

# IAS



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OF SEDIMENTOLOGISTS

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IAS

Every year, the IAS has to report to the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), to which it is affiliated. It might also be interesting for the IAS members to know what we have accomplished in the past year, and what we plan to do in the near future. Furthermore, reports on the activities of the last four years appear in the *Sedimentology* issue of February 1999.

### 1. Accomplishments in 1998

The IAS held the 15th International Sedimentological Congress in Alicante, Spain, from April 13 to 17. About 700 participants from 54 countries attended. Fourteen field-trips were run before and after the Congress, and 3 short-courses were organized. Special sessions for IGCP and GSGP programmes were held. Prof. R.N. Ginsburg received the Sorby Medal for „Distinction in Sedimentology“, and Prof. H. Füchtbauer and Prof. K.J. Hsu became Honorary Members of the Association. This year, there was a change in several officers of the IAS, and the new Bureau and Council members were confirmed at the General Assembly. The new logo of the Association was presented.

IAS published 6 issues of its journal *Sedimentology*, comprising over a 1000 pages. With an impact

factor of 1.475, *Sedimentology* is comparable with other journals of similar standing in Earth Sciences. Two Special Publications were published in 1998; 4 more are in preparation. The IAS continues to sponsor the journal *Basin Research*.

The journal *Sedimentology* is accompanied by a Newsletter where the IAS National Correspondents report on sedimentological activities in their country, reports on past meetings are given, forthcoming meetings are announced, and where our members can make their comments. The Newsletter gives the opportunity to publish reports and announcements of the IAS Bureau. All this information is also displayed on the IAS homepage.

The IAS friendship scheme for scientists and libraries in less-developed countries continues. In 1998, about 100 individuals and 30 libraries benefit from it. IAS membership is around 2000.

### 2. Goals for 1999

A Regional Meeting will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from August 24-26, 1999. Furthermore, IAS will sponsor a Symposium on Evaporites in Lviv, Ukraine (September 7-13, 1999), and a Meeting on Reefs and Carbonate Platforms in Aix-les-Bains, France (September 27 to 30,

1999). We expect to publish 4 Special Publications in 1999; 5 more are planned for later. There will be a Millennium-issue of *Sedimentology*.

The newly established IAS/SEPM committee on Environmental Sedimentology will become active and prepare a Congress on Aquifer Sedimentology in Santa Fe, New Mexico (October 2000).

In 1999, Prof. H.G. Reading will undertake a lecture tour. Invitations have been received from 35 institutions but, due to financial and logistical reasons, there will have to be a selection with preference given to developing countries (Eastern Europe, Asia).

We will continue to publish high-quality science and to organize and sponsor top-level research con-

ferences and meetings. However, we also want to encourage young sedimentologists from countries where research possibilities are less well established, and where funding is lacking. We do this through our friendship scheme and by paying travel expenses to international congresses and field workshops.

### 3. Funding

IAS is funded by membership fees. All officers work for free, and there are no permanent staff or formal headquarters.

*André Strasser,  
General Secretary.*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### 1. BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 1998

(F.F. = French francs)

|  | June 30, 1998  |                         | June 30, 1997    |                         |
|--|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|  | F.F.           | F.F.                    | F.F.             | F.F.                    |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                    |                |                         |                  |                         |
| Tangible assets                        |                | 21 635                  |                  | 16 833                  |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                  |                |                         |                  |                         |
| Stocks (books/publications)            |                | 325 363                 |                  | 115 713                 |
| Receivables                            |                |                         |                  |                         |
| Prepayments                            | 23 025         |                         | 24 796           |                         |
| Other receivables                      | <u>867 622</u> |                         | <u>68 475</u>    |                         |
|  |                | 890 647                 |                  | 93 271                  |
| Liquid assets                          |                | <u>5 759 782</u>        |                  | <u>5 781 669</u>        |
|  |                | <u><u>6 997 427</u></u> |                  | <u><u>6 007 486</u></u> |
| <b>CAPITAL</b>                         |                |                         |                  |                         |
| General reserve                        | 5 841 170      |                         | 4 762 247        |                         |
| Result for the year                    | <u>685 989</u> |                         | <u>1 078 924</u> |                         |
|  |                | 6 527 159               |                  | 5 841 171               |
| <b>SHORT TERM DEBTS</b>                |                |                         |                  |                         |
| Other debts and<br>prepayment received |                | 470 268                 |                  | 166 315                 |
|  |                | <u><u>6 997 427</u></u> |                  | <u><u>6 007 486</u></u> |

