



## Minutes of the SEQS business meeting 26 July, 2011, INQUA-2011 Bern, Switzerland

### Agenda

1. **Brief overview of the inter congress period 2007-2011**
2. **Change of board.**
3. **Program and theme(s) for the next inter congress period**

#### **Ad. 1.**

Mauro Coltorti gives a brief overview of the activities of SEQS during the last inter congress period. During this period three annual meetings were held:

- **2008:** Differences and similarities in Quaternary Stratigraphy between Atlantic and continental Europe, 22-27 September, Rennes (France). Main organiser: Jean-Pierre Lefort. Proceedings of this meeting are published in *Quaternary International*, volume 231, Issues 1-2 (2011), pages 1-116 and edited by Jean-Pierre Lefort, Guzel Danukalova, Jean-Laurent Monnier
- **2009:** The Quaternary of southern Spain a bridge between Africa and the Alpine domain, 28 September - 3 October, Orce (Spain). Main organiser: Bienvenido Martinez-Navarro.
- **2010:** Quaternary stratigraphy and paleontology of the southern Russia: connections between Europe, Africa and Asia, 21-26 June, Rostov-on-Don (Russia). Main organizer: Vadim Titov, Alexey Tesakov

At the end of 2009 the SEQS members have decided to rename the organization into *Section on European Quaternary Stratigraphy (SEQS)*. By doing this the organization follows the INQUA requirements for (sub)groups which form part of the main commissions. In this case the Commission on Stratigraphy and Geochronology (SACCOM). The new name is formally in use since 1 January 2010

#### **Ad. 2**

Mauro Coltorti has resigned after being president for two periods. We all owe him many thanks for the efforts he made and the initiatives he undertook. We are also pleased that Markus Fiebig (Vienna) is willing to take the task of secretary for the next period.

As a result of these changes the newly installed board for the next inter congress period is formed by:

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#### **Ad. 3**

A main priority of SEQS is to focus on the links and correlation of regional stratigraphical classifications and pan-European stratigraphical correlations. With respect to this we think that during the next inter congress period attention should be paid to Quaternary stratigraphical research in central and SE Europe, land-sea correlations and further elaboration of a framework that enhances the integration of pan-European correlations.



The next annual meetings are scheduled as follows:

- **2012, Sardinia** (Italy): At the edge of the sea: sediments, geomorphology, tectonics, and stratigraphy in Quaternary studies. 26-30th, September 2012. Place of venue: Sassari. This meeting will be organised by Mauro Coltorti (Siena), Pascucci Vincenzo (Sassari) and Paolo Pirazzoli (CNRS, Lab. Géographie Physique – Meudon).
- **2013, Constanta** (Rumania). This meeting will focus of the lower end of the Danube and the stratigraphy of exposed sections in the cliffs bordering the Black Sea. The meeting will be organized by Dr. Radan and colleagues of the Romanian Geocomar Institute. More information will be given later.
- **2014, Ekatarinburg** (Russia, tentatively scheduled). The meeting will deal with Quaternary biostratigraphy and biochronology of the West Siberian plain: trans-regional and trans-zonal correlations. The meeting will be organized by Alexandr Borodin of the Institute of Plant and Animal Ecology the Ural Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences.

Furthermore there are ideas and offers for meetings to be organized in Hungary (Erzebeth Horvath), Serbia (Slobodan Markovic), Finland and other places thorough out Europe and even North Africa (Tunesia).

Another issue for SEQS is to set up a small working group that could prepare a kind of framework for the formal definition of European-wide stages of the Pleistocene (explicitly not the global units to be defined by ICS). As we all know most stages are not well-defined and we may ask ourselves can we redefine some of the units we have or maybe better is there need for a further regional/European subdivision of the Pleistocene. This idea will be worked out in close cooperation with SACCOM.

A final matter concerns the webpage of SEQS. Phil Gibbard has taken care of it for many years (we owe many thanks to that). Markus Fiebig will take over this task in the course of the next months.

#### **Attendees of the business meeting in Bern:**

Bachura, Olga  
Borodin, Alexandr  
Brugal, Jean-Philip  
Coltorti, Mauro  
Danukalova, Guzel  
Fiebig, Markus  
Gaudenyi, Tivadar

Horvath, Erzebet  
Lefort, Jean-Pierre  
Magyari, Arpad  
Marks, Leszek  
Ravazzi, Cesare  
Westerhoff, Wim