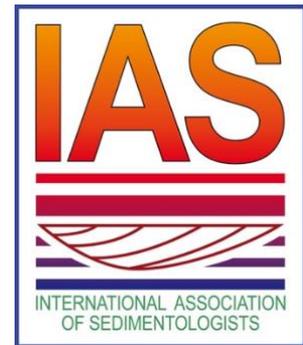


# The Newsletter of the International Association of Sedimentologists

Issue 5, 2020



Dear IAS Members,  
Welcome to the May 2020 issue of the IAS Newsletter.

Highlights in this issue include:

- The very last call for nomination deadline for the Johannes Walther, Early-Career Scientist Awards and Sun Shu Prizes.
- Report on the IAS-sponsored Carbonate Forum.
- Calls for nominations for the EGU Jean Baptiste Lamarck Medal and Outstanding Early Career Scientist Award.

Over the past few months the phrase *social distancing* has been widely and increasingly used to describe what should, perhaps, be more correctly referred to as *physical distancing*. In fact, the COVID-19 pandemic has, in many communities, brought more and more people *socially-together* with people increasingly using on-line tools to regularly 'meet' family, friends and colleagues. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Sedimentology Community. The last few months have seen increasing numbers of on-line webinars, coffee mornings, discussion sessions, conferences and, even, social sedimentology-themed quizzes. It is heartening to know that, at this time of global uncertainty, the Sedimentology Community steps-up to reach out to colleagues around the globe with offers of help, support and collaboration.

Please remember that during the current situation, 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 the challenges of remote-teaching and other work commitments. With this in mind, please be patient if we are a little delayed in responding to your communications.

Please feel free to distribute this newsletter amongst any 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*

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## Reminder, dates for the 35<sup>th</sup> IMS, Prague Czech Republic!



As announced in the last newsletter, the Prague IMS has been rescheduled to the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Meeting report – The Carbonate Forum

***Low carbon, low cost, and inclusive – scientists must help to create the best new-normal for conferences***



Science is an international social endeavour and, before COVID-19, international conferences were major networking events, but only for the few. Those with travel grants, those with time, supported a trillion-dollar industry. The under-representation from many developing countries has been stark for many years, and often the same established scientists were wheeled out for the favoured Keynote spots. In our brave new world all that has changed, but as the tragedy unfolds it is clear that this pandemic may also have created a more level playing field. We have re-shaped the way we work and communicate - at all scales.

Now, what were once planned as small national meetings, have the potential to become inclusive, international gatherings. One such recent meeting - planned in Manchester, UK for early career researchers working on carbonate sedimentology - went viral after the decision was made to go virtual. Within a week, registration had soared to over 700 from expected less than 100 on the ground, and the world then tuned in. As the screens of presenters were shared, data and arguments could be followed closely, and post-talk questions submitted using online chat showed extraordinarily diverse and informed engagement: this produced a level of positive, uninhibited discussion rarely seen.

Virtual conferences are low carbon, low cost, and open to anyone with a computer or even a smartphone. The worth of the service they provide and positive feedback they engender is palpable and confirmed by numerous messages. In creating advantage from adversity, we can all shape the future now and strive for this to be the new-normal.

*Rachel Wood on behalf of the Scientific Committee of The Carbonate Forum*

For those who missed the Carbonate Forum, the two keynote lectures and the vast majority of the presentations were recorded and can be viewed at the [Seds Online website](#).



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## 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:

@JSedimentology, @DepositRecord, @BasinResearch.



## Call for EGU Medal and Award Nominations

EGU's Division on Stratigraphy, Sedimentology and Paleontology (SSP) is currently inviting nominations for their **2021 Jean Baptiste Lamarck Medal** and for the **2021 Outstanding Early Career Scientist Award**.



Full details and nomination guidelines can be found at <https://www.egu.eu/awards-medals/> and <https://www.egu.eu/awards-medals/proposal-and-selection-of-candidates/>

The nomination procedure is simple:

For the **Jean Baptiste Lamarck Medal 2021** – for which the SSP Division is inviting nominations for a **sedimentologist**, this year – the following is needed:

- Nomination letter (1 page)
- CV of the candidate (2 pages)
- List of selected publications (2 pages)
- Between 3 and 5 letters of support (maximum 1 page each)



For the **Outstanding Early Career Scientist Award 2021** (in any of the SSP subdivisions, i.e. stratigraphy, sedimentology or palaeontology):

- Nomination letter (half page)
- CV (1 page)
- Selected bibliography (half page)

The deadline for submissions of nominations is **30<sup>th</sup> June 2020**.

*Marc De Batist*  
SSP Division President

## 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€
<b>INCLUDED</b>	<b>INCLUDED</b>
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
<b>OPTIONAL</b>	<b>OPTIONAL</b>
Printed Sedimentology <b>+10€</b>	Multiple years at reduced fee
Online Petroleum Geology <b>+45€</b>	Printed Sedimentology <b>+10€</b>
Online + Printed Petroleum Geology <b>+50€</b>	Online Petroleum Geology <b>+45€</b>
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## Very last call for nominations!

### 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.

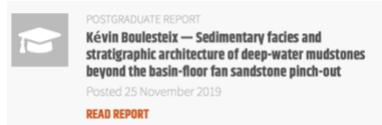
Full details of all prizes, together with nomination guidelines can be found [here](#).

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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](#).



## Reminder 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.

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## 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.

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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](#).

## 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 **30<sup>th</sup> September 2020**.

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## 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 **30<sup>th</sup> 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 **30<sup>th</sup> 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 **30<sup>th</sup> 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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