

GSA INTERNATIONAL DIVISION 2007 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The International Division (ID) is service oriented rather than discipline oriented. The division in collaboration with the International Secretary coordinates activities related to geology of regions beyond North America; serves as a focal point for exchange of views North American scientists working overseas; promotes international participation in GSA; supports and counsels GSA committees in aspects of international issues; identifies candidates for GSA awards, strengthens cooperation with overseas geological organizations, and helps raise funds, in collaboration with the GSA Foundation, to accomplish the above goals and particularly for partial travel support of foreign colleagues to participate in GSA geoscience activities. The chronologic activities listed below fully represent the various elements of the ID mission.

PROFILE OF INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

- Founded in 1989
- Membership (10/09/07): 232 (114 Professionals, 48 Seniors, 59 Students, 1 Hon. Fellow)
- Committees: five with total of 24 members
- Financial Assets (06/30/07): \$1,103.06
- Bylaws: last revised 2007
- Newsletters: four in 2007
- Cosponsored Sessions: four at 2007 GSA Annual Meeting
- International Travel Grants: twelve in 2007 totaling \$12,650
- Council Liaison: Elena Centeno-Garcia
- International Secretary: Mark Cloos

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION (ID) ACTIVITIES DURING 2007

1. 2006 Annual Reports (due at ID Business Meeting October 2006): In March, ID forwarded to the GSA Council a report which was based principally on the timely report of the retiring Secretary-Treasurer M. P. Foose; there was no presidential report prepared nor were there any committees active in 2006.

2. Attendance at CCOP Annual Session in Korea (November): Following the GSA Annual Meeting, the ID President went to Korea for several weeks. With concurrence from Director Jack Hess, he had long substantive discussions with geological society representatives from China, Japan, and Korea, but we will need continued e-mail dialogue to fully spell out a real basis for future cooperation. The current common understanding is that the intergovernmental Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes in East and Southeast Asia (CCOP) is not the optimum venue for such societal cooperation.

3. ID Committees and Member Appointments [for 1 or 2 years] by President (December):

- AWARDS: P.T. Robinson (Chair), J.T. Dutro, P.J. Hart [2], A.O. Perry, M.J. Terman [2]
- FINANCE: S.P. Moore (Chair), Y. Dilek, M.P. Foose [2], C. Skinner [2]
- INTL. LIAISON: M. Cloos (Chair), F. El-Baz [2] (Middle East); M.P. Foose (Africa). G. Greene (SWPA), S.M. Kay [2] (LAC), W. Nokleberg (N & C Asia), M.J. Terman [2] (E, S, & SE Asia)
- NOMINATING: D. Kleinkopf (Chair), M. Cloos, B. Molnia
- PROGRAM: J. Wakabayashi (Chair), Y. Dilek, P.T. Robinson

4. Proposals for Thematic Sessions at 2007 GSA Annual Meeting (due January 9): John Wakabayashi, Chair of the Program Committee, submitted three proposals and ID agreed to cosponsor a fourth; all of these were subsequently approved by JTTC and successfully conducted in October 2007:

- T10. Afghanistan Reconstruction--USGS Activities in Afghanistan (Molnia)
- T12. The Black Sea-Mediterranean Corridor: Paleoenvironmental and Geoarchaeological Context for the Past 30 k.y.
- T109. Mélanges: Processes of Formation and Societal Significance (Wakabayashi and Dilek)
- T114. Mantle Dynamics and Crust-Mantle Interactions in Collisional Orogens (Dilek, Robinson)

5. Nomination for the ID Distinguished Career Award (to be initiated February 1): The Awards Committee never really functioned as prescribed in the 2002 bylaws principally because of several misunderstandings and poor communication. It also became apparent that a major philosophic difference existed between those recommending a dedicated administrative international geoscientist and those recommending a renowned academic geoscientist working internationally. In late March, the ID Management Board (MB) voted unanimously to forward the nomination of Alan G. Smith, Cambridge University, to the GSA Council which they later approved.

