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IAS WILL ADOPT NEW STATUTES AT THE 17TH ISC IN FUKUOKA

More than 50 years ago, during the International Geological Congress held in Algiers in 1952, the IAS was founded as a ‘de facto’ association, in order to bring together sedimentologists from all over the world in a very flexible but ‘personal’ type of organisation. Given the fact that, in these early years, the IAS was (and still is) run by volunteers, this type of ‘de facto’ organisation had several advantages: limiting administration to the bare minimum, ease of changing statutes and bye-laws, smooth operation and management of the association, etc. But, as time passed, the engagements and responsibilities of the association grew steadily: just think of the contracts (with the consequent financial implications) that IAS concluded with the editor of our journal *Sedimentology*, the engagements IAS took with the *Special Publications* and with *Basin Research*, just to mention a few. The loose and personal bond between IAS as an association and its members holds as an unforeseen and involuntary consequence that IAS Bureau members, who regularly sign contracts, can be held **personally responsible** in case of conflict because **IAS lacks a formal and legal basis**.

Thus, the time has come to re-organise the IAS by converting the original ‘de facto’ association into a ‘legal’ association, according to law. The Bureau has discussed in great depth this transformation and decided that the actual Statutes and Bye-Laws should be moulded into new ‘Articles of Association’ and Bye-Laws. At the same time, some streamlining and updates could be taken into account. In the future, the IAS will take the form of an **international non-profit organisation**, legally based in Belgium and represented by the Bureau and its executive members (i.e., the President, Secretary General and Treasurer). For you, as a member of IAS, nothing changes. But, for the IAS

itself and its Bureau members, this transformation makes a world-of-difference that will enable us to cope with the ever-growing administration and its - sometimes far-reaching- consequences. We, therefore, ask you to carefully read the new 'Articles of Association' in preparation for their adoption at the General Assembly of the IAS on the occasion of the next International Sedimentological Congress to be held in Fukuoka, Japan from 27th August to 1st September, 2006.

On behalf of the IAS Bureau,

Judith A. McKenzie
President of IAS

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General Secretary

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Treasurer

**TEXT OF STATUTES TO BE ADOPTED AT THE
17th ISC IN FUKUOKA**

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

TITLE I

Formation, name, registered office, objectives and period for which the association is formed

Article 1

Between the undersigned, an international non-profit association is formed in accordance with the provisions of Title III of the Belgian Associations and Foundations Act of 27 June 1921, as last amended by the Belgian Act of 2 May 2002.

The name of the Association shall be the «INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SEDIMENTOLOGISTS».

That name shall be used in all deeds, invoices, notices, announcements and other documents issued by the Association, immediately preceded or followed by the wording «Internationale Vereniging zonder Winstoogmerk» [i.e. International Non-Profit Making Association] or by the relevant abbreviation «IVZW», as well as by the address and registered office.

The Association reserves the right to use the abridged name «IAS» in all deeds, invoices, announcements, publications and other documents that are issued by the Association.

Article 2

The registered office of the Association is established in Belgium, at 281 Krijgslaan, B-9000 Gent, Belgium, within the Gent Arrondissement.

The General Assembly is authorised to transfer the registered office of the Association to any other location within the European territory.

The Bureau is authorised to appoint one or more administrative or secretarial positions as required, whether or not within Belgian territory.

Article 3

The objectives of the Association are to facilitate and promote scientific knowledge in the field of sedimentology in the broadest possible international context.

To this end, the Association aims:

- I. to publish research in sedimentology;
- II. to encourage the exchange of scientific results in sedimentology, in particular involving international cooperation;
- III. to promote integration with other scientific disciplines.

In order to achieve the above objectives and activities as defined in the Articles of Association and Bye-Laws, the Association may take any and all initiatives that directly or indirectly relate thereto to help achieve them.

The Association is authorised, in addition, to carry out profitable activities in so far as they agree with the objectives and activities defined above, as well as ancillary thereto in nature, and provided that any profits generated are fully attributed to the achievement of the altruistic objectives pursued by the Association.

Article 4

The Association is formed for an undefined period.

TITLE II Membership

Article 5

The Association distinguishes between Honorary Members, Ordinary Members and Student Members.

The number of Ordinary Members is unlimited, but shall be at least three.

The signing founders are the first Ordinary Members.

All members that were members of the *de facto* association IAS, and do not currently appear as founders, join the IVZW IAS by means of a simple membership statement that can be handed over to the secretariat of the Association in writing or electronically.

