

The Newsletter of the International Association of Sedimentologists

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Dear IAS Members,

Welcome to the April 2020 issue of the IAS Newsletter. Highlights in this issue:

- Extension of the nomination deadline for the Johannes Walther, Early-Career Scientist Awards and Sun Shu Prizes.
- A recent transitional deal between JISC and Wiley enables researchers at 138 UK institutions to publish Open Access in IAS journals at no direct cost!
- An introduction to the newly initiated Seds Online initiative.
- The opening of applications for the IAS MSc Fieldwork, Postgraduate, Postdoctoral and Institutional Grants.

During these unprecedented times, the IAS continues to support our community. Our small office staff is home working to ensure our members continue to receive the support that they expect from the IAS. Likewise, members of the Bureau continue to integrate their voluntary IAS duties with new remote-teaching and other work commitments.

I encourage you to distribute this newsletter amongst those of your colleagues who have yet to realise the benefits of membership of the IAS.

On behalf of the Society, I wish you and your families continued safety and good health.

Stephen Lokier, *General Secretary*

A message from Daniel Ariztegui, President of the IAS

Dear IAS members,

Many things have rapidly changed since our last Newsletter. As we announced in the last edition, the 35th International Meeting of Sedimentology, to be held in Prague has been re-scheduled to the end of June 2021 (22nd-24th). We warmly thank the local organisers for their swift and efficient response to the pandemic.

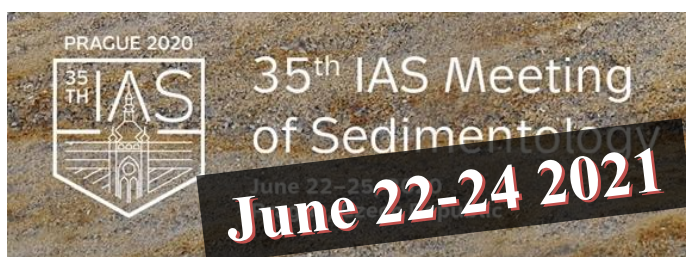
Some spring deadlines have been also shifted and nominations for several IAS Awards and Prizes have now been extended (see details later in this newsletter). Please check our website and do not miss your chance to recognise an individual whose excellence and leadership has significantly advanced the field of sedimentology.

Despite this exceptional situation, we have not changed our commitment to serve members to the very best of our ability. Thus, we are now sponsoring the new Seds Online initiative that promotes meeting and chatting with colleagues remotely in observance of social distancing mandates as well as attending talks and seminars delivered by prominent specialists from the field of sedimentology. Do not miss this exciting opportunity!

We are grateful for your support and understanding during these unusual times, and we wish all of you good health and brilliant sedimentology!

Daniel Ariztegui, President of the IAS

Reminder, dates for the 35th IMS, Prague Czech Republic!



As announced in the last newsletter, the Prague IMS has been rescheduled to the 22nd – 24th of June, 2021.

Get those dates into your diary right now – we have a feeling 2021 is going to be a busy summer!

Details of the rescheduling, program and other information are available on the [meeting website](#).

See you in Prague in 2021!

Introducing Seds Online!

Seds Online is an exciting new initiative that provides an interactive, adaptable and accessible online platform for anyone with an interest in the field of sedimentology. Seds Online welcomes members at any career stage, from both industry and academia!



Seds Online will help;

- facilitate greener meetings by reducing unnecessary travel,
- keep sedimentologists connected between continents, geographically isolated areas and time zones,
- businesses and academics communicate, collaborate and innovate.

Seds Online currently hosts weekly Webinars on a range of subjects within the broad field of Sedimentology. These are recorded and made available for free to the members of the Seds Online community. Informal Coffee Breaks in 3 different time zones promote local and international support and collaboration, forums are available for discussion and a newly initiated teaching resources library is growing nicely.



We are delighted to announce that Seds Online shall be hosting the 2 day IAS sponsored [Carbonate Forum](#) meeting in early May, details can be found on the [Carbonate Forum website](#).

Seds Online is free to join and is open to all with an interest in Sedimentology. This is possible thanks to generous sponsorship from the International Association of Sedimentologists (IAS).

[Register with Seds Online for free here](#) and follow us on Twitter [@Seds_Online](#)

Exciting News from our journals for UK researchers and libraries.



