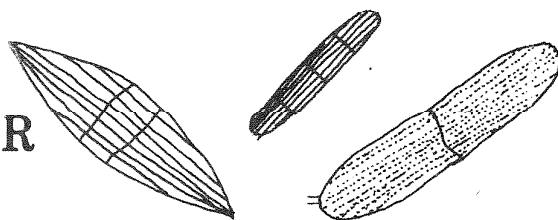


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TENTH ANNUAL AASP MEETING

FAIRMONT MAYO HOTEL

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

OCTOBER 19-21, 1977

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1977 MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AASP's Board of Directors held its mid-year meeting at the Ramada Inn in Tulsa, Oklahoma on April 15, 1977. Present at all or part of the meeting were:

Richard L. Pierce - President
John A. Clendening - Vice President
Jack E. Burgess - Secretary-Treasurer
Vaughn M. Bryant - Editor
Kenneth M. Piel - Counsilor
G.K. (Joe) Guennel - Counsilor

and members:

Norm Norton, Len Eames, Richard Hedlund, William Elsik,
Charles Upshaw, Evan Kidson, and David Mishell.

A copy of the meeting minutes may be obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer. The following is a brief summary of the business transacted:

1. Accepted the Membership Report which listed a total of 426 members as of April 1, 1977.
2. Accepted the Treasurer's Report which listed total corporate assets of \$12,992.36 as of April 1, 1977.
3. Accepted the Editor's Report which listed two Newsletters and a Membership Directory as having been published and distributed since the Halifax meeting.
4. Annual Meetings
 - a. Halifax, 1976: Reviewed and accepted the Committee's report on

the 9th Annual Meeting. The Committee reported a profit of \$381.98 which will help to defray our anticipated publishing deficit.

- b. Tulsa, 1977: Reviewed the Tulsa Meeting Committee's report. The tentative program listed in the March, 1977 Newsletter is now official.
- c. Tempe, 1978: Reviewed and accepted a progress report submitted by Jim Canright concerning plans for the 11th Annual Meeting in Tempe, Arizona.
- d. Dallas, 1979: Reviewed and accepted a proposal by H.M. Simpson and Jake Gerhard to hold the 12th Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

5. Old Business

- a. Financial Development Committee: Norm Norton reported that the AASP Foundation had received tax exempt status as of May 17, 1976. Norm pointed out that individuals and agencies can now give funds to the AASP Foundation and receive tax exemptions. The Foundation's objectives will be to raise funds to help publish AASP publications, to raise funds for distribution by the Foundation and to prepare a portfolio of its intended purpose and activities. In order to maintain the AASP Foundation and AASP Inc. as separate agencies, a motion was made to exclude elected AASP Board Members from serving on the AASP Foundation Board of Trustees. This exclusion, however, would only extend during that period when an individual actually held office in AASP Inc. At present, the Board of Trustees for the AASP Foundation will consist of Norm Norton, Bob Clarke and Dick Hedlund.
- b. International Commission for Palynology (ICP): Al Traverse's report was presented by Dick Hedlund and included the following points: Al Traverse was elected president of ICP, Geoffrey Norris was selected by Al Traverse to be the new Secretary-Treasurer of ICP and the Fifth ICP Conference is scheduled to be held in Cambridge, England during the summer of 1980.
- c. CIA Report: no report submitted.
- d. Stratigraphic Correlation Chart Committee: Norm Frederickson was appointed to chair this committee.
- e. Nominating Committee Report: The slate of candidates nominated by the Committee was presented and their names appear in this Newsletter.
- f. Archive Committee Report: Norm Norton indicated that the AASP historical records through 1973 were ready to be submitted to the Hunt Botanical Library for permanent storage. Norm agreed to continue his work with the AASP archival materials and will

send additional items to the Hunt Botanical Library when they are ready for permanent storage.

- g. AASP Emblem Committee: Len Eames reported that the response from members concerning suggestions for an AASP emblem were less than overwhelming. He indicated that his Committee would make final recommendations to the AASP Executive Committee at the Tulsa meeting.
- h. Tenth Anniversary Volume Committee: No report presented. The Board decided that the 10th Anniversary Volume will be printed as Number 5 of the AASP Contribution Series. Progress reports concerning the three volumes (Sullivan, Brideaux, Elsik) indicate that these volumes are nearing completion.
- i. Contribution Series No. 2: Evan Kidson indicated that the revised edition of Contribution Series No. 2 was nearing completion and that it should be available for sale by late 1977. He noted that at least 200 new forms have been added or redefined for this revised edition.

