuss - a perfect team

### **GCSSEPM FOUNDATION BOB F. PERKINS RESEARCH CONFERENCE**

SEQUENCE STRATIGRAPHIC MODELS FOR EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION:  
Evolving Methodology, Emerging Models and Application Case Histories

22nd Annual GCSSEPM Foundation Bob F. Perkins  
Research Conference  
Adam's Mark Hotel, Houston  
December 8-11, 2002

The 2002 Bob F. Perkins Conference will bring together petroleum industry and research scientists from academia to share examples of applications of sequence stratigraphic analysis at exploration and production scales using a spectrum of data types from basins worldwide.

Abstracts, a complete program, and registration forms are on-line at [www.gcssepm.org](http://www.gcssepm.org)

## RADWORLD UPDATE

We are pleased to announce the posting of the second installment of genera, taken from the relational database RadWorld, on the web site of the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris (<http://www.mnhn.fr/mnhn/geo/radworld/radworldsite/radsearch.html>). The web site now includes the descriptions of about 400 genera, their type species (most with an illustration) and their subsequent emendations. We expect to have about 500 genera on the site by the end of the year.



In recent months we have been concentrating on Paleozoic and Mesozoic genera and wish to thank, in particular, Beth Carter for forwarding electronic copies of her generic descriptions to us. We are also very grateful for the use of Patrick De Wever's extensive library of Paleozoic and Mesozoic reprints. Many thanks also to the numerous site visitors who sent suggestions that are currently being tested.

The fundamental database, RadWorld, continues to grow and currently contains references to the original descriptions and type species of 2526 genera and the original descriptions of about 6200 species of Radiolaria. We think that we have included almost all described genera and about 90% of all published papers. There are, of course, many more species that have been described in the literature. All taxonomic information prior to 1860 has been entered. Taxonomic data is partially complete up to 1930. However, all type species described both before and after 1930 have been entered. Complete references to 4249 papers pertaining to Radiolaria can also be found in the database.

We invite your comments about the usefulness of this site ([catherine@nigrini.net](mailto:catherine@nigrini.net) or [caulet@cimrs1.mnhn.fr](mailto:caulet@cimrs1.mnhn.fr)). We would certainly like to be made aware of any errors or omissions. We continue to translate much of the German, Russian and Italian literature into English, but would welcome any translations you may have made. In addition, we have scanned and cleaned a great deal of the older literature, including Haeckel, 1887. We hope to be able to make the electronic version of Haeckel 1887 available to the radiolarian community in the near future. Finally, we would welcome electronic copies of radiolarian genera and/or species descriptions you have published. This would decrease our workload enormously and advance the building of the entire database.

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## IPA DATABASE

The International Palaeontological Association currently hosts three databases: the Directory of Paleontologists of the World, the Directory of Fossil Collections of the World, and PaleoLink. Links to all three databases can be found on the IPA web site

(<http://ipa.geo.ukans.edu/>). We hope all who receive this newsletter will open the web site and enter information about themselves, their collections, and their paleontological web sites.

The Directory of Paleontologists is a searchable database that contains self-entered data listing professional and contact information for paleontologists around the world. The Directory of Paleontologists provides contact information for individual paleontologists as well as detailed professional information, including taxa studied and their corresponding ages and geographic regions, and individual academic specialties. Both professional and amateur paleontologists are encouraged to submit entries to the Directory of Paleontologists (<http://ipa.geo.ukans.edu:591/Directory/>).

The Directory of Fossil Collections is a searchable database that contains self-entered data describing a variety of aspects of fossil collections from around the world. The Directory of Fossil Collections provides contact information for collection personnel as well as detailed information about individual collections, including a listing of taxa and eras represented by the collection, general and specific emphases of the collection, methods of curation, and related publications. Curators and collection managers of fossil collections are encouraged to submit entries to the Directory of Fossil Collections (<http://ipa.geo.ukans.edu:591/Fossil/>).

PaleoLink is a searchable database of self-entered data concerning paleontology-related web sites. PaleoLink provides a dynamic list of links allowing users to more easily find those sites that match their particular interests. Anyone responsible for the creation or maintenance of a paleontological web site is encouraged to submit an entry to PaleoLink (<http://ipa.geo.ukans.edu:591/PaleoLink/>).

Greater participation in this project will help make these databases more useful and beneficial on-line resources. Please visit the IPA web site and enter your data into the appropriate databas

## MICROSUPPLIES

There has been a suggestion that it would be useful for the NAMS website to serve as a central location for members to share information concerning where they buy various micropaleo supplies such as paper slides, picking trays, brushes, etc. The web master agrees with this idea. To see if a sufficient interest exists, I would like to solicit from the members information on where they buy their supplies. Listings of favorite suppliers (company name, mailing address, web address, etc.) and the discipline specific materials they sell would be of interests. If there is significant input, I will post them to the NAMS website, ready for anyone to access.

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Leg	Region	Co-Chiefs	Dep. Port	Date	Objectives
206	Fast Spreading Crust	D. Teagle D. Wilson	Balboa	Nov 6	To recover a complete section of the upper oceanic crust
207	Demerara Rise	J. Erbacher D.C. Mosher	Barbados	Jan 13	To recover continuous samples from expanded sections at shallow burial depths of Cretaceous- and Paleogene-age deep-sea sediments that contain records of extreme environmental events.
208	Walvis Ridge	D. Kroon J. Zachos	Rio de Janeiro	Mar 8	To APC/XCB core six sites in a depth transect targeting the upper Cretaceous and early Cenozoic pelagic chalks and oozes on Walvis Ridge
209	MAR Peridotite	P. Kelemen E. Kikawa	San Diego	May 9	To sample the upper mantle in a magma-starved portion of a slow spreading ridge
210	Newfoundland Margin	J.-C. Sibuet B. Tucholke	Bermuda	Jul 10	To study the composition and subsidence history of the stratigraphic sequence above basement and igneous/tectonic basement contact on the Newfoundland margin

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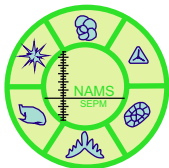
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