6. Division Chairs' Meeting: (March 3-4): President participated in the spring Boulder meeting of all Division Chairs and was impressed with the contrast of our "service" division and their "disciplinary" divisions. Some of the principal objectives of the meeting were to prepare a template for future Division annual and financial reports, and identifying sources for operational support. It was useful to interact with other Division chairs and gain an appreciation of how much reliance most of them place on their respective bylaws and their specified committee activities.

7. GSA's Future (March 21): Mark Cloos (incoming International Secretary) and ID President were invited to participate in the March 21 teleconference of the GSA Executive Committee on this topic. The President prepared a memo on "GSA's Future" which recommended that a GSA International Secretariat be created within the National Headquarters, and suggested a strategic plan for GSA globalization involving the designation of GSA Honorary Members in each nation participating in seven proposed Regional Geosocieties. As we enter the "Chinese Century," it was further suggested that GSA's initial focus might best be in East Asia, while recognizing that any globalization with take time, effort, and money. A step in the Asian direction was taken also on March 21 when Executive Director Jack Hess forwarded to Bangkok a draft Memorandum of Understanding of a very general nature proposed between GSA and the Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes in East and Southeast Asia (CCOP).

8. Division Fund Raising (July) ID worked with the GSA Foundation Office to conduct a donation drive, the purpose of which was to secure additional funds to be used to support the travel and meeting attendance of various international students and researchers. The drive netted more than \$5,700.

9. EAGER Award (July): ID has an agreement with the 9-country CCOP (see 6 above). The GSA Foundation provides up to \$5,000 annually from the East Asian Geoscience and Environmental Research (EAGER) Fund (established in 2003 by Ric Terman of ID) as a grant to a PhD or post-doc candidate selected by the host country of the CCOP Annual Session. This year the 2003 EAGER Project awardee, Dr. Sarman, filed an abstract and registered to give her paper at the GSA Annual Meeting which was a poster encapsulating her doctoral dissertation on the *Langkawl Geoheritage Information System*.

10. Travel Grants (August): ID was provided by GSA, partly as a result of the success of the above drive, with \$12,650 to fund support for international participation at the 2007 GSA Annual Meeting in Denver. The following twelve geoscientists were partially supported by ID to present their papers:

Debashis Chatterjee	India	Andrey L. Chepalyga	Russia
Sarah Davies	Great Britain	Natalia Gerasimenko	Ukraine
Andrew Goudie	Great Britain	Hayrettin Koral	Turkey
Evgeny Larchenkov	Ukraine	Efraim Lev	Israel
Andrey V. Panin	Russia	Dejan Prevelic	Germany
Marilah Sarman	Malaysia	Andrew Scott	Great Britain

11. ID Bylaws (August-September): In 2006, the President completed a review of the 2002 ID Bylaws and prepared a set of proposed amendments which were periodically circulated with minimal MB reaction. Still persevering, the President prepared four e-mails detailing proposed amendments focused on *Purposes, Officers, Committees, and Awards*.

12. Attendance at CCOP Annual Session in Philippine Republic. Immediately preceding the GSA Annual Meeting, the ID President attended the CCOP Annual Session in Cebu and had very useful discussions, particularly with Yunus Abdul Razak (Director General, Geological Survey of Malaysia) who is working with the Geological Society of Malaysia Organizing Committee of GEOSEA XI, a Regional Congress on Geology of SouthEast Asia that intermittently holds meetings of the combined geosocieties of Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam. The Committee will lead off the last year of the United Nations IYPE with GEOSEA XI in Kuala Lumpur during January 2009 parallel to a Petroleum Geology and Exhibition. He invited continued discussions with GSA about involvement in GEOSEA XI and the possibility of a long term relationship with future GEOSEAs, probably based on a negotiated MOU – an opportunity!

13. Farouk El-Baz Student Award (October 29). ID has agreed to cooperate with Farouk El-Baz and the GSA Committee on Research Grants in the selection of annual applicants for this award.