The Student Membership is open to persons who have enrolled under the student status at a higher education institute. They are required to produce proof of their student status by means of a certificate of enrolment or by means of a statement provided by their supervisor.

Article 6

Membership of the Association is open to anyone who subscribes to the objectives of the Association.

Each application for membership shall be addressed to the Bureau of the Association and is dealt with by the Treasurer's Office.

The Bureau shall decide on each application for membership at its own discretion. It is not required to provide grounds for its decision with respect to admission or refusal.

Upon joining the Association, the members shall subscribe to the Articles of Association and Bye-Laws and the existing and future rules. In their conduct, the members shall seek guidance in the principles and objectives included in the aforementioned deeds and rules, and undertake to refrain from any action that conflicts with, or may in any manner harm, the objectives of the Association.

Article 7

Ordinary Members and Student Members shall pay an annual membership fee. Honorary Members do not pay an annual membership fee as they are nominated by the Bureau on the basis of their contributions to the Association and the subject of sedimentology.

The amount payable shall be fixed by the Bureau on an annual basis.

Article 8

Each member may resign from the Association at any time, provided that a registered letter is sent to the IAS Treasurer's Office. The Bureau will decide with a simple majority with entrance on January 1st of the following year.

Members who fail to pay their membership fee shall be excluded from the Association.

IAS membership terminates *ipso jure* upon the death of a member.

Members can be excluded from the Association at the General Assembly with a two third majority.

Article 9

Retiring or excluded members and their legal successors cannot claim any part of the assets or net worth of the Association and, consequently, can never claim a refund or compensation for any payments or contributions made.

TITLE III

General Assembly

Article 10

Every 4 years, at an International Sedimentology Congress, an Extraordinary General Assembly is organised by the IAS Bureau and chaired by the IAS President, or, if not available, by a Vice-President, or, if not available, by the

Bureau member having the highest seniority in terms of administration.

The Extraordinary General Assembly may be attended by all the Ordinary Members, all the Honorary Members and all the Student Members of the IAS.

Each of the IAS members has one vote in the Extraordinary General Assembly.

The Ordinary Members, the Honorary Members and Student Members may appoint another member to represent them at the Extraordinary General Assembly, provided they can produce a written proxy. An IAS member cannot represent more than one other IAS member by proxy.

Article 11

An annual General Assembly is organised by the IAS Bureau and chaired by the IAS President, or, if not available, by a Vice-President, or, if not available, by the Bureau member having the highest seniority in terms of administration.

The General Assembly may be attended by all the Ordinary Members, all the Honorary Members and all the Student Members of the IAS.

Each of the IAS members has one vote in the General Assembly.

The Ordinary Members, the Honorary Members and Student Members may appoint another member to represent them at the General Assembly, provided they can produce a written proxy. An IAS member cannot represent more than one other IAS member by proxy.

Article 12

The General Assembly is authorised to amend the Articles of Association and Bye-Laws, to approve the accounts and budgets, and to voluntarily wind up the Association.

The meetings of the General Assembly shall be called whenever required by the Articles of the Association.

The Agenda of the General Assembly shall include the following items (non-exhaustive list):

1. A Report issued by the Bureau with respect to the activities carried out over the past 4 years;
2. Approval of the accounts relating to the past 4 years and the budget for the coming 4 years;

The notification of a General Assembly and an Agenda shall be communicated to all IAS members at the least three weeks before the date of the relevant meeting through the IAS Newsletter.

Members have the right to put additional items on the agenda, in so far as such requests are made by one-twentieth of the membership within 2 weeks from the receipt of the Agenda.

The General Assembly may only discuss items that have been set down on the Agenda.

Article 13

An Extraordinary General Assembly meeting shall be held whenever required by circumstances and in any case when one-fifth of the members make such a request.

The Bureau shall comply with such a request within one month.

Article 14

At the General Assembly any amendments to the Articles of Association and Bye-Laws shall be discussed.

Article 15

The Bureau will prepare a list of the proposed members that qualify for election to the positions within the Bureau and Council for the next 4 years.

The full list of proposed members of the Bureau and Council for the next 4 years shall be published in the Newsletter of the Association in the course of the first quarter of the year preceding the scheduled International Sedimentological Congress, where the Extraordinary General Assembly will be held.

Members of the Association may propose alternative lists to the Bureau up to one year before the scheduled International Sedimentological Congress.

Such an alternative list shall be signed by at least 50 members of the IAS and be approved in writing by the nominees mentioned therein.

