

# INTERNATIONAL DIVISION NEWSLETTER

Summer 2003

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## *What to Expect at the GSA Annual Meeting in Seattle*

**Poster Booth:** The International Division (ID) will have exhibit booth #340, a 10x10 ft space that will be open during normal exhibit-floor hours. An ID representative will be on hand most of the time. We will have posters depicting ID accomplishments this year, membership information, and announcements about international meetings and activities planned for 2004.

**Reception:** The International Division is planning a grand reception for international visitors, division members, and their guests. The reception is to be held in conjunction with our annual business meeting. The festivities are planned for Tuesday, November 4, from 5:30-7:30 pm, in a location to be announced. A cash bar will be available and light snacks will be provided. Among the items of business:

- The results of the election of ID officers for 2004 will be announced.
- The Distinguished Scientist Award, which was approved by Council as our “Named Award”, will be awarded posthumously to Dr. John Reinemund. We hope that Mrs. Reinemund can be there to accept the award.
- Announcements will be made about two special conferences for 2004 that are in the planning stages by ID members:
  - ✓ “Backbone of the Americas,” an international meeting to be held in Mendoza, Argentina. Contact is Suzanne Mahlburg Kay <smk16@cornell.edu>.
  - ✓ “Geology of the Russian Arctic,” an international meeting to be co-sponsored by the AAPG, and held in Prague. Contact is Pinar O. Yilmaz <pinar.o.yilmaz@exxonmobil.com>.
- Maurice Terman will give us an update on a scholarship fund that he has endowed at the GSA Foundation. Cash awards will underwrite PhD theses or Post-Doc research of scientists in East Asia.

**Program:** The International Division is sponsoring three topical sessions at this year’s GSA Annual Meeting in Seattle:

**T7** "Geologists in the Peace Corps: The Contribution of Peace Corps Geologists to International Development and Contribution of the Peace Corps Experience to the Development of the Geosciences in America". Robert A. Levich, R. Stephen Saunders , and Ernest W. Kendall, co-organizers. Cosponsors, GSA International Division, Association of Geoscientists for International Development, U.S. Peace Corps, Ghana Geological Survey, and U.S. Geological Survey.

**T76** "Present Posture and Future Status of Pacific Atoll Research". John D. Collen and Douglas Edsall, co-organizers. Sponsor, International Division.

**T144** "Tectonics of the Circum-Pacific Rim in Space and Time: Focus on Alaska, Central and South America, and the Western Pacific." Suzanne Mahlburg Kay and Mark Cloos, co-organizers. Cosponsors International Division, U.S. National Committee on the Geological Sciences, Circum-Pacific Council, and GSA Structural Geology and Tectonics Division.

### ***International Division Activities in 2003***

A principal activity of the International Division this year is to provide travel awards to young international scientists to attend the GSA Annual Meeting in Seattle. Following the Division's by-laws, an awards committee was appointed by the division president to select the recipients of these awards. The committee consists of First Vice-President, Mark Cloos, University of Texas, Austin, Texas and Yildirim Dilek, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. The charge to the committee is to select awardees to receive partial support from the International Division Award Fund and the Charles Lum Drake International Grant Fund, which the International Division oversees. Recipients of awards from the Drake Fund and other Drake-type funds are required to be under 40 years old and to be non-citizens of the United States.

The management board gratefully acknowledges the donations made by our membership to assist students and young scientists from outside North America to attend the GSA Annual Meeting in Seattle. The donations were made and are still being received in response to a letter of appeal by the ID President. These funds go into the ID Awards Fund and will help support the many requests we have received from overseas. So far we have 15 requests.

In addition, to help raise funds for international travel requests, "International Travel Grants" was approved by Council to be put on the "GSA Greatest Needs List". This action through a trustee subcommittee identifies potential donors, corporations, foundations, and individuals for raising the needed financial base.

The GSA Council acted in 2002 to sunset the Globalization Review Board and to add a member of the International Division to the current Annual Program Committee. Being no other volunteers, Dean Kleinkopf will fill the 3-year appointment, with approval of Council.

The International Division's Bruce Molina is a candidate for Councilor (2004-2006) in the GSA election being held this August.

Please visit our web page at <<http://www.geosociety.org/secdiv/idiv/index.htm>> for additional International Division information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Kleinkopf and Bruce Molnia, on behalf of the ID Management Board  
20 July 2003

### ***Important – Please Vote!***

The ballot for 2003-04 officers for the International Division is on the following pages. You may print this ballot and return it to GSA by September 30, 2003, or if you prefer, you may vote online at <<http://rock.geosociety.org/balloting/international.asp>> by September 30, 2003. Thank you for taking part in the election of your Division officers.



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