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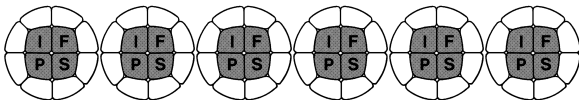
NEWSLETTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PALYNOLOGICAL SOCIETIES

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This is the first time IPC will be held in South America and we can all look forward to experiencing the culture of the famous city of Salvador whilst meeting new palynologists, reacquainting ourselves with old friends and discovering what is new in our science.

It is not, of course, the first time we have held a joint conference with the International Organization of Palaeobotany (IOPC). These joint conferences help develop collaborations with our palaeobotanical colleagues whose discipline shares so much in common with our own. Personally I hope the practice of joint IPC/IOPC conferences will continue as I firmly believe that in sharing so much common ground we are stronger together.



## IFPS BUSINESS

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The term of the IFPS President comes to an end during our 4-yearly 'International Palynological Congress'. As such the President's final message is written during a time of excitement and expectation as the next congress approaches. I can't express just how eager I am for the arrival of IPC XIV Brazil 2016, having been witness to the extensive preparations for the congress, ever since we voted to host IPC XIV in Brazil during IPC XIII in Tokyo.



*Charles Wellman after becoming IFPS president in 2012 at the IPC in Tokyo (Japan).*

During my tenure as IFPS President there have been a couple of developments. We welcome a new society 'Palynological Association of Nigeria' (PAN). This brings the membership of IFPS to a total of 24 societies. The membership of PAN means that once again IFPS has representation on the continent of Africa. Thus the only inhabited continent not currently represented is Australasia – and we should work to remedy this.

Our financial situation remains on a sound footing. I extend my thanks to all societies and councillors for organizing the prompt payment of dues and, of course, to Secretary-Treasurer Jim Riding for undertaking such an important job so efficiently.

The main use of dues these last 4–years has been to sponsor student attendance at international meetings. We sponsored 3 students to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> International Palaeontological Congress in Argentina in 2014, 11 students to attend the 9th European Palaeobotany Palynology Conference (EPPC) in Padua (Italy) in 2014, and 20 students to attend our upcoming IPC in Salvador (Brazil) in 2016. These 34 students include representatives of nearly all of our IFPS member societies.

Finally I would like to end by thanking: the IFPS committee for offering sound advice and undertaking their roles so efficiently; the IFPS councillors for all of the work they have undertaken including the vital role of liaising between the IFPS Council and the societies they represent; the organizers of IPC XIV/ IOPC X Brazil for all of the hard work they have put in organizing what will be a wonderful conference.

I hope to see you all there.

*Charles Wellman, IFPS President  
(c.wellman@sheffield.ac.uk)*

## Accounts 2012–2016

During 2012, Charles Wellman passed over the duties of Secretary-Treasurer to myself (James B. Riding). This transfer was formally effected at the incoming meeting of the 2012–2016 IFPS council at XIII IPC Tokyo on 29th August 2012.

Following the XIII IPC, we both organised with our bankers, NatWest, that I would take over being the sole signatory on both IFPS accounts (current and business reserve).

I have conducted my duties with regard to soliciting subscriptions, disbursing travel grants to students attending the 4<sup>th</sup> International Palaeontological Congress in Argentina in 2014, the European Palaeobotany and Palynology Conference (EPPC) in Italy in 2014 and investigating the costs of the putative IFPS “*Lennart Von Post Medal*”. The detailed financial data are set out in the five individual yearly summaries available through the councillors of the IFPS affiliated societies. At the XIV IPC Salvador, we are sponsoring the attendance of 20 students.