[@wileyinresearch](#) has recently agreed a major transitional deal with JISC. This means researchers at 138 UK institutions can now publish Open Access in *The Depositional Record*, *Basin Research* and *Sedimentology* at no direct cost. More details can be [found here!](#)

For a quick overview of the latest issues of **Sedimentology**, **Basin Research** and **The Depositional Record**, follow these links:

- **Sedimentology**: directly at [Wiley](#) or via the [IAS website](#) (after login) for member access
- **Basin Research**: directly at [Wiley](#) or via the [IAS website](#) (after login) for member access
- **The Depositional Record**: directly at [Wiley](#) or via the [IAS website](#)

You can also keep track of all newly published articles on the continuously updated [members-only News Timeline](#) on the IAS website.

Membership has many BENEFITS

Membership of the IAS provides benefits to you and to our community via the many and diverse sponsorship schemes of the IAS.

You can find a complete list of the benefits of membership on the IAS [website](#).

You can make a significant saving by becoming a full member for 5 years at a cost of only €100 or, for those of a younger persuasion (!), why not consider taking out a lifetime membership?

When renewing, please consider helping us reduce our environmental footprint by opting-out of receiving printed copies of *Sedimentology*. Choose this option under the Membership section of *My Profile* on the IAS web site – as well as the environmental aspect, all money saved on printing is, of course, ploughed back into the sponsorship activities of the IAS.

STUDENT	FULL
10€	25€
INCLUDED	INCLUDED
1 Year IAS Membership	1 Year IAS Membership
Online Sedimentology, Basin Research, SP's older than 5 years	Online Sedimentology, Basin Research, SP's older than 5 years
Travel Grants, Postgraduate Grants	Post-doctoral Grants, Institutional Grants
Reduction for IAS Conferences, Printed SP's	Reduction for IAS Conferences, Printed SP's
Members Directory, Additional Content, Newsletter	Members Directory, Additional Content, Newsletter
OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
Printed Sedimentology +10€	Multiple years at reduced fee
Online Petroleum Geology +45€	Printed Sedimentology +10€
Online + Printed Petroleum Geology +50€	Online Petroleum Geology +45€
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Nominations deadline extended to 31st May for the:

**IAS Johannes Walther Award
IAS Early-Career Scientist Award
IAS Sun Shu Prizes**

In recognition of the severe disruptions to our working practises, we are happy to announce an extension to the deadline to nominate colleagues for the [Johannes Walther, Early-Career Scientist Awards](#) and [Sun Shu Prizes](#) of the IAS.

These awards offer a chance to recognise and honour those in our community that have significantly advanced the field of Sedimentology.

The Early-Career Scientist Award is awarded to recognise contributions and potential of outstanding early-career scientists working in any area of sedimentology. The award is also given once every 2 years.

The Johannes Walther Award is awarded to scientists at any stage in their career who are considered to have made a significant impact in the field of sedimentology. The award is given once every 2 years.

The new IAS Sun Shu Prizes are awarded to recognise outstanding work in the field of sedimentology. Candidates shall be Full Members of the IAS aged between 35-45 years old at the date of the submission deadline. The prizes are awarded every two years to:

- I. A Chinese scientist (SUN SHU Prize China) and
- II. An international scientist (SUN SHU Prize International).

The award consists of prize money of €1,300 EUR and the SUN SHU medal. Winners will also be offered full membership of IAS for 2 years. Full details of all prizes, together with nomination guidelines can be found [here](#).



Follow the IAS journals on Twitter

All of the journals of the IAS are now active on Twitter.

Stay up to date on the latest happenings in @sedimentology by following the IAS journals:

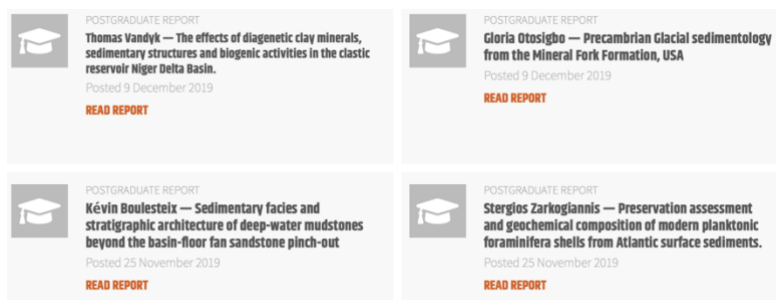
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Grant Reports on the IAS web site



The IAS supports postgraduate and post-doctoral scientists via our grant schemes.

You can read all present and past Grant Reports from IAS members who have benefited from [Post-Doctoral](#) or [Post-Graduate](#) grants [here](#).

IAS Special Lecture Tour report

Chris Fielding visits Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos, Brazil

From November 4th to 5th, Unisinos University received Professor Christopher Fielding from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Professor Fielding, who came to give a talk to the Geology graduate and undergraduate students, is considered one of the leading leaders in the area of sedimentology, besides that, he has a vast experience in the study of shallow, continents, coastal and marine deposit systems focusing on the exploration of mineral resources such as hydrocarbons and coal.