**2. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD  
JULY 1, 1997, TO JUNE 30, 1998**

|  | July 1, 1997 to<br>June 30, 1998 |                       | July 1, 1996 to<br>June 30, 1997 |                         |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
|  | F.F.                             | F.F.                  | F.F.                             | F.F.                    |
| Income                                 |                                  | 1 508 392             |                                  | 1 590 223               |
| Cost of books and magazines            | 219 037                          |                       | 273 065                          |                         |
| Staff and housing expenses             | 215 389                          |                       | 223 093                          |                         |
| Other expenses                         | <u>591 203</u>                   |                       | <u>369 799</u>                   |                         |
| Total expenses                         |                                  | <u>1 025 629</u>      |                                  | <u>865 957</u>          |
| Operating result                       |                                  | 482 763               |                                  | 724 266                 |
| Capital gain on marketable<br>security | -                                |                       | 3 104                            |                         |
| Exchange gain (loss)                   | 61 384                           |                       | 139 840                          |                         |
| Interest                               | <u>141 842</u>                   |                       | <u>211 714</u>                   |                         |
|  |                                  | <u>203 226</u>        |                                  | <u>354 658</u>          |
| NET RESULT                             |                                  | <u><u>685 989</u></u> |                                  | <u><u>1 078 924</u></u> |

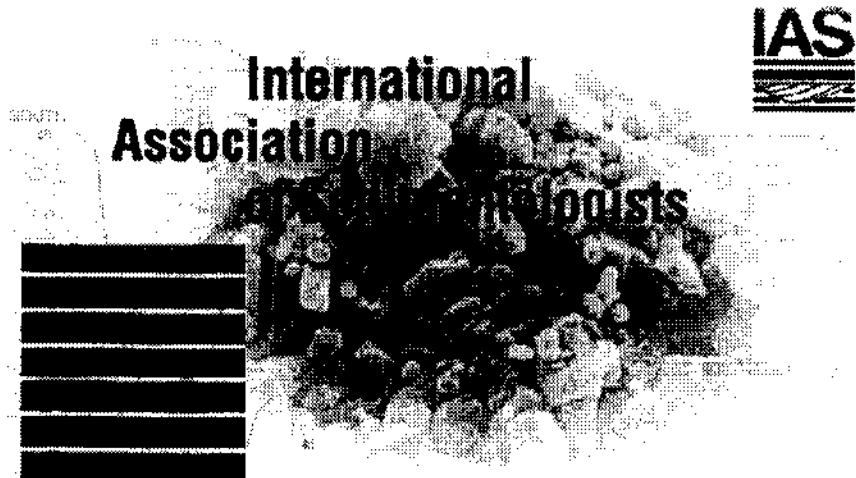
*Isabelle Cojan,  
Treasurer IAS.*

## CALL FOR HOMEPAGES

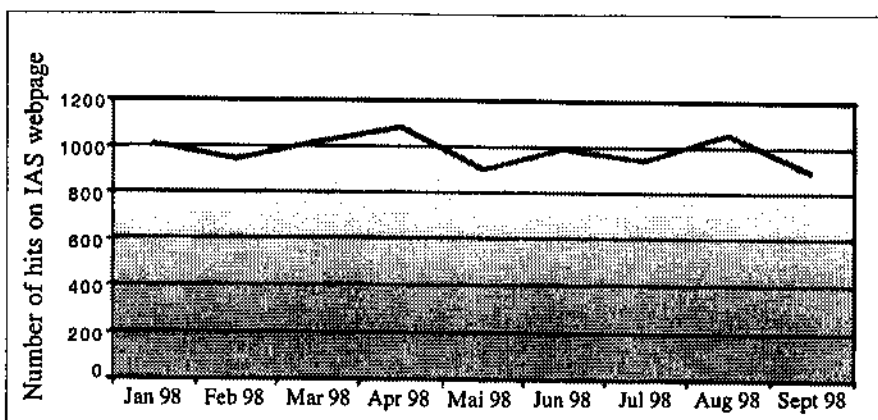
**A**s you know, the IAS has its own homepage with the address: <http://www.blackwell-science.com/uk/society/ias>. From there, links are established to other sedimentological societies and working groups. If you are responsible for a regional, national, or local sedimentology group that has a homepage, please send me the corresponding www-address. It will then be added to the links on the IAS homepage, and you will thus have a much greater publicity. On the other hand, please add the IAS web address to your own links.

I'm looking forward to hear from you soon.

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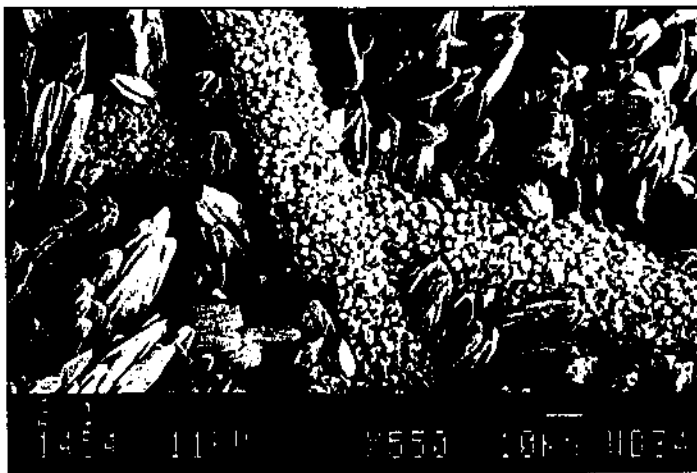