The final financial statement (not including student support for XIV IPC) is:

Business Reserve account: £14,405.04

Current Account: £2,855.28

Total Assets: £17,260.32 (this was equivalent to US\$21,084.86 on 16.10.2016)

*James B. Riding, IFPS Secretary-Treasurer,  
17 October 2016 (jbri@bgs.ac.uk)*

## Council meetings in Salvador, Brazil

There will be two IFPS Council Meetings at the forthcoming IPC in Salvador, Brazil, 2016. The first, at the start of the congress (14:30–16:30 h on Sunday 23rd October, 2016), will be the outgoing meeting of the 2012–2016 Council and will be chaired by the outgoing President Charles Wellman.

The second, towards the end of the congress (08:00–10:00 h on Wednesday 26th October, 2016), will be the incoming meeting of the new 2016–2020 Council and will be chaired by our incoming President Jean Nicolas Haas.

## New President

At the recent elections Jean Nicolas Haas, University of Innsbruck (Austria), was elected to be the next IFPS President 2016–2020. Jean Nicolas' committee, along with

any new councillors, will be confirmed at the incoming meeting of the 2016–2020 Council during IPC Brazil 2016 (Wednesday 26th October, 2016, 08:00–10:00 h).

## Message from the PALYNOS editor

This issue of PALYNOS is the last one I'm preparing as editor, and I hope that during the last eight years you enjoyed reading all of them since I took over this editorship with Volume 31(2) from our former newsletter editor Charles Wellmann in 2008.

The format and style of PALYNOS have slightly changed since then, hopefully to your full benefit for being informed on all kind of palynological means.

However, getting out **PALYNOS – the NEWSLETTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PALYNOLOGICAL SOCIETIES** – would not have been possible without the strong support of the councillors of our 24 palynological societies from all over the world, as well as by lots of colleague-palynologists providing important palynological information of all kinds. Therefore, I would like to very warmly thank all of you having contributed to PALYNOS! I could not have done this job without you!

This said, it is a great pleasure that my Spanish colleague Dr. Encarni Montoya (Institute of Earth Science Jaume Almera (CSIC), Barcelona, Spain ([emontoya@ictja.csic.es](mailto:emontoya@ictja.csic.es))) has accepted to take over as new PALYNOS editor after the incoming IFPS Council Meeting on October 26, 2016, in Salvador (Brasil). As elected president of IFPS for the Council period 2016–2020 I therefore very much look forward to a fruitful collaboration and to all upcoming PALYNOS volumes!

*Jean Nicolas Haas, PALYNOS editor*  
([Jean-Nicolas.Haas@uibk.ac.at](mailto:Jean-Nicolas.Haas@uibk.ac.at))

## VENUE FOR IPC-XV (2020)

Although the excitement builds for IPC-XIV/IOPC-X (2016) in Salvador (with palynologists from more than 40 countries and with about 500 online registrations and abstracts accepted), we are very glad to have received two bids for the organisation of the next IPC-XV in 2020 !

The two bids will be presented in details, discussed and voted for at the Incoming IFPS-Council Meeting on October 26, 2016.

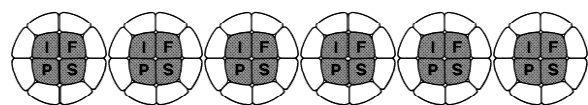
In addition, the International Organization for Palaeobotany (IOP) will discuss their preferences for the venue in 2020 at their own Council Meeting.

After this, both the councils of IFPS and IOP will then get together at a joint IFPS/IOP meeting and decide which bid will get the organisation of the 2020 conference in case a joint conference is voted for. The location chosen will be announced at the General Assembly in Salvador, Brazil.

Here we present the two bids (in the chronological order of proposal submission). See the according attachments to this PALYNOS issue Vol. 39(1) for details:

**Bid 1:** Proposal of the Organization of Czech and Slovak Palynologists concerning the organization of the 2020 IPC-XV and XI IOPC-XI, in **Prague, Czech Republic**. See Attachment "**Bid-1**" (received 07-09-2016).

**Bid 2:** Proposal of the Micropalaeontological Society Palynology Group (TMS), supported by AASP - The Palynology Society, to host the 2020 IPC-XV and XI IOPC-XI at Northumbria University, **Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom**. See Attachment "**Bid-2**" (received 17-10-2016).