6. New Business

- a. Repository for AASP Publications: Joe Guennel indicated that he would be willing to store past and future publications of AASP.
- b. Proposal to Change the Name of AASP: The topic was discussed but no decisions were reached. Bill Elsik was appointed to chair a new committee to study that topic and also to study ways in which AASP could increase its membership and better serve its present members.
- c. Constitution Revision Committee: Norm Norton was appointed to chair a committee to study ways of updating and improving our current AASP constitution.
- d. Fungal Spore Working Group: Bill Elsik was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate the stratigraphic occurrence of fungal spores in sediments.

7. Other Business

- a. The Executive Committee discussed other minor items of old and new business as was necessary to bring the Board of Directors up to date.

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1977 - 78 SLATE OF CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Donald F. Oltz, has submitted the following slate of candidates for the upcoming AASP election:

For membership on the Board of Directors and for the office of:

President:	Bill C. Elsik Bill F. Von Almen
Vice President:	Warren S. Drugg George F. Hart
Secretary-Treasurer:	Jack D. Burgess
Editor:	Vaughn M. Bryant, Jr.
Councilors:	James A. Doyle Norman O. Fredericksen Evan J. Kidson Virgil D. Wiggins

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The mid-year meetings of AASP's Board of Directors are the most important of the Board's meetings, because unrestricted time is allotted to discussion of problems, their solutions, and to initiation of actions intended to constructively influence the future of the organization. I'd like to note for you a few of the actions taken at the mid-year meeting in Tulsa that could affect AASP's future.

The trust agreement for the AASP Foundation requires an arm's length relationship between the Foundation and the Corporation. Therefore, Ray Malloy, who was both an officer in the Corporation and a trustee of the Foundation, had to be taken off the Foundation's board. We thank Ray for his efforts on behalf of the Foundation. Dick Hedlund was appointed to fill the vacancy. Dick will serve as a trustee together with Bob Clarke and the Board of Trustee's chairman, Norm Norton. These gentlemen have a hard task ahead of them, the raising of money, and I'm sure all of us will be hearing from them in the near future.

Al Traverse has been AASP's representative to the International Commission for Palynology. However, Al is now President of ICP, having been elected to that post during the Fourth International Palynological Conference in Lucknow. Consequently, Al has resigned his appointment as AASP's representative to ICP. Al has done a superb job of liaison with ICP, and we shall sorely miss his excellent reports. We want to thank him for a job well done, congratulate him on his election, and assure him of AASP's continued support. Jim Canright, an old China hand (born there), and a fellow world traveler, Colin McGregor, have been appointed as AASP's new representatives to the ICP board.

AASP's constitution has been revised once since the organization was founded, and there appears to be some need to revise it again. Norm Norton will chair a committee to study revision suggestions. Some of the specific sections of the Constitution that the committee will study are those concerned with the offices of the Vice-President and the Secretary-Treasurer. It has been suggested that the Vice-President's office should include a new position,

President-elect, to ensure continuity in the Board's business. And it has been suggested that the Secretary-Treasurer's office should be divided into two separate elective offices, because of the expansion of responsibilities in both positions. Any revisions the Constitutional Study Committee may recommend will be submitted to the membership for approval before adoption.

Bill Elsik, Vaughn Bryant and Gene Borden have been appointed to a committee whose objectives are to determine how many recruitable palynologists are not members of AASP, and what it would take to convince them to join. At the present dues level, \$15.00, a membership of 1000 would generate sufficient money to comfortably cover all of AASP's annual expenditures. Bill, who will chair the committee, expects to have the study completed and ready for presentation at the 10th Annual Meeting in Tulsa. I'm sure any input the committee can get from the membership would be welcomed.

If you are interested in further information about the business transacted at the mid-year meeting, Jack Burgess will send you a copy of the minutes on request.

Rick Pierce

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AASP PUBLICATIONS THROUGH JUNE, 1977

Following is an update of AASP publications. The first seven Proceedings Volumes have been published as volumes in the Geoscience and Man series issued by Louisiana State University. They can be purchased from:

Editor
Geoscience and Man
Museum of Geoscience
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

All other AASP publications can be purchased from the current AASP, Secretary Jack D. Burgess, Gulf Res. & Development Co., Drawer 2038, Pittsburgh, PA 15230

Proceedings Volumes

1. First Annual Meeting - Contains eight (8) articles and all abstracts of papers presented at the Louisiana State University Meeting. 141 pages; 18 plates. Published 1970 as Vol. I of Geoscience and Man. Cost \$7.50.
2. Second Annual Meeting - Contains nine (9) articles and all abstracts of papers presented at the Pennsylvania State University Meeting. 104 pages; 12 plates, one in color. Published 1971 as Vol. III of Geoscience and Man. Cost \$7.50.

