

**Geological Society of America  
International Division Newsletter  
October, 2004**

All members of GSA are, of course, invited, but  
members of the Division and their guests are personally invited to attend the

**Reception and Business Meeting of the International Division  
Noon to 13:15, Monday, November 8, 2004  
Colorado Convention Center, Room 202  
Denver, Colorado**

A stand-up light lunch has been ordered with coffee and tea to drink.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 1) Introduction of Division Officers and Visitors – Mark Cloos
- 2) Report on the Status of the Division – Cloos
- 3) Comments from GSA International Secretary – Sue Kay
- 4) Comments from GSA Council Representative to the ID – Bruce Molina
- 5) Status of plan to create GSA “International Membership Discount” – GSA representative
- 6) Report of the EAGER Project – Ric Terman
- 7) Report/Discussion of the GSA panel on Visas for Foreign Scientists – Melanie Barnes
- 8) Nomination of ID Officer slate for next year
- 9) Formation of subcommittee to identify candidates for Honorary Fellowship/Career Contribution Award - Cloos
- 10) Update on Backbone of the Americas Meeting: Argentina, April 2006 – Kay
- 11) ID Symposium/Theme sessions for 2005 - Cloos
- 12) Discussion of Application Procedure for ID Travel Grant Awards - Cloos
- 13) Recognition of, and comments from the 2004 Travel Grant Awardees
- 14) Comments from newly elected V.P. of IUGS – Eldridge Moores
- 15) Closing remarks

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**Greetings, Members of the International Division:**

This year we are going to try an experiment at the GSA Annual Meeting. In an effort to minimize conflicts with the meetings of other divisions, committees, special events, etc., we are holding the Reception and Business Meeting of the International Division at **noon on Monday**. The agenda is above, and a light, stand-up lunch will be provided. We expect the four scientists who were awarded 2004 travel grants to participate in and enrich this year’s meeting.

By now you should have received the November issue of *GSA Today*. On page 26 there is an article titled “Proposed Statement on Visas for Foreign Scientists and Students.” GSA Council has appointed a panel to prepare a position statement on visa restrictions. This topic will be discussed at our Business Meeting. Another topic for discussion is the GSA plan to create an International Membership discount. The tentative plan is for a discount in membership cost based on a ranking of the economic status of a member’s country.

GSA and the International Division co-sponsored, with AAPG, a meeting in Prague in mid-October on the *Geology of the Russian Arctic*. Pinar Yilmaz spearheaded this event, and we all thank her for her hard work to make this meeting happen.

The major upcoming event to be co-sponsored by the ID is the *Backbone of the Americas* meeting to be held in Mendoza, Argentina from April 3-7, 2006. Sue Kay, GSA International Secretary, is heading up this event. She will brief us on the status of planning for this exciting meeting.

Another upcoming international meeting co-sponsored by the ID is *Earth System Processes 2* from August 8 to 11, 2005 in Calgary, Canada.

The Terman Research Award supports the East Asia Geoscience and Environmental Research (EAGER) project. The award comes from an endowment held by the GSA Foundation in coordination with the International Division. The program is for one year grants to fund Ph.D. theses or post-doctoral research of East Asian scientists from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand, or Vietnam. Ric Terman will attend the business meeting to brief us on the developments in the program over the past year.

The Travel Grants program sponsored by the ID raised nearly \$3000 in donations this year. We were able to award \$1000 travel grants to four distinguished young scientists who will be presenting their work at the meeting. Come to the reception to meet these awardees. For two of them, this will be their first time attending a GSA meeting. For this year's meeting, we created a more formal application procedure <http://www.geosociety.org/sectdiv/idiv/04travelGrants.htm> that will be used, perhaps with some modification, in future years.

For your information, I have reported elsewhere in this newsletter some of the statistics about international membership in GSA and in the International Division as of June, 2004.

Looking forward to meeting all of you at the Business Meeting and Reception at noon Monday.

Mark Cloos  
President, International Division

#### **OFFICERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DIVISION 2003-04**

**President:** Mark Cloos

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Pinar O. Yilmaz

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Yildirim Dilek

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Michael P. Foose

**Past President:** M. Dean Kleinkopf

**GSA International Secretary:** Suzanne M. Kay

**GSA Council Representative:** Bruce F. Molina

**Web:** <http://www.geosociety.org/sectdiv/idiv/index.htm>

#### **RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE GSA INTERNATIONAL DIVISION**

- ❖ Sponsoring symposium/theme sessions at GSA Annual Meetings
- ❖ Working with GSA to co-sponsor international meetings that strengthen cooperation with overseas geoscience organizations
- ❖ International Visitor Travel Grants for GSA Annual Meetings
- ❖ EAGER Program/Terman Award
- ❖ Establishment of Career Contribution Award
- ❖ Liaison with US National Committee for the International Union of Geological Sciences

## FACTS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP IN GSA

As of June, 2004:

There are 17,435 members of the GSA.

