

## Sub commission for the European Quaternary Stratigraphy (SEQS)

Report of the meeting held in Cairns, at the INQUA Congress on Monday 30th July 2007

### Topics discussed:

1. Publication of previous meetings
2. Meeting 2008 in Rennes, France
3. New members of the SEQS
4. Future activities of the SEQS
5. Web site
6. Other matters

1. The President briefly reported the state of art of the publications of the previous meetings of the SEQS. In particular there are 2 volumes that are now in print on *Quaternary International*. The first volume hosts the Proceedings of the combined FLAG (Fluvial Archive Group)-SEQS Meeting devoted to "*Fluvial Architecture and Dynamics in Rising Mountain Chain and related Basins; tectonic, climatic influence and human impact*" that held in Siena in September 2004 (eds, Coltorti M. & Pieruccini P.L.). The second volume will host the Proceedings of the Meeting that was held in Bern, in September 2005 (eds, Preusser F. & Ravazzi C.). Also in preparation is a volume devoted to the Meeting of the SEQS that was held in Milano, Italy in September 2006 "*Quaternary Stratigraphy and evolution of the Alpine Region in a European and global framework*". The contributions have been just sent to the Editors.
2. The next meeting of the SEQS is scheduled to be held in Rennes, North Western France, 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> of September 2008. It will be coordinated by Prof. J.P.Lefort and J.L.Monnier. Preliminarily, the Meeting will be composed of two or three days of Oral and Poster presentation followed by 3 days of field trip. Two days excursion will take place in Brittany while the last day will be devoted to a short visit to the loess and fluvial terrace sequences in Normandy, coordinated by Prof.J.P.Lautridou and Prof.Pierre Antoine.
3. The SEQS welcome some new members. In particular, Prof. G.Cuenca-Bescos and B. Martinez Navarro for Spain and Prof. B. Marcovich for Serbia.
4. Phil Gibbard briefly illustrated the new website of the SEQS ([www.inqua-seqs.org](http://www.inqua-seqs.org)) that is now on-line hosted by the University of Cambridge. The site is under construction and some part will be soon improved and completed. It has be requested that all the Full Members will send a brief CV and their photo to Phil Gibbard ([plg1@cam.ac.uk](mailto:plg1@cam.ac.uk)) in order to provide more information on the activities of the members of the SEQS. We also kindly ask to all the members to provide any information, as soon as possible, on the Congresses that will be held at national level regarding topic of Quaternary interest.

A further, more important contribution, will be the dissemination of request to fill a series of forms devoted to important sites or sequences that in any way are significant for the construction of a framework of the Quaternary of Europe. A form will be soon prepared by the President and disseminated to be improved among the

Full Members before it will be made available to everybody on the web site. Any site or sequence of interest for the Quaternary of Europe could be later described by more than one author that have to report his own interpretation and the data that sustain eventual different perspectives. The aim is to accumulate ready available information, State by State, to contribute to the creation of a general European framework.

5. Cesare Ravazzi presented a brief report of the activities of the Working Group on the Circum-alpine areas. This Group was created during the SEQS Congress in Bern and continued his activities during the SEQS that was held in Milano. The aim of the Group is to investigate the problems still to be solved of the Alpine areas, analogies and differences from one sector to another. This will help to understand in which the sectors and activity more detailed investigation are needed. It will also constitute a way of exchange expertise not available at national level. Further Meetings are expected in a near future with the aim to provide a full report and an advance of the knowledge for the next INQUA congress that will be held in Bern in 2011.

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