3. Third Annual Meeting - Contains twelve (12) articles and all abstracts of papers presented at the Toronto meeting. 141 pages; 16 plates. Published 1972 as Vol. IV of Geoscience and Man. Cost \$8.25.
4. Fourth Annual Meeting - Contains twelve (12) articles and all abstracts of papers presented at the Tucson meeting. 133 pages, 18 plates. Published 1973 as Vol. VII of Geoscience and Man. Cost \$9.50.
5. Fifth Annual Meeting - Contains eight (8) articles and all abstracts of papers presented at the Newport Meeting. 83 pages; 9 plates. Published 1974 as Vol. IX of Geoscience and Man. Cost \$9.50.
6. Sixth Annual Meeting - Contains ten (10) articles and all abstracts of papers presented at the Anaheim Meeting. 145 pages; 29 plates. Published 1975 as Vol. XI of Geoscience and Man. Cost \$12.00.
7. Seventh Annual Meeting - Contains fifteen (15) articles and all abstracts of papers presented at the Calgary Meeting. 151 pages; 30 plates. Published 1971 as Vol. XV of Geoscience and Man. Cost \$16.00.
8. Eighth Annual Meeting - Will contain approximately 15 articles and all abstracts of papers presented at the Houston Meeting. This will be published during 1977 as Vol. I of Palynology. Copies should be ordered from the AASP Secretary.
9. Ninth Annual Meeting - In preparation. It will contain 16 articles and all abstracts of the Halifax Meeting. It will be published during early 1978 as Vol. II of Palynology. Copies should be ordered from the AASP Secretary.

Contributions Series

1. No. 1 - A bibliographic File for Computer Analysis of Permian Palynological Data (1933-1969) by George F. Hart. Issued September 1970. 40 pages. Xerox offset copies available. Cost \$2.00.
2. No. 2 - A Glossary of the Terminology Applied to Dinoflagellate Amphiesmae and Cysts and Acritarchs by Graham L. Williams, William A.S. Sarjeant, and Evan J. Kidson. Issued July 1973. 222 pages. Cost \$5.00. Revised currently in press and will be available for sale in late 1977. Cost \$5.00.
3. No. 3 - Statistics in Stratigraphic Palynology: An Annotated and Indexed Bibliography by Norman D. Fredericksen. Issued June, 1974. 65 pages. Cost \$2.50.

4. No. 4 - Proceedings of a Forum on Dinoflagellates held at Anaheim, California, 1973. Edited by W. R. Evitt. Issued January, 1975. 76 pages: 12 text-figures; 19 charts. Cost \$7.50.

Field Trip Guidebooks

1. 1968 Annual Meeting, Lower Mississippi Valley - Out of print.
2. 1969 Annual Meeting - Carboniferous of Western Pennsylvania - 78 pages. Out of print.
3. 1970 Annual Meeting - No specific guidebook published.
4. 1971 Annual Meeting
 - a. Petrified Forest and Meteor Crater, illustrated. Out of print.
 - b. Lehner Site, Pleistocene. Cost \$1.00.
5. 1972 Annual Meeting - Cape Cod Area - Out of print.
6. 1973 Annual Meeting
 - a. Sequoia and Kings Canhon National Parks, Illustrated. Cost \$5.00.
 - b. Torrey Pines - La Jolla - illustrated. Cost \$2.00.

Abstracts of Papers Presented at Annual Meetings

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| 1. 1968 - Baton Rouge - Out of print. | |
| 2. 1969 - Penn State - 29 pages. | \$2.00 |
| 3. 1970 - Toronto - 35 pages. | \$2.00 |
| 4. 1971 - Tucson - 31 pages. | \$2.00 |
| 5. 1972 - Kingston - 32 pages. | \$2.00 |
| 6. 1973 - Anaheim - 44 pages. | \$2.00 |
| 7. 1974 - Calgary - 25 pages. | \$2.00 |
| 8. 1975 - Houston - 17 pages. | \$2.00 |
| 9. 1976 - Halifax - 30 pages. | \$2.00 |

Miscellaneous

1. Sample booklet - 25 pages. Accompanies either Set No. 1, Cretaceous, or Set No. 2, Lower Tertiary, palynology samples from Texas. Cost \$15.00/set or \$25.00 for both.

2. Organic Maturation Syllabus - 26 pages. \$2.00

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PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES, 1977

Jack Burgess has indicated that there are still a number of current AASP members which are delinquent in their payment of the 1977 dues. For those of you who have not yet paid your 1977 dues please try to do so as soon as possible. At the business meeting in Tulsa the AASP Executive Committee will again take action to drop the delinquent members from the membership role.