If there is no other list proposed by the Ordinary members of the IAS, the list proposed by the Bureau will be accepted and confirmed by the General Assembly. If an alternative list has been proposed, a vote will be taken at the General Assembly and the list receiving the majority of the votes will form the next Bureau and Council.

Article 16

The resolutions of the General Assembly shall be adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast, except for:

- an amendment to the Articles of Association and Bye-Laws
- the voluntary winding-up of the Association
- a change in the objectives of the Association.

With respect to the above items, the General Assembly can only take valid decisions by means of a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, regardless of the number of persons present.

In principle, the vote is by a show of hands. However, the Bureau may decide that a postal or electronic vote be organised.

In the event of a tie, the vote of the chairman or his appointed deputy will be the deciding vote.

Article 17

The minutes of the General Assembly shall be entered into a register that is kept at the registered office of the Association and signed by the Secretary of

the meeting and the President of the IAS.

Each member of the Assembly has the right to inspect the minutes.

The accounts of the Association that are approved by the Extraordinary General Assembly every 4 years will be published in a primary periodical of the Association.

TITLE IV **Administration**

Article 18

The Association is administered by a Bureau consisting of at least 8 administrators. The Bureau calls the General Assembly and is responsible for its organisation.

The Bureau consists of the President, the Past-President, the Vice-President(s), the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Editor(s)-in-chief and the Editor(s) of the periodical 'Sedimentology' and the Publications Secretary.

Article 19

The IAS President, General Secretary and Treasurer will constitute an Executive Committee and represent the Bureau as required.

The President shall be regarded as the managing director of the Association.

The General Secretary administers the affairs of the Association in accordance with the decisions of the Bureau. He/she is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Association, for handling the correspondence and for keeping the reports as stated in the Articles of Association and Bye-Laws of the Association.

The Treasurer keeps the accounts and is responsible for managing the funds of the Association and for making expenditures in accordance with the decisions of the Bureau.

Article 20

The Bureau meets as necessary, but at least once a year.

The meetings are called by the General Secretary, after agreement with the President. The written notices shall be sent out at least one month before the date of the meeting concerned.

Article 21

The members of the Bureau are appointed by the Extraordinary General Assembly for a period of 4 years. They can be dismissed by the Extraordinary General Assembly with a three quarter majority.

Members of the Bureau can resign from the Bureau by a registered letter to the President of the Association. The Bureau will decide by simple majority; the final approval resides with the Extraordinary General Assembly.

Excepting the President, all the members of the Bureau can be re-elected for a second term.

If, in the course of the term of office, the position of General Secretary, Treasurer, Editor-in-Chief or Publications Secretary becomes vacant, in consultation with the Bureau, an acting General Secretary, Treasurer, Editor-in-Chief or Publications Secretary shall be appointed by the President to serve until the next Extraordinary General Assembly.

If, in the course of the term of office, the position of President becomes vacant, the Bureau shall appoint an acting President until the next Extraordinary General Assembly.

Article 22

The Bureau administers the affairs of the Association and represents the Association in each action, whether in or out of court.

The Bureau acts as the petitioner or respondent in all and any legal proceedings and decides whether or not to resort to legal recourse.

The Bureau is authorised to perform all and any acts of management that have not been expressly delegated to it by law or by the present Articles of Association and Bye-Laws.

Individual members of the Bureau are not required to give evidence of any deliberation or authorisation to third parties.

Article 23

The Bureau shall issue Bye-Laws if it deems such necessary and expedient. Bye-Laws shall be approved by the next Extraordinary General Assembly.

Article 24

With respect to third parties, the Association shall only be legally bound by the joint signature of two administrators from within the Bureau.

As regards the financial transactions, however, the Treasurer is authorised to sign alone in so far as those transactions that do not exceed an amount of €50,000.

Article 25

The Bureau can only take valid decisions if the majority of the administrators are present.

The decisions shall be taken by a simple majority.

In the event of a tie, the vote of the President or his appointed deputy shall be the deciding vote, unless in the case of a secret vote. In the latter case, in the event of a tie, the Bureau shall be deemed not to have taken any decision.

Article 26

Each meeting of the Bureau shall be recorded in minutes, which shall be signed by the President and the General Secretary and which shall be entered into a

register assigned for that purpose.

Extracts that have to be produced as well as any and all other documents shall be authenticated by the President and the General Secretary.

In the absence of those administrators, two other administrators from the Bureau may legally sign such documents.

TITLE V

Accounts and budgets

Article 27

The financial year of the Association runs from 1 July until 30 June of the subsequent year.