# **Updated CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PALYNOLOGICAL SOCIETIES (revision ratified at IPC-Tokyo as of 23rd August 2012)**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **Article 1. NAME**

The name of the organization is "International Federation of Palynological Societies" (IFPS).

### **Article 2. COMPOSITION AND AIM**

The IFPS is a federation of regional, national, linguistic and specialist palynological societies. Its aim is to advance knowledge in palynology and related subjects by promoting and coordinating international cooperation and meetings between scientists of all regions and countries.

### **Article 3. AFFILIATION**

Because of its interdisciplinary character, the IFPS is affiliated with both the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) and the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS).

### **Article 4. MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the IFPS consists of the members of all of the societies that are affiliated with the Federation. The total membership constitutes the General Assembly. Membership includes the right to participate in the affairs of the Federation, and to receive the newsletter, PALYNOS.

### **Article 5. FINANCES**

Each affiliated society shall pay annually to the IFPS Secretary-Treasurer a subscription based on the society's membership. Dues are payable by May 1 for the current year. The amount of the subscription per member shall be determined by the Council and incorporated in the By-Laws of the Federation. The Secretary-Treasurer shall each January submit to the affiliated societies a summary of the financial position of the Federation, and shall at the end of the term of office of the Council present to the plenary session of the General Assembly a full account of the Federation's financial affairs.

### **Article 6. MEETINGS**

International Palynological Congresses shall be held at intervals of four or five years, and their venues shall be chosen by vote of the Council, based on invitations submitted by the affiliated societies. A plenary session consists of those members present at a duly called meeting of the General Assembly, for which notice of one year must be given by the Officers of the IFPS to the members of the affiliated societies. Two ordinary plenary sessions shall be held at each International Palynological Congress, the first to be chaired by the outgoing President, and the second to be chaired by the incoming President. Extraordinary plenary sessions may be called by the Council in unusual circumstances, subject to the provisions of this article. The agenda of a plenary session of the General Assembly shall be determined by the Council and published in the newsletter in advance of the meeting.

### **Article 7. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

Between International Palynological Congresses the business of the Federation shall be conducted by the Council and, subject to its approval, by committees appointed by the Council. A meeting of the members of the IFPS for the conduct of business shall be called at each International Palynological Congress and at each extraordinary plenary session of the General Assembly. Except as specified in Articles 17 and 18, all motions passed by a plenary session shall be referred to and considered by the Council.

## Article 8. COUNCIL

The council of the IFPS shall consist of Officers and Councillors. The officers shall be the President, the Past-President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Newsletter Editor and the Web Master. There shall be one Councillor from each affiliated society, or two from any society that has more than 200 palynological members. Three Vice-Presidents shall be elected from the Councillors by the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Article 9.2. The normal term of office of members of the Council shall begin at the closing plenary session of an International Palynological Congress and end at the closing plenary session of the next IPC. If no plenary session is held within five years, new Officers and Councillors shall be selected according to the provisions of Articles 9, 11, 12 and 13. They shall assume office and their names shall be announced in the IFPS newsletter (PALYNOS) not more than five and one-half years after the beginning of the retiring Council's term of office.

## Article 9. ELECTIONS

9.1 The incoming President shall be elected by e-mail/postal ballot by the retiring Council at least three months before the expiry of that Council's term of office. The presidential ballot shall contain the names of all members of the Council who agree in advance to stand for election, except that of the incumbent President. The ballot may in addition contain the name of any member-at-large who is nominated by another member, provided that such nomination is received in writing by the Secretary-Treasurer at least two weeks prior to the deadline stated for the distribution of the ballots, and is accompanied by evidence that the nominee is willing to accept office if elected. The first ballots shall be distributed at least eight months before the expiry of the term of office of the incumbent Council. A president may not serve a second consecutive term in that office. If the president dies, resigns, or is, in the opinion of two-thirds of the Council, unable to carry out adequately the duties of office, he/she shall, to ensure orderly continuance of the business of the Federation, be succeeded in that office by the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall then select a new Secretary-Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of Article 11.