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OUTSTANDING STUDENT PAPER AWARD - TULSA MEETING

This year at the Tenth Annual AASP Meeting a panel of judges will evaluate papers presented by students at the Technical Sessions. An award of \$50.00 will be given to the student who, in the judges' opinion, delivers an outstanding paper. If, in the opinion of the judges, no student papers are considered outstanding then no award will be made at the Tulsa Meeting. Students are urged to participate in the Tenth Annual AASP Meeting and to present papers in the technical sessions. Persons who qualify for consideration of this award include individuals who are currently students or have received their degree since the last AASP meeting in Halifax. Students who wish to be considered for this award should contact the co-chairman of the Tulsa meeting (Dick Hedlund or Len Eames) before, or at the beginning of the Tulsa meeting.

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TULSA MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION AND DEADLINE

Individuals who intend to submit papers for publication consideration in Volume III of Palynology should obtain a copy of "Guide to AASP Authors". This guide will be sent to all individuals who have submitted abstracts for presentations at the Tulsa meeting. Other individuals may obtain a copy of the "Guide to AASP Authors" at the Tulsa meeting or may send their request directly to the editor. AASP members who present papers at the Tulsa meeting will be given publication priority if they wish to submit those papers for publication consideration in Volume III of Palynology. Manuscripts of papers not presented at the Annual Meeting in Tulsa will also be considered for publication in Volume III of Palynology but those manuscripts will not have first priority.

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AASP EMBLEM COMMITTEE

The Emblem Committee is still alive and active even though the response from the March Newsletter's announcement has been somewhat less than overwhelming. At present, three suggestions have been submitted; one indicating that we should not adopt any form of emblem and two individuals who submitted design suggestions. Suggestions which have been submitted recently and in the past are included on a separate page at the end of the Newsletter. Members are urged to contact the chairman of the Emblem Committee with their opinions concerning the emblems already submitted and are asked to send additional sketches which they would like to have considered. At the mid-year AASP Executive Meeting it was suggested that some type of final action concerning an AASP emblem should be taken at the annual meeting in Tulsa this October.

Please send your comments and sketches to the Emblem Committee Chairman: Leonard E. Eames, Amoco Production Co., Research Center, P.O. Box 591, Tulsa, OK. 74102, U.S.A.

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NEWSLETTER PALYNOMORPH

I would like to thank Bill C. Elsik for sending in the winning suggestion for the June Newsletter Palynomorph. Our artist, Reed Smith, drew the sketches from photographs supplied by Bill. The six sketches represent variations of the fungal spore Fusiformisporites and variants which are a stratigraphically important form genus often encountered in deposits from the Late Paleocene up through the Holocene. For those wishing to learn more about this form genus I suggest that you contact Bill Elsik directly.

I would like to continue to encourage other AASP members to please send in photographs or sketches of selected palynomorphs for use on the front page of future AASP Newsletters. So far, the response from our members has not been overwhelming and I am still searching for a suggestion to use on the cover of the next AASP Newsletter. I am sure that most of you have at least one photograph or sketch of a palynomorph which you could send in for consideration. As mentioned earlier, I hope to have sufficient suggestions to use a different palynomorph on each Newsletter. Please help make this possible by sending in your suggestions.

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COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES OF AASP

A new committee consisting of Vaughn Bryant, Gene Borden and Bill Elsik, as chairman, has been formed to study ways and means of increasing the overall membership of AASP. This committee is especially interested in determining the number of potential palynology members that exist, who they are and where they live. The committee is a standing committee and

items currently under consideration include a long range look at the services which AASP currently offers its membership and additional services which it might want to provide the general membership in the future. Members are urged to please send their comments and opinions concerning innovative ways in which they feel AASP can better serve its membership, ways in which AASP can increase its current membership and ways in which AASP can maintain an effective communication with the general membership. Please send your suggestions and comments to Bill Flsik, Exxon Company U.S.A., P.O. Box 2189, Houston, TX 77001, U.S.A.

AASP is a good concept and there has been a steady increase in the number of new members each year. Please do not remain a member of the "silent majority". Let us know your opinions about past and present AASP policies.

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AASP CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Norm Norton was selected to chair a committee to study our current AASP constitution and to suggest revisions where they are needed. Some of the suggested revisions have already been outlined on the page of this Newsletter by our president, Rick Pierce. Other suggestions have also been sent to Norm by some of our other members. If you have a suggestion concerning a needed revision in the current AASP constitution contact Norm Norton as soon as possible so that he can report on the suggested revisions at the Tulsa meeting.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - PALYNOLOGIST

Exxon Production Research Company is seeking a palynologist with three or more years of experience (exclusive of formal training) in Mesozoic-Cenozoic palynology to conduct research and technical studies for Exxon affiliates world-wide. Biostratigraphic experience and a strong geologic background are required. Non-Ph.D.'s will be considered but a Ph.D. is preferred. Applicants should apply in writing with resumes and references to Dr. W. B. Everett, Department E-77, Exxon Production Research Company, P.O. Box 2189, Houston, TX 77001, U.S.A.