Of these, 12,198 are members/fellows; 3,979 are students.

K-12 Teacher members total 300 and affiliates (laypersons) 114.

There are 203 members of GSA who are members of the International Division.

This is 1% of the total GSA membership.

The largest division is Structural Geology and Tectonics with 1564 members (9%).

What the ID lacks in size, it makes up for in enthusiasm. Last year, the ID members' renewal rate was 100% (the next best division had a 90% renewal rate). The voting rate among division members for officers was 20%, the second highest rate of any division.

There are 2,140 non-US members of GSA.

As the society represents North America, Canada with 686 members and Mexico with 75 members are not considered international members. With this understanding, there are presently 1379 international members of GSA (8%).

GSA members reside in 76 countries.

53% of the international membership is from four countries: United Kingdom, Japan, Germany, and Australia.

17 countries (22% of the represented countries) have only one member.

15 countries (20%) have only two or three members.

52 countries (68%) have less than ten members.

### Honorary Fellowship

There are 56 honorary fellows from 20 countries. The GSA Council elects the honorary fellows based upon nomination from the membership. The benefit of honorary fellowship is great: lifetime membership and division affiliation as well as free journal subscriptions.

Country	GSA Members	International Division	Honorary Fellows	% of Fellows
Canada	686	6	1 honorary fellow	
Mexico	75	2		
United Kingdom	288	1	5 honorary fellows	21%
Japan	169	1	3 honorary fellows	12%
Germany	155	5	5 honorary fellows	11%
Australia	127	4	7 honorary fellows	9%
Switzerland	57	1	5 honorary fellows	4%

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<b>Country</b>	<b>GSA Members</b>	<b>International Division</b>	<b>Honorary Fellows</b>	<b>% of Fellows</b>
France	55	3	5 honorary fellows	4%
Italy	46		4 honorary fellows	3%
South Korea	40			3%
Spain	35			3%
China	33		3 honorary fellows	
Netherlands	32	1		
Argentina	30	2	2 honorary fellows	
Brazil	28	2	2 honorary fellows	
New Zealand	28		1 honorary fellow	
Sweden	26			
Taiwan	24	1		
Norway	23	1		
Austria	19			
India	16		2 honorary fellows	
Israel	15			
Greece	12			
Belgium	11			
Chile	11	2	2 honorary fellows	
Finland	10			
Saudi Arabia	9	1		
Turkey	9		1 honorary fellow	
Ireland	8			
Venezuela	8			
Denmark	7			
South Africa	7			
Korea	6			
Russia	6		4 honorary fellows	
Iceland	5		1 honorary fellow	
Jamaica	5			
Nigeria	5			
Poland	5		1 honorary fellow	
Thailand	5			
Columbia	4			
Cyprus	4			
Hungary	4		1 honorary fellow	
Kuwait	4			
Malaysia	4	1		
Peru	4	1		
United Arab Emirates	4	1		
Egypt	3	1		
Namibia	3			
Oman	3			
Pakistan	3		1 honorary fellow	
Panama	3	1		
Philippines	3			
Portugal	3			
Slovenia	3			

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<b>Country</b>	<b>GSA Members</b>	<b>International Division</b>	<b>Honorary Fellows</b>	<b>% of Fellows</b>
Costa Rica	2			
Croatia	2			
Dominican Republic	2			
Guatemala	2			
Iran	2			
Romania	2		1 honorary fellow	
Trinidad	2			
Albania	1			
Bangladesh	1			
Bolivia	1			
Brunei	1			
Czech Republic	1			
Gambia	1			
Guadeloupe	1			
Honduras	1			
Indonesia	1			
Liechtenstein	1			
Mongolia	1			
Morocco	1			
Nepal	1			
Papua New Guinea	1			
Singapore	1			
Uganda	1			
Vatican City	1			

#### **PRESIDENTS & SECRETARY/TREASURERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DIVISION**

<b><i>Term</i></b>	<b><i>President</i></b>	<b><i>Secretary/Treasurer</i></b>
2003-04	Mark P. Cloos	Michael P. Foose
2002-03	M. Dean Kleinkopf	Bruce F. Molina
2001-02	M. Lee Allison	Pinar O. Yilmaz
2000-01	Eldridge M. Moores	M. Dean Kleinkopf
1999-00	Suzanne M. Kay	M. Dean Kleinkopf
1998-99	John J. W. Rodgers	Marybeth V. Davies
1997-98	Gabor Tari	Suzanne M. Kay
1996-97	Ian W. D. Dalziel	Suzanne M. Kay
1995-96	James W. Skehan	Suzanne M. Kay
1994-95	Pinar O. Yilmaz	Frederick O. Simon
1993-94	Bruce F. Molina	Frederick O. Simon
1992-93	Kevin Burke	John S. Oldow
1991-92	William R. Greenwood	John S. Oldow
1990-91	Brian J. Skinner	John S. Oldow
1989-90	Albert Bally	John S. Oldow