The lecture 'The end-Permian mass extinction from a high southern palaeolatitude perspective' focused on the results of years of research in continental deposits of the Sydney Basin, in Australia. "The evidence of the end-Permian mass extinction in continental depositional environments point out the deforestation as one of the main causes of the fauna changes between the Permian-Triassic passage, 252 Ma", explained Prof. Fielding. The IAS Lecture at Unisinos had more than 40 students, researchers and professors from Unisinos, Universidade Federal

do Rio Grande do Sul – UFRGS and Universidade Federal do Pampa – Unipampa.

During his stay at Unisinos, Prof. Fielding visited some of the Unisinos facilities and participated in a workshop in which the master and Ph.D. students of the Geology Graduate Program presented their research.

Veja Também

Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos – Unisinos, São Leopoldo-RS, Brazil

These activities were published in Portuguese on the Unisinos website:
<http://www.unisinos.br/noticias/eventos/aula-magna-da-geologia>

IAS Regional Correspondents

IAS [Regional Correspondents](#) regularly post news on all things sedimentological via the IAS web site.

Check out the [News Feed](#) to see what is happening in your local community. At this link you will also be able to select your correspondent and even elect to receive information from multiple correspondents.

IAS [Regional Correspondents](#) are IAS Members who have volunteered to act as a representative between sedimentologists in their region and the IAS. If you know of any sedimentology events going on in your region, then please get in touch with your Regional Correspondent and let them know.

Similarly, if your region lacks a Regional Correspondent ([see the map here](#)) and you would like to propose an IAS Member (Full or Student), or yourself, for this position then please send an email to the [General Secretary](#).

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Call for applications for the Judith McKenzie Field Work Award (Autumn 2020 Session)

The [Judith McKenzie Field Work Award](#) aims to promote sedimentological field observations for the newest generation of Earth Scientists – MSc Students.

Up to 5 awards of €300 each, will be awarded twice per year to IAS student members. Since the award is only available for MSc students, proof of student status will be required. The awardee shall also receive a one-year IAS student membership, upon submission of their MSc thesis.

Applicants should apply for the Judith McKenzie Field Work Award via the [IAS website here](#). The application requires submission of a grant proposal (written by the student) with budget and CV (template provided on the submission webpage), and a signed letter of recommendation from the student's supervisor.

Application deadline for the Autumn 2020 Session is **30th September 2020**.



Call for applications for IAS Post-Doctoral Research Grants (Autumn 2020 Session)

[IAS Post-Doctoral Research Grants](#) are intended as a seed to assist Early-Career post-doctoral researchers in either establishing a proof of concept, in order to support applications to national research funding bodies, or to fund areas of a project that were not included in the original project scope.

Up to 4 grants, each to a maximum of €2,500, are awarded twice per year to Early Career IAS members.

The application requires submission of a research proposal with budget and CV (template provided on the [submission webpage](#)), and a letter of support from the researcher's supervisor, line manager or Head of School. More details about the application procedure can be found on your membership profile.

Application deadline for the Autumn 2020 Session is **30th September 2020**.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be full members of the IAS.
 - Applicants must have secured their Ph.D. within the previous 7 years.
 - Applicants can only benefit from a Post-Doctoral grant on one occasion.
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Call for applications for Post-Graduate Research Grants (Autumn 2020 Session)

Up to [10 research grants](#), each to a maximum of €1,000, are awarded twice a year to **IAS Post-Graduate Student Members**. This grant scheme is designed to support PhD students in their studies and research. Post-Graduate Research Grants can be used to (co-)finance fieldwork, acquisition and analysis of data, visits to other institutes to use specialized facilities, etc.

Applications must be submitted via the [IAS website](#). Application deadline for the Autumn 2020 Session is **30th September 2020**.

More information about the Post-Graduate Grant Scheme and guidelines on how to apply can be found on your membership profile.

Call for applications for Institutional Grants (Autumn 2020 Session)

Twice a year, IAS awards an [Institutional Grant](#) of maximum 10,000 Euro, which is intended to support capacity building initiatives in less developed countries (LDCs). Grants will allow earth science departments in LDCs to acquire durable sedimentological equipment for teaching and research, or tools that can be used by all geology students. The grant application should thus clearly demonstrate how the grant will increase the recipient's capacity to teach sedimentology at undergraduate level in a sustainable way.

Applications have to be submitted via the [IAS website](#). Application deadline for the Autumn 2020 Session is **30th September 2020**.

More information about the Institutional Grant Scheme and guidelines on how to apply can be found on your membership profile.

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