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PALYNOLOGY POSITION DESIRED

Dr. Pieter van Gijzel is seeking a position as a palynologist. He received his Ph.D. in geology from the University of Leiden, in the Netherlands and has 19 years of teaching and research experience. He was a pioneer in the development of techniques of fluorescence microscopy for use in palynology (rebedded and coalified material), coal-

petrography and geology. Dr. van Gijzel is especially interested in Cenozoic palynology and has taught a wide variety of courses at various universities and research centers in Europe. His current address is: Lankforst 27-11, Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Dr. Shyamala D. Chitaley is interested in immigrating to the U.S.A. and would like to find employment as a palynologist. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Reading (England) and has 27 years of research and teaching experience in paleobotany and palynology. In addition, she has published over 75 technical publications and has only recently retired as professor and head of the Department of Botany at the Institute of Science in Bombay, India. Her current address is: White-Hall, Congressnagar, Nagpur-440012, India.

Dr. Edwige Masure is seeking a position as a palynologist. She received her degree in palynology from the University of Paris and speaks fluent French and English. Her main field of research is the study of Cycad and Ginkgoales pollen yet she has also had experience in industrial laboratory research concerning Tertiary and Secondary Dinoflagellates. Her current address is: Laboratoire de Micropaleontologie, Tour 15-25, 4 Place Jussieu, 75230 Paris Cedex 05, France.

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SSIE

The following information was sent to the editor concerning a new service offered by the Smithsonian Science Information Exchange. It is included in this Newsletter as a point of information for the general membership.

Just as the microscope enables the palynologist to discern details of pollen morphology, so the Smithsonian Science Information Exchange (SSIE) enables the investigator to focus upon current research efforts in his specific field. SSIE is the national center for registration of ongoing research. When a researcher proposes a particular investigation he usually submits to the funding agency an abstract of his proposal. When the research is funded, this abstract, as well as the related administrative data (investigator's name, location, funding level, supporting agency, etc.) is forwarded to SSIE and subject indexed by a staff of professional scientists and information specialists into a large computerized data base. The SSIE data bank consists of approximately 200,000 one-page abstracts covering projects begun or funded within the last 27 months. This covers both the "entire" research program of the two most current fiscal years, (presently FY'76 and FY'77) as well as the "publication gap" between project initiation and public availability of results. Research sponsored by private foundation, industry, universities, State and Federal agencies is included in the comprehensive data bank, and only information on ongoing, or very recently completed research is carried in this file. The data base, is, intact, a profile of the current state of the art in research.

Three to five years often elapse from the inception of a research effort until publication of the results and subsequent availability to the

scientific community. During this publication delay, one's investigation can be impaired by duplication of research efforts, ignorance of potential funding sources, loss of credibility due to being "behind" the frontier of knowledge, or techniques, failure to collaborate with other investigators with similar research problems, etc. SSIE bridges this period of silence between research inception and publication by making available to the scientific community information on "who" is currently doing "what" and "where". Agencies actively supporting research, management data, research trends, and other extremely valuable information can be drawn from this data bank.

In the field of paleobotany and palynology approximately 130 ongoing research projects are registered with SSIE. Information on these investigations is frequently updated and is available in a specially prepared computer search package (LS04 Paleobotany and Palynology) for \$55.00. More specific searches and other customized services are available, in all areas of science covering both general interest topics (eg. Ecology, Pollution studies, Sociology), as well as specific interest (eg. Microfossils of Eastern U.S., Pollen Morphology). On-line services are also available through Systems Development Corporation. For details and more specific information on services, SSIE invites you to inquire: Mr. James R. Wheatley, Chief, Biological Sciences Branch, Smithsonian Science Information Exchange, 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (telephone 202-381-4211).

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COLLOQUIUM ON PALEOBOTANY AND PALYNOLOGY IN MEXICO

The Third Colloquium on Paleobotany and Palynology in Mexico will be held in Mexico City on September 27-30, 1977. The main objectives of this conference are to promote the exchange of information among specialists in paleobotany and palynology currently working in Mexico or adjacent areas. The program for the meeting includes the following sessions: 1) Pre-Quaternary Paleobotany and Palynology of Mexico and Neighboring areas, 2) Quaternary Paleobotany and Palynology Research in the Archeology of Mexico and Neighboring Countries, 3) Recent Pollen and Spore Research (their morphology, and ecological applications). Individuals interested in participating in this conference are urged to submit their abstracts no later than June 30, 1977. Additional information concerning this colloquium can be obtained by writing to: Department of Prehistory I.N.A.H., P.O. Box 56-289, Mexico, 1, D.F.