9.2 Three Vice-Presidents shall be elected by incoming Council from among the Councillors by e-mail/postal ballot, within six months after the beginning of the Council's term of office. They shall be residents of different countries, and shall include representatives of paleopalynology and actuo-palynology. A Councillor who does not wish to stand for election to the vice-presidency should so inform the President prior to the distribution of the ballot. A Vice-President who resigns, or is replaced, as Councillor shall be considered to have resigned from the vice-presidency, and a successor to the latter office shall be elected by the process outlined in this article.

## Article 10. PAST-PRESIDENT

The retiring President shall automatically assume the office of Past-President. If he/she declines to serve in that capacity, the office shall remain vacant until the expiry of the Council's term of office.

## Article 11. SELECTION OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be chosen by the incoming President from the members-at-large, subject to confirmation by the incoming Council, within three months after the beginning of the Council's term of office. If the Secretary-Treasurer resigns, succeeds to the presidency, dies, or is, in the opinion of two-thirds of the Council, unable to carry out adequately the duties of office, a replacement to that office shall be chosen by the President, subject to confirmation by the Council.

## Article 12. SELECTION OF NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the incoming President with the approval of the incoming Council. If the Newsletter Editor resigns, dies or is, in the opinion of two-thirds of the Council, unable to carry out the duties of office, a replacement to that office shall be chosen by the President, subject to confirmation by the Council.

### Article 13. SELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

The Secretary-Treasurer shall, no later than nine months before the expiry of the Council's term of office, ask each affiliated society to select its Councillor(s) for the succeeding term. In this process the societies shall be guided by the provisions of Articles 8 and 14.6. Councillors may not serve more than two consecutive full terms, but societies may replace their Councillors at any time, and a Councillor who is appointed for part of a term may serve for two additional full terms. A Councillor who dies, resigns, or is judged to be incapacitated by the society that appointed him/her shall be replaced by that society.

### Article 14. DUTIES

14.1 The President shall chair meetings of the Council and the General Assembly; shall coordinate the activities of the Council between plenary sessions; shall appoint the Secretary-Treasurer and the Newsletter Editor, subject to confirmation by the Council; and shall have a second (casting) vote in the event of parities in the votes of the council.

14.2 The Past-President shall serve as advisor to the President. By virtue of experience, the Past-President provides continuity in the deliberations of successive councils.

14.3 The Secretary-Treasurer shall transmit information between the Council and the affiliated societies; implement, and maintain records of, the financial transactions of the Federation; keep in good order the records of the Federation; and transmit records to the Archivist/ Historian as appropriate. He/she shall succeed to the presidency if required to do so by the provisions of Article 9.1.

14.4 The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President in promoting communication and cooperation amongst the affiliated societies, especially amongst those societies for which they shall (with their consent) be assigned this responsibility by the President. They shall solicit and coordinate submission of annual reviews of activities from the affiliated societies to the President and the Newsletter Editor. One of the Vice-Presidents shall chair meetings in the absence of the President, as requested by the Council.

14.5 The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the preparation and production of the IFPS newsletter (PALYNOS) and for its distribution to the Councillors.

14.6 The Web Master shall be responsible for production and maintenance of the IFPS website.

14.7 The Councillors shall be the liaison between the Council and the societies they represent; represent the interests of their societies in votes of the Council; promote preparation of contributions to the IFPS newsletter by members of their society; annually send to the Secretary-Treasurer an up-to-date list, with postal addresses, of the members of their society; ensure that annual dues are forwarded from their society to the Secretary-Treasurer; and distribute the IFPS newsletter to members of their society.