The Bureau closes the accounts at the end of the financial year, prepares the budget for the coming financial year and submits the accounts to the General Assembly for final approval.

Full accounts and budget for the coming 4 years shall be submitted to the Extraordinary General Assembly for approval.

TITLE VI

Winding-up and liquidation

Article 28

Subject to any winding-up ordered by the court or occurring *ipso jure*, the General Assembly can only decide to wind up the Association if two-thirds of the members holding the right to vote who are present or represented at the General Assembly and, in addition, two-thirds of the members who are present or represented agree to a voluntary winding-up of the Association.

If the number of members holding the right to vote who are present or represented at the General Assembly does not amount to two-thirds, a second General Assembly meeting shall be called in order to deliberate validly, irrespective of the number of members present or represented, provided that a two-third majority agrees to the voluntary winding-up.

In the case of voluntary winding-up, the General Assembly or, in its absence, the competent courts of the jurisdiction ('arrondissement') in which the registered office of the Association is established, shall appoint one or more liquidators. It shall also determine their powers as well as the terms and conditions of the liquidation.

After the liabilities have been settled, the assets shall be transferred to an association whose objects are most similar to those of the Association.

TITLE VIII
Final provisions

Article 29

All that is not expressly dealt with or provided for in the present Articles of Association and Bye-Laws shall be governed by the applicable legal provisions of Belgian law with respect to an international non-profit association, the internal rules, if any, and the relevant practices.

For ratification purposes, the present Articles of Association shall be submitted to the competent Belgian authorities in the form of a Belgian Royal Decree.

This document has been drawn up and unanimously approved by the IAS Bureau and is signed by the Executive Committee.

One copy is for the Administration of the Belgian Official Journal, and one for the Debates Register of the General Assembly.

Done in, on

(The founders: name, address and signature)

IAS Postgraduate Grant Scheme

IAS has established a grant scheme designed to help PhD students with their studies. We are offering to support postgraduates in their fieldwork, data acquisition and analysis, visits to other institutes to use specialised facilities, or participation in field excursions.

About 10 grants, each of up a maximum of 1000 Euros, are awarded twice a year.

These grants are available for IAS members only, and only for postgraduates. Students enrolled in MSc programs are not eligible for grants. The application must include a short CV and a budget. A letter from the supervisor supporting the application must be sent directly to the Treasurer of the IAS.

An application form is on our website (<http://www.iasnet.org>). Moreover, the application form can be requested from the Treasurer's Office (IAS, Office of the Treasurer, Ghent University, Department of Geology and Soil Science, Krijgslaan 281/S8, B-9000 Gent, Belgium; E-mail: *Patric.Jacobs@UGent.be*)

Application deadlines: 1st session: March 31
2nd session: **September 31**

Recipient notification: 1st session: before June 30
2nd session: **before December 31**

CALENDAR

SEDIMENT2006

4th Annual Conference of the Central European Section of SEPM

7-9 June, 2006
University of
Göttingen,
Germany

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CLIMATE AND BIOTA OF THE EARLY PALEOGENE

June 12-16, 2006
Bilbao,
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POLISH SEDIMENTOLOGICAL CONFERENCE SEDIMENTATION IN FORELAND BASINS

June 22-23, 2006
(including field-trips
June 21-26)
Zwierzyniec, Poland
(field trips also in
Ukraine)

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17TH INTERNATIONAL SEDIMENTOLOGICAL CONGRESS*

August 27 –
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CARBONIFEROUS CONFERENCE COLOGNE 2006 FROM PLATFORM TO BASIN. A RESEARCH FIELD CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY SEPM-CES

September 4-10, 2006
Cologne,
Germany

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3RD MID-EUROPEAN CLAY CONFERENCE MECC'06

September 18-22, 2006
Opatija,
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SEA LEVEL CHANGES: RECORDS AND MODELING * (SEALAIX'06)

Convenors : G.Camoin (CNRS, Aix-en-Provence, France), A. Droxler (Rice University, Houston, USA), C. Fulthorpe (Univ. of Texas, USA), K. Miller (Rutgers University, USA)

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2ND INTERNATIONAL EVAPORITE CONFERENCE
(IN ASSOCIATION WITH 12TH ADIPEC)

7-8 November 2006
Abu Dhabi,
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4TH INTERNATIONAL LIMNOGEOLOGICAL CONGRESS *

July 11-14, 2007
Barcelona
Spain

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25TH MEETING OF SEDIMENTOLOGY
(SEDIMENTOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT) *

September 4-7, 2007
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