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INTERNATIONAL PALYNOLOGY COLLOQUIUM IN SPAIN

An International Palynology Colloquium will be held in Leon, Spain on September 5-8, 1977 with a geological field trip on September 9-10. This meeting represents the first time that a large international group of professional palynologists are planning to meet in Spain. The program includes a session of Mesozoic and Cenozoic Dinocysts from the Northwest

European continental shelf areas, Iberian Paleopalynology, a C.I.M.P. work session on Diagenesis, C.I.M.P. sessions on the Microflora of the Paleozoic and a field trip to the Cantabrian Mountains in the Northern part of the Province of Leon. For additional information concerning this Colloquium please write to: I.I.P., Apartado 244, Leon, Spain.

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PALYNOLOGY ASSOCIATIONS

The following represents a partial list of active palynology societies in the world in addition to our own. The names and addresses of these societies are included so that AASP members may have an opportunity to correspond with them directly.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PALYNOLOGY (I.C.P.)

President : TRAVERSE A.
Department of Geosciences
529 Deike Bldg.
Pennsylvania State University
University Park
Pennsylvania 16802

ARBEITSKREIS FUR PALAEBOTANIK UND PALYNOLOGIE (A.A.P.)

Dr. F. SCHAARSCHMIDT
Forschungsinstitut Senckenberg
6 - FRANKFURT M 1
Senckenberganlage 15 (Allemagne)

COLLEGIUM PALYNOLOGICUM SCANDINAVICUM

President : KONSIGSSON L.K.

Secretary : SORSA P.
Department of Botany
Palynological Laboratory
Apollonkatu 5 B 49, SF-00100
HELSINKI 10 (Finland)

COMITE DE PALYNOLOGIE POUR L'AFRIQUE

Dr. COETZEE J.A.
Institute for Environmental Sciences
University of O.F.S.
BLOEMFONTEIN (South Africa)

COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE DE MICROFLORE DU PALEOZOIQUE (C.I.M.P)

President : S. JARDINE

Secretary : Prof. M. STREEL
Paleobotanique et Paleopalynologie
Universite de Liege
7 Place de XX Aout
B-4000 LIEGE (Belgique)

PALYNOLOGISCHE KRING (HOLLANDE)

President : Dr. C.R. JANSSEN

Secretary : Dr. G.F.W. HERNGREEN
Service geologique des Pays-Bas
Sparne 17
HAARLEM (Hollande)

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PALYNOLOGY ("ICP") PRESIDENT

My election to this post came as the result of two mail ballots and a final, confirming vote by ICP Council at the IV International Conference on Palynology, Lucknow, India, just after Christmas, 1976. There was some unpleasantness about the election, as Soviet delegates protested the election of a person not present at the Conference, and an Indian palynologist who was the defeated candidate (and has been a friend of mine) was unhappy because he felt my election was engineered.

All of that is behind us now, I hope. In accordance with the new ICP constitution, adopted at Lucknow, I have appointed Geoff Norris as Secretary-Treasurer. He must be confirmed by Council, a process now underway and which will surely be successful. The Council consists of the President, Past-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Councilors from each regional or topical palynological society (one each, or two each for societies with more than 200 members). Two additional members can be "coopted" by election by Council. Three Vice Presidents are elected by Council from among its new members - one at least must represent actuopalynology and one at least must represent paleopalynology.

The next (Fifth) International Conference on Palynology will be held in Cambridge, England, in 1980, under ICP auspices. Norman Hughes is putting together a local committee.

After Geoff Norris is confirmed, and we have more to report regarding activities of working groups, etc., there will be a further report, perhaps more logically coming from one of the AASP members of Council other than officers (Colin McGregor and Jim Canright). In the meantime, I assure all AASP members that we are working toward a viable international organization via ICP. I would welcome - as I am sure Geoff, Colin and Jim would - advice or ideas for ICP consideration.

Alfred Traverse
President, ICP

PALEOBOTANY NEWS AND MEETINGS

The Paleobotanical section is sponsoring two symposia this summer. One is Biostratigraphy of Fossil Plants: Successional and Paleoecological Analyses, to be presented at the North American Paleontological Conference II, (NAPC II) in Lawrence, Kansas Aug. 8-10, 1977. Abstracts of papers and registration information was published in the March issue of the Journal of Paleontology.

The other symposium, Plant Reproduction in the Fossil Record, will be presented at the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) meeting at East Lansing, Michigan, August 22-24, 1977.

The Paleobotany section has over 60 papers which will be presented at the AIBS meetings August 22-24. A 2-day post meeting field trip will be led by Dr. A. Cross and Dr. R. Taggart to Paleozoic plant localities in Ohio. This promises to be a very fine meeting and all paleobotanists are invited to join with us at East Lansing. Registration forms and information about the AIBS meetings were published in the March issue of Bioscience.