### Article 15. ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN

An Archivist/Historian shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Council, to serve for an indeterminate period. The Archivist/Historian shall collect, catalogue, and implement the preservation of all materials concerning the history and activities of the Federation; maintain liaison with the Council and the affiliated societies concerning acquisition of material appropriate for the archives; and ensure that archival items, or copies of them, are available for use by members of the IFPS, subject to authorization by the Council. Material donated to the archives shall remain the property of the Federation.

### Article 16. RELATIONS BETWEEN IFPS COUNCIL AND CONGRESS ORGANIZATION BODIES

The Council of the IFPS shall advise the organizing body of the International Palynological Congress in planning the scheduling and agendas of plenary sessions and other events that relate to

the business of the IFPS, and shall assist as appropriate in maintaining communication between the congress organizing body and the palynological societies. A liaison person may be appointed by the organizing body of the coming congress, to enhance communication between that body and the IFPS Council. Up to \$6000 shall be made available to the organizing committee of the International Palynological Congress, upon their request, to assist with the expenses that may be incurred for organizing the Congress. The amount loaned shall be returned to the Secretary-Treasurer of the IFPS; and in addition, half of any profit accruing from the meeting shall be transmitted to the IFPS along with a detailed account of the financial status of the Congress.

#### Article 17. AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended only at a plenary session of the General Assembly. The text of any proposed amendment(s) shall be circulated to all members through the affiliated societies at least six months before the plenary session.

#### Article 18. DISSOLUTION

The IFPS may be dissolved only at a plenary session of the General Assembly. In the event of such dissolution, the assets of the Federation shall be divided amongst the member societies in proportion to the amount of dues each shall have paid for the current year.

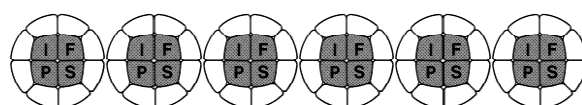
#### BY-LAWS

1. The annual membership subscription shall be US \$1.50 per individual member.
2. The Secretary-Treasurer may appoint one or two associate secretaries to assist with such tasks as editing the World Directory of Palynologists.
3. Revised editions of the World Directory of Palynologists shall be published at appropriate intervals agreed upon by the Council.
4. Amendments to the By-Laws may be made by the Council, and shall be considered effective three months after the approved text of the amendments has been distributed to the Councillors of the member societies.
5. Affiliated societies will be placed on inactive status if they are more than eight months delinquent in paying their annual dues.

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\*This most recent revision is based upon:

- (i) The acceptance of amendments proposed by the Council to the IFPS General Assembly at the 7th IPC, Brisbane, Australia (3rd September 1988).
  - (ii) Amendments to the By-Laws passed by the IFPS Councillors on 1st January 1994.
  - (iii) The amendment to Article 16, passed by the IFPS General Assembly at the 10th IPC, Nanjing, China (23rd June 2000).
  - (iv) The acceptance of amendments proposed by the Council to the IFPS General Assembly at the 13th IPC, Tokyo, Japan (23rd August 2012).
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# FUTURE MEETINGS

## 2017

### **2017 XIX INTERNATIONAL BOTANICAL CONGRESS (IBC2017), SHENZHEN, CHINA, JULY 2017**

The XIX International Botanical Congress will take place in Shenzhen, China, in July 2017. More information available at <http://www.abc2017.cn>

### **2017 DINO11 - 11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MODERN AND FOSSIL DINOFLAGELLATES, BORDEAUX UNIVERSITY, FRANCE, JULY 2017**

The next 11th dino. meeting will be held in Bordeaux (France), July 17–21, 2017. More information available at <http://www.laplf.org/dino11/calquedino11.htm>

### **2017 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF AASP – THE PALYNOLOGICAL SOCIETY – THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MEETING – HELD JOINTLY WITH CIMP AND THE MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY PALYNOLOGY GROUP, NOTTINGHAM, UK, SEPTEMBER 3–7, 2017**

Please visit [http://cimp.weebly.com/uploads/6/4/0/5/6405206/the\\_2017\\_aasp\\_annual\\_meeting.pdf](http://cimp.weebly.com/uploads/6/4/0/5/6405206/the_2017_aasp_annual_meeting.pdf) for details.

