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## NEWS LETTER ASSOCIATION NEWS

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of the Association will meet in Jerusalem on Monday July 10th. Members are reminded that, according to the Statutes, the General Assembly "votes on important issues of the Association". In particular elections will take place for the posts of President, Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Publications Secretary and six other members of Council. In addition the place of the next Congress will be decided.

Of the present officers, the General Secretary, the Editors and the Publications Secretary have all stated that they do not wish to be nominated for re-election. The Treasurer has resigned since the last Congress and Dr. D.J. Nio has been appointed Acting Treasurer by the President for the remainder of the present period. He has said that he is willing to be nominated for the post of Treasurer.

The Bureau is required by the Statutes to act as a Nominating Committee by preparing a list of nominations for Council who will propose a list for the Assembly to vote upon. However members of the Association may individually make proposals, provided their names reach the General Secretary at least one month before the Assembly (by June 10th) or if submitted at the Assembly the proposal has at least 50 signatures of members.

Invitations for hosting the next Congress may still be sent to the General Secretary. They have to reach him 3 months before the General Assembly (by April 10th).

The Bureau intends to propose one relatively small change in the Statutes to take into account the pattern of editorship as it has evolved over the past few years. This is to replace the existing elected 'Editor' and appointed 'Associate Editor' by two 'Editors' elected at the General Assembly. These changes will be put before the General Assembly.

The Bureau will also propose an increase in Dues for 1979 from Dfl. 40 to Dfl.50 and from Dfl.24 to Dfl.30 for those under 26 years of age. It is true that the present financial situation is good. However the annual surplus is decreasing each year and since the dues can only be raised at a meeting of the General Assembly it is thought wiser to make an increase next year rather than allow the Association to go into deficit before the next opportunity to raise dues is offered, which would be in 1983.

Members are reminded that in 1968 annual dues were Dfl. 68.50 with no reduction for younger members for a journal  $\frac{1}{2}$  the size of the present one. The present rates were introduced in 1973.

#### Help for members under 26 years of age to attend Israel Congress

Financial assistance will be given to those under 26 years of age who have been members in 1977 and 1978 to attend the Israel Congress. A limited sum has been set aside for this and will be given at a rate of US \$50 for those not reading a paper and US \$75 for those reading a paper. The money will be available from the Treasurer at the Congress. Applications should be sent to the Treasurer as soon as possible. The closing date for application is June 1st.

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

#### "HOLOCENE MARINE SEDIMENTATION OF THE NORTH SEA BASIN"

I.A.S. will sponsor a meeting to be held in the summer of 1979 in the Netherlands, the exact place and a preliminary programme to be given in the 1st circular which will be sent with the April issue of SEDIMENTOLOGY

Organizing committee: NIO Swie-Djin (Sedimentology Group, University of Utrecht)

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# FUTURE MEETINGS

May 1-3 1978

Halifax, N.S.

Coastline of Canada: littoral processes and shore morphology.

Details from S.B. McCann, Atlantic Geoscience Centre, Geological Survey of Canada, Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 4A2, Canada).

June 19-23 1978

Halifax, N.S.

Crustal Properties Across Passive Margins.

Organ. by Interunion Commission on Geodynamics, Commission on Marine Geology, jointly with Dalhousie Univ. and Atlantic Geoscience Centre. With field trip. Details from Dr. C.E. Keen, Atlantic Geoscience Centre, Geological Survey of Canada, Bedford Institute of Oceanography, P.O. Box 1007, Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 4A2, Canada.

June 19-27 1978

Alberta, Canada.

Eleventh Congress of the International Society of Soil Science.

Field trips before and after. Details from 11th ISSS Congress, Box 78, Sub.11, University of Alberta, Edmonton T6G 2E0, Canada.

June 23-28 1978

Alberta, Canada.

International Symposium on World Oil and Gas Occurrence.

Theme: Facts and principles of World Oil and Gas Occurrence. With Field trips. Details from J. Browning, General Chairman, Intl. Symposium '78, c/o Loughheed Building, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 1M7, Canada.

July 17-19 1978

Orleans, France.

Nickeliferous Lateritic Minerals and Materials

Details from Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Géologie Appliquée et de Prospection Minière, B.P. 452, 54001 Nancy Cedex, France.

Aug. 16-19 1978

Ontario, Canada.

Glacier Beds: The Ice-Rock Interface

Details from C.S.L. Ormanney, Glaciology Division, Environment Canada, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0E7, Canada.

Aug. 21-25 1978

Ottawa

Symposium on the Dynamics of Large Ice Masses

Details from H. Richardson, International Glaciological Society,  
Cambridge. CB2 1ER, U.K.).

Aug. 28-30 1978

Dublin

Caledonides of the British Isles and Deformation and Metamorphism in the Caledonide Orogen. With field trips. Details from B. MacMahon, Silverdale Travel Ltd., 31 Exchequer St., Dublin 2, Ireland).

Aug. 29 - Sept. 6

Finland

Field meeting in Northern Finland

Details from Y. Vasari, Dept. of Botany, University of Oulu,  
SF-90100 Oulu 10, Finland.

Sept. 4-8 1978

Antwerp

Fifth International Symposium on Living and Fossil Diatoms

With excursions. Details from Dr. J. Barron, U.S. Geol. Survey,  
345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, Calif. 94025, U.S.A.

Sept. 9-12 1978

Bristol, U.K.

International Symposium on the Devonian System

With excursions. Details from The Secretary, P.A.D.S. 1978, Dept.  
of Geology, Queen's Bldg., University Walk, Bristol BS8 1TR, U.K.

Sept. 10-17 1978

Zürich

Genesis and Lithology of Morainic Deposits in an Alpine Environment

Details from Ch. Schluchter, INQUA-Symposium "Moränen" 1978,  
Institut für Grundbau und Bodenmechanik, ETH - Hönggerberg,  
CH-8093 Zürich, Switzerland.

Sept. 24 - Oct. 1 1978

Maastricht, Netherlands

Evolutionary Changes in Fossilisation Potential

Details from Prof. Dr. A. Seilacher, Geologisches Institut,  
Sigwartstrasse 10, Tübingen, F.R. Germany).

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Rome

Geodynamic and Biodynamic Effects of the Late Miocene

(Messinian) Salinity Crisis in the Mediterranean, Rome, Italy.

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