The International Association of Angiosperm Paleobotanists (IAAP) is meeting at Liblice Castle, Czechoslovakia for their first meeting, June 13-17. Dr. Z. Kvacek has organized these meetings. This meeting includes several contributed papers, a field trip, time for discussion in order to finalize an organizational structure under which we can work. Participants from many countries are included in the program.

The 1976 Bibliography of American Paleobotany is now in final preparation and should be distributed in June 1977. Copies go to all members of the Paleobotanical Section (membership \$4.00) or can be purchased for \$4.00 from Dr. David Dilcher, Department of Botany, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401 USA.

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Dr. Hans Tralau

Word has reached us from the Swedish Museum of Natural History that Dr. Hans Tralau, Secretary of the International Organization of Paleobotany, died on March 14, 1977, of cancer. Hans was active in both palynology and paleobotany. His ambitious contribution to both is an extensive computerized bibliographic compilation and index to the literature on stratigraphic palynology and paleobotany, listing some 20000 titles from the years 1950-1970. We all regret the untimely passing of Dr. Tralau.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beginning with the next AASP Newsletter I would like to begin a new policy of including a section called "Letters to the Editor". Letters sent to me will be included in the Newsletter on the following basis: 1) the content must be in good taste, 2) the subject must concern some aspect of palynology or our society, 3) letters will not be edited and 4) letters must be signed by an AASP member in good standing and will carry the name of the writer in the Newsletter.

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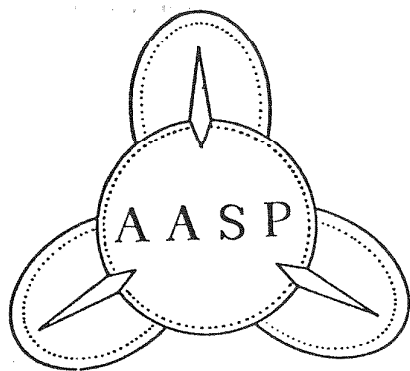
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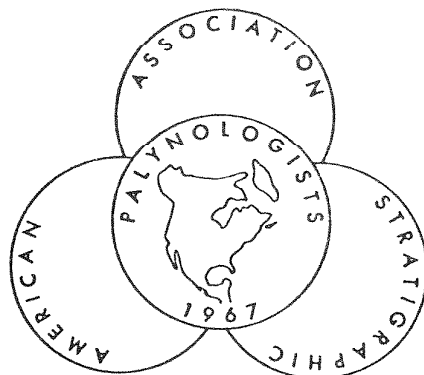
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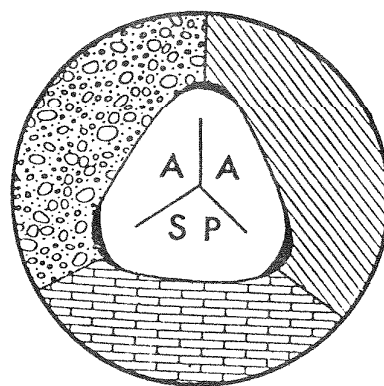
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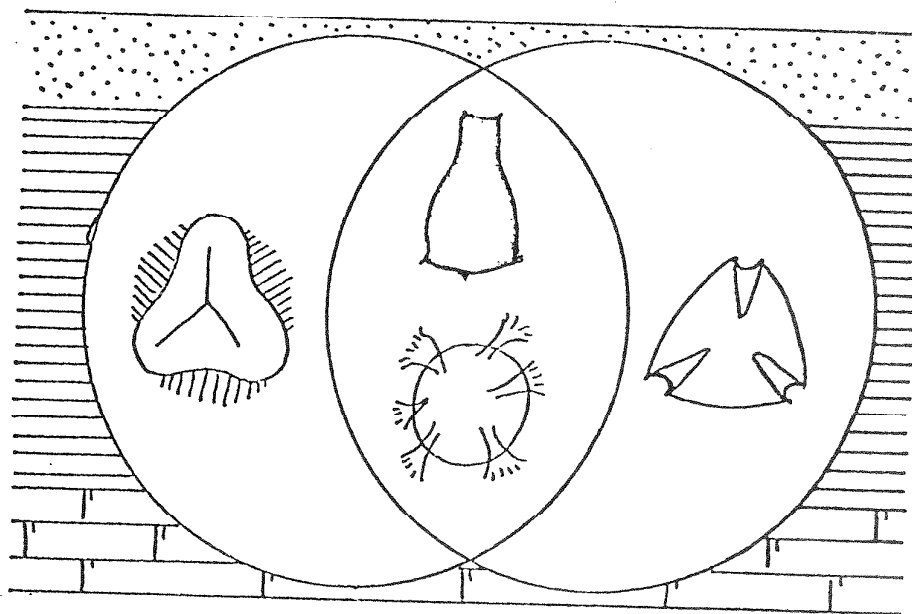