### **2017 JOINT APLE – APLF – GPSBI CONGRESS, BARCELONA, SPAIN, 2017**

The Joint conference between the Asociación de Palinólogos de Lengua Española (APLE), the Association des Palynologues de Langue Française (APLF), and the Gruppo di Palinologia della Società Botanica Italiana

(GPSBI) will take place in Barcelona, Spain. This conference will also celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of APLF ! Further informations will be available in due times.

## 2018

### **2018 5<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL PALAEO-TOLOGICAL CONGRESS (IPC 2018), PARIS, FRANCE, JULY 9 – 13, 2018**

The 5th International Palaeontological Congress (IPC 2018) will take place in Paris, France, from July 9-13, 2018. Further informations will be available in due times.

### **2018 10<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN PALAEO-BOTANY PALYNOLOGY CONFERENCE (EPPC), DUBLIN, IRELAND, AUGUST 12–19, 2018**

The 10th EPPC will take place in Dublin, Ireland, from August 12-18, 2018. Further informations will be available in due times.

### **2018 11<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON AEROBIOLOGY (ICA), PARMA, ITALY, SEPTEMBER 3–7, 2018**

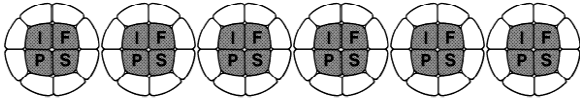
The 11th ICA will take place in Parma, Italy, from September 3–7, 2018. Further information available at <http://www.ica2018.eu/>

## 2019

### **2019 XX INQUA CONGRESS 2019, DUBLIN, IRELAND, JULY 25 – 31, 2019**

The XX INQUA Congress will take place in Dublin, Ireland from July 25-31, 2019. The congress theme will be "Life on the Edge", with additional sub-themes of "Dynamic Ice Sheets on a Global Scale", "Extinction", and "Adaptation to Environmental Change". Further Information available at [http://iqua.ie/INQUA\\_2019.html](http://iqua.ie/INQUA_2019.html)





## IN MEMORIAM

### HERBERT E. WRIGHT, JR. (1917–2015)



*Herbert E. Wright, Jr. (1917–2015)*

On November 12th 2015 Herbert E. Wright, Jr. passed away at his home in St. Paul, Minnesota. Environmental science including Quaternary pollen analysis has lost a very great mind, a most distinguished researcher, and a uniquely kind and supportive mentor.

Herb completed his PhD studies on the Quaternary geology and geomorphology at Harvard University with his thesis about the Chuska Mountains (New Mexico) in 1943 under the supervision of Kirk Bryan Sr. Herb also served as a pilot in the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945. The only flight he enjoyed (according to him) was when he dropped bags of potatoes and other food over The Netherlands during the hunger winter of 1944-45.

In 1947 Herb moved to the University of Minnesota where he first became an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geology

(today the Department of Earth Sciences), then a full Professor in 1959, and a Regent's Professor in Geology, Ecology, and Botany in 1974. By travelling to European laboratories in the 1950s he realised the great potential of palynology in reconstructing environmental history. In 1958 he established a pollen laboratory in Minnesota and became the director of the Limnological Research Center (LRC) in 1963. After travelling in Europe and meeting Godwin in Cambridge, Iversen and Andersen in Copenhagen, and Firbas in Göttingen, Herb invited many European palaeoecologists to work in the LRC, e.g. Magnus Fries (Sweden), Bill Watts (Ireland), Willem van Zeist and Roel Janssen (The Netherlands), Krystyna Wasylkowa (Poland), Hilary and John Birks (UK), Rick Batterbee (UK), and Svante Björck (Sweden). Herb's broad interests included not only geomorphology, glacial landforms and history, pollen analysis, diatoms and palaeolimnology, lake levels, patterned peatlands, fire history, landscape management and conservation, and palaeoclimate but also geo-archaeology.

