

INTERNATIONAL SUBCOMMISSION ON JURASSIC STRATIGRAPHY

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Since our Newsletter No. 2 was published in February the main activity have been to organize the three working groups, the Lower Jurassic, the Middle Jurassic, and the Upper Jurassic.

Originally, W. BIELECKA was proposed to act as convenor for the Upper Jurassic Working Group together with R. ENAY. Unfortunately, she answered she had decided to retire next year and therefore she proposed K.I. KUZNETSOVA instead, which was accepted on the Frankfurt meeting reported below.

The following are the convenors:

D.T. DONOVAN and A. LORD of the Lower Jurassic Working Group
R.H. BATE and C.-A. MANGOLD of the Middle Jurassic Working Group
R. ENAY and K.I. KUZNETSOVA of the Upper Jurassic Working Group

The organizatory meeting with the convenors of the three working groups took place on the 15th March 1979 in the Senckenberg Museum (Frankfurt am Main, BRD). Participants were A. ZEISS, O. MICHELSEN, D.T. DONOVAN, A. LORD, R.H. BATE, C.-A. MANGOLD, R. ENAY, and R. MOUTERDE.

It was a profitable meeting and we feel the first step has been taken against a productive work in the Subcommission.

It was decided to follow the program given in our Newsletter No. 1 (p. 2). As the first step local tables with bio- and litho-stratigraphic zonations must be established by using all data already available. As far as possible these tables must be published in national papers. As the second step regional correlation of the different kinds of local bio-zonations of step one will be carried out. The regional correlation shall be published in an international paper as Stratigraphic Newsletter.

For organizing the work the convenors have to create tables including chronostratigraphy and "Standard zones" and to define their use of the stratigraphic terms.

The Aalenian question was discussed and it was decided at present to place the Aalenian stage within the Middle Jurassic. A final decision will be taken in Paris (1980) by a discussion and a voting in the Subcommittee.

The proposed list of members of the three working groups were accepted as preliminary, and the convenors will in the annual report (deadline the 1st October) present a complete list.

Of all persons proposed as members/correspondents of the Subcommittee only two, PAVIA and EMAMI, have not yet answered even more letters have been mailed. As it might be because of lack of interest, lack of time etc. we now have considered the Subcommittee as fully constituted (enclosure No. 1).

In Newsletter No. 2 we proposed to establish a list of the names and addresses of the specialists of different fossil groups in the Jurassic all over the world. We got two positive responses and no negative response on this proposition. This is the background for us to take the initiative of establishing a list of Jurassic Stratigraphy Workers of the World. As Enclosure No. 2 of the present Newsletter you will find a table to fill in with names of persons working on special topics. We will ask you to do so (at least for your own country or area concerned to you) and supplement it with a list of addresses, and send it to us as soon as possible, - deadline the 15th September 1979. Then before the end of the year we will create a catalogue on Jurassic Stratigraphy Workers. After then we can decide how often to update it. Furthermore, we will ask you to prepare a report (approx. 2 pages) on the activities in the country or the area which you are representing.

A.C. RICCARDI proposed in a letter dated the 26th February 1979 establishment of further working groups, e.g. on geochronology, diastrophisms, and fossil groups. For the time being we feel that there might be enough to do working on the Stratigraphy of the three Jurassic series. The proposition of A.C. RICCARDI may together with hopefully other propositions be discussed during the meeting in Paris (1980).

We will wellcome all propositions and all comments on the content of the Newsletters and on what is going on. To get the Subconunission working and to get a productive work it is necessary that every member / correspondent take actively part in the work. We will treat carefully every proposition, comment etc. On Newsletter No. 2 we have only received response from less than the half of the members / correspondents. In the future we hope to be a more active working group.

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