## WEB REPORT



| Page                | Jan        | Feb        | Mar         | Apr         | Mai        | Jun        | Jul        | Aug         | Sept       |
|---------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>Main</b>         | 473        | 466        | 531         | 551         | 433        | 385        | 485        | 485         | 406        |
| <b>Newsletter</b>   | 198        | 189        | 72          | 78          | 93         | 140        | 90         | 168         | 149        |
| <b>Meetings</b>     | 58         | 74         | 71          | 92          | 49         | 72         | 63         | 77          | 63         |
| <b>Books</b>        | 26         | 21         | 8           | 4           | 3          | 1          | 3          | 4           | 2          |
| <b>Links</b>        | 63         | 70         | 85          | 68          | 69         | 64         | 72         | 75          | 75         |
| <b>Members</b>      | 72         | 60         | 39          | 40          | 44         | 74         | 54         | 54          | 45         |
| <b>Journals</b>     | 19         | 7          | 26          | 12          | 10         | 10         | 5          | 5           | 4          |
| <b>General Info</b> | 25         | 1          | 153         | 199         | 160        | 197        | 140        | 139         | 120        |
| <b>Bureau</b>       | 27         | 16         | 16          | 25          | 31         | 34         | 20         | 35          | 19         |
| <b>Spec. Publ.</b>  | 35         | 30         |             |             |            |            |            |             |            |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>996</b> | <b>934</b> | <b>1001</b> | <b>1069</b> | <b>892</b> | <b>977</b> | <b>932</b> | <b>1042</b> | <b>883</b> |

**BEAUTIFUL SEDIMENTOLOGY**



Dolomitized organic filaments in forest of aragonite needles  
(Pleistocene stage 5e, Sinai, Egypt)

*If you want to have your "Beautiful Sedimentology" picture published, please send a slide, glossy print, or diskette to the IAS General Secretary.*

## IAS FRIENDSHIP SCHEME

Since 1986, the IAS runs the Friendship Scheme, and many people benefit from it. The basic idea is that a donor pays half of the annual membership fee for a person of his choice, or it is left to the treasurer to choose that person. The IAS pays the other half of the fee. Also libraries in less developed countries are included in this scheme.

If you are interested in sedimentology and sedimentary research, if you wish to receive our journal *Sedimentology* and this Newsletter free of charge, if you want to participate in the annual Regional Meetings and in the Sedimentological Congresses as a member of the IAS, and if you don't have the possibility

to pay the membership fee, you should apply to the Friendship Scheme.

Please write to our treasurer, Isabelle Cojan, stating your motivation and financial situation.

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February 13-18, 1999

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March 1-2, 1999

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March 2-6, 1999

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March 15-19, 1999

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SÉDIMENTAIRES MAROCAINS**

April 27-29, 1999

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OF THE ALENTEJO**

June 17-19, 1999

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GEOLOGY 1999**

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**5TH INTERNATIONAL ICHNOFABRIC WORKSHOP AND FIELD SEMINAR**

July 15-20, 1999

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**IAMG'99****5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MATHEMATICAL GEOLOGISTS**

August 6-11, 1999

NORWAY (Trondheim)

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August 24-26, 1999

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**BIOGEO-IMAGES 99 – IMAGE ANALYSIS AND MORPHOMETRY OF GEOLOGICAL OBJECTS: FROM FOSSILS TO ROCK FORMING FEATURES**

September 6-9, 1999

FRANCE (Dijon)

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**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON  
EVAPORITES AND CARBONATE-  
EVAPORITE TRANSITIONS**

September 7-13, 1999

UKRAINE (Lviv)

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**PALEOCEANOLOGY OF REEFS AND  
CARBONATE PLATFORMS: MIOCENE  
TO MODERN**

September 27-30, 1999

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**14TH ARGENTINE GEOLOGICAL  
CONGRESS**

September 19-24, 1999

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**4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON ASIAN MARINE GEOLOGY  
ASIAN MARINE GEOLOGY IN THE  
21ST CENTURY**

October 10-14, 1999

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**5TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS  
ON RUDISTS**

September 26-30, 1999

Post-conference excursion to the Alps:

October 1-6, 1999

GERMANY (Erlangen)

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**SEMINAR ON THE ESTUARIES OF  
PORTUGAL AND THE PLANS OF THE  
HYDROLOGICAL BASINS**

October 13-15, 1999

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**2ND LATIN AMERICAN  
SEDIMENTOLOGICAL CONGRESS  
8TH ARGENTINIAN MEETING OF  
SEDIMENTOLOGY**

March 14-17, 2000

ARGENTINA (Mar del Plata)

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