Sparked by Kirk Bryan, Herb spent five challenging field seasons in Lebanon, Kurdistan, Iraq, and Iran with Robert Braidwood investigating early settlements and the origin of agriculture. The studies at Lake Zeribar (Iran) with demanding field campaigns in 1963 and 1970 culminated in 2008 in a truly multi-disciplinary monograph presenting detailed palynological studies by Willem van Zeist and thorough macrofossil analyses by Krystyna Wasylkowa. The monograph was edited by Krystyna Wasylkowa and Adam Witkowski.

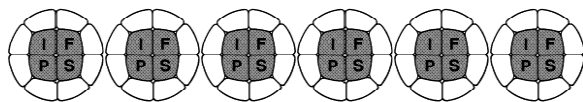
Expanding on his initial interests in arid-region geomorphology in New Mexico and his love of working in remote areas, Herb helped many doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers to work in Alaska, Yukon, Labrador, Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador. Similarly in the Eurasian mountains, Herb helped in very many ways from asking important research questions and sediment coring to editing and writing, e.g. in the Alps, the Slovak Tatra, the Pirin Mountains in Bulgaria, Georgia (Great Caucasus and Lesser Caucasus), and the

Russian Altai. Many anecdotes about field-work with Herb are told with great affection by his numerous friends....But all his friends and colleagues talk most warmly about Herb's great readiness to help, especially in editing papers written in rather clumsy ways by non-native English speakers (and some native English speakers!).

Herb authored and co-authored more than 250 scientific papers and co-edited 16 very influential books. He received many academic awards and three doctor honoris causa. Herb was a remarkable role model by being a Quaternary polymath and having a unique combination of sharp mind, soft tongue, and genuine modesty. The scientific community and all his friends will greatly miss him.

Many of Herb's friends and colleagues have contributed a range of articles (biography, publication list, picture galleries, poems, memories, PowerPoints, eulogies, etc) to an electronic-book in Herb's honour. The e-book is called *Sedimental Journeys – The Life and Legacy of Herb Wright*. It can be accessed at: <http://www.eecrg.uib.no/SedimentalJourneys.htm>

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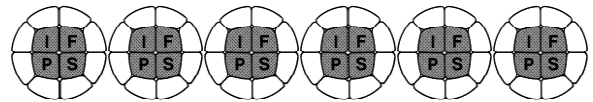
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORLD DIRECTORY OF PALYNOLOGISTS

Please note that the 5th edition of this invaluable directory has been published as a pdf by Owen K. Davis in August 2012. It is available by request to Owen K. Davis ([odavis@email.arizona.edu](mailto:odavis@email.arizona.edu)) or as a copy through your membership in an IFPS affiliated society.

Please ask your IFPS councillor for it!

*Jean Nicolas Haas, editor of PALYNOS*

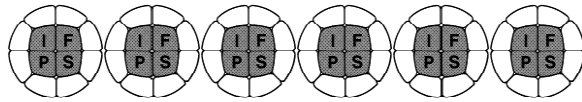


## CURRENT IFPS AFFILIATED SOCIETIES AND COUNCILLORS

The current list of the IFPS officers and IFPS councillors is provided below. The IFPS president (Charles Wellman), IFPS secretary-treasurer (James B. Riding), IFPS editor of *PALYNOS* (Jean Nicolas Haas), and the IFPS Web-Master (Owen Davis) should be informed of any errors or necessary changes (email addresses below; postal addresses of all officers & councillors: <http://www.geo.arizona.edu/palynology/ifpscnc1.html>).

The list of current IFPS councillors also includes information on website addresses for the various societies. Please inform the IFPS Officers of possible website changes.

IFPS Officers	Affiliation	Email
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