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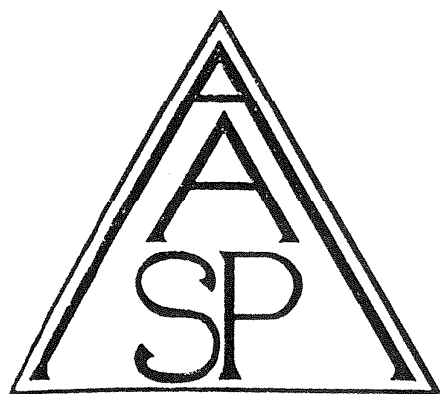


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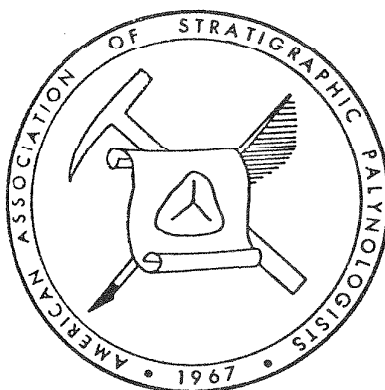
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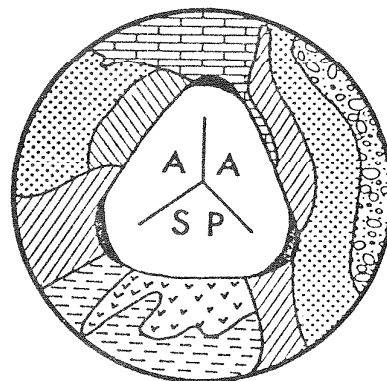
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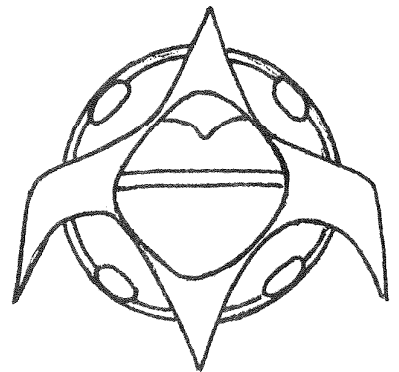
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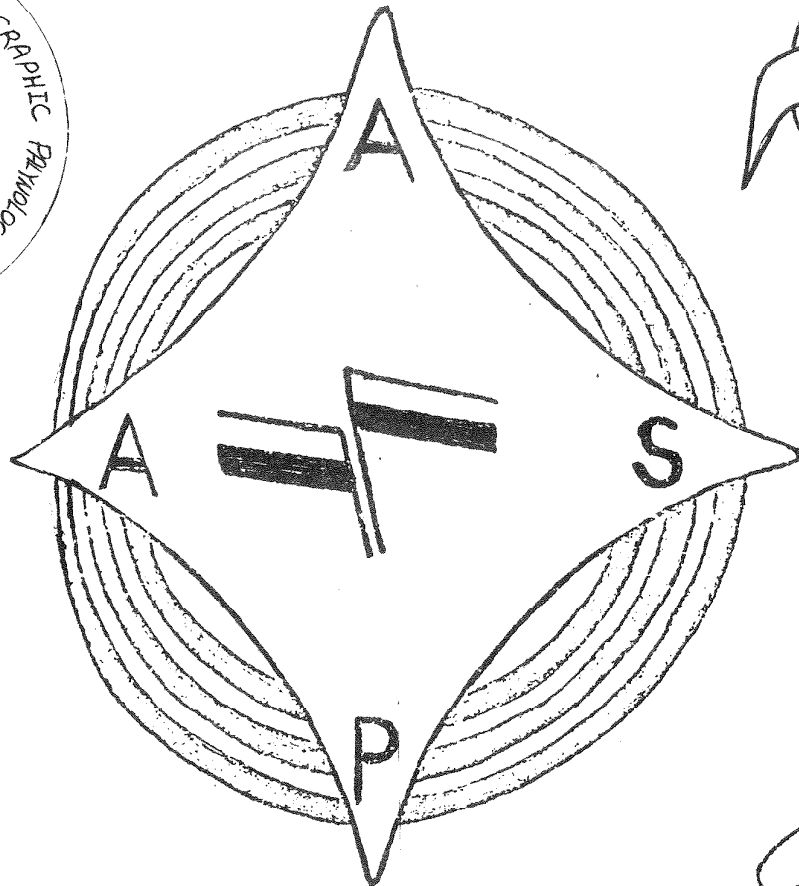
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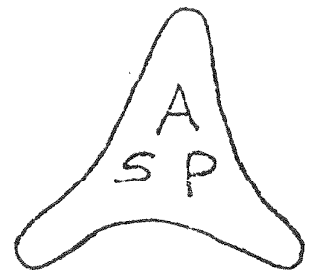
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