14. GSA/IDWebsite (October 29): ID and GSA webmaster have agreed to mutually maintain its webpage.

15. ID Management Board Meeting (October 29): The MB met from 3:30-5:30PM and focused almost exclusively on the proposed bylaw amendments. The MB approved:

- the change of “president and vice-presidents” to “chair and vice-chairs” throughout the bylaws;
- the proposed simplified language for the *Purposes*;
- the addition of the International Secretary *ex-officio* to the MB;
- the appointment of all Committee members by the president after consultation with the MB;
- the Finance Committee will be chaired by a presidentially appointed fund raiser (not the S-T);
- the first paragraph for the *Awards Committee* will be deleted; and
- the awards committee will include only two affiliates with one appointed for a two year term.

No other proposed amendments were approved.

16. ID Annual Business Meeting (October 29): About 50 people attended the reception and meeting from 5:30-7:30PM that was chaired by President Ric Terman and included the following short presentations:

- GSA Past-President Steven Wells asked the ID to provide a quick critical review of a new draft ExComm document entitled GSA’s GLOBAL ROLE, STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS OUTLINE.
- GSA Council Representative for ID, Elena Centeno-Garcia spoke on globalization perspectives.
- GSA International Secretary Mark Cloos spoke on ID’s future role [no report on the International Liaison Committee which has yet to meet];
- ID President Ric Terman gave brief synopsis of this Annual Report.
- ID Secretary-Treasurer Sally P. Moore gave brief synopsis of her Annual Report; no report on the Finance Committee which did not meet.
- ID Second Vice-President John Wakabayashi summarized Program Committee activities (see 4.)

- EAGER Fund Donor Ric Terman summarized the EAGER Program (see 9.)
- ID First Vice-President Paul Robinson gave brief summary of the 2007 Travel Grants see 10.)
- ID Former President Eldridge Moores gave a citation for Alan G. Smith (see 5.) as the winner of the ID Distinguished Career Award; the Professor responded eloquently (see GSA ID website).
- ID Former President Dean Kleinkopf, Chair of the Nominating Committee, nominated the following Management Board Officers for 2008:

President:	Paul T. Robinson
First Vice-President:	John Wakabayashi
Second Vice-President:	Joann M. Stock
Secretary-Treasurer	Sally P. Moore
Past President:	Maurice J. (Ric) Terman
- ID Secretary-Treasurer Sally P. Moore reviewed the Bylaw amendments approved by MB (see 14.); a hand vote from all attending ID members approved the amendments and the officers.
- ID President adjourned the Annual Business Meeting and encouraged socialization by attendees.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION GOALS

- Increase membership, both domestic and international
- Continue to cosponsor timely technical sessions at GSA Annual Meetings
- Enhance the utilization of Committees
- Improve internal communication and cooperation
- Work with GSA to upgrade ID Website
- Continue Quarterly Newsletters and Annual Meeting Posters
- Expand external collaboration, particularly working with GSA Council on globalization

ADDENDED POSTSCRIPT

The ID Management Board did not approve a proposed Bylaw Amendment that would establish a Former Presidents Committee to annually critique ID activities and policies. However, considering the GSA ExComm current consideration of the draft of GSA's GLOBAL ROLE and their invitation for input on this issue from ID, Past President Terman, with the concurrence of the current President, will proceed with organizing and chairing an *ad hoc* Committee of Former Presidents for the specific purpose of providing counsel and advice to ExComm on globalization. The following chronologic listing of Former Presidents will be canvassed as to their availability and interest in participating on the *ad hoc* Committee that will focus on completing a critique of GSA's GLOBAL ROLE by the ides of March 2008:

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>
1990	Albert W. Bally	1999	John J. W. Rogers
1991	Brian J. Skinner	2000	Suzanne Mahlburg Kay
1992	William R. Greenwood	2001	Eldridge M. Moores
1993	Kevin Burke	2002	M. Lee Allison
1994	Bruce F. Molnia	2003	M. Dean Kleinkopf
1995	Pinar O. Yilmaz	2004	Mark D. Cloos
1996	James F. Skehan	2005	Pinar O. Yilmaz
1997	Ian W. D. Dalziel	2006	Yildirim Dilek
1998	Gabor C.Tari	2007	Maurice J. Terman

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