

The Eastern Section of the Society for Sedimentary Geology ~ ES-SEPM ~ June 2010 Newsletter

President's Column

Dear Colleagues –

Upcoming Regional GSA Meetings

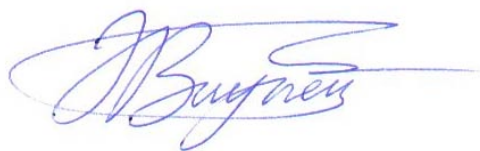
It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as the Section's president for the past four years. During this time, we welcomed a number of new professional and student members, established a Life-Long Membership, and re-instituted the Best Student Paper Award at the most recent GSA Conference. It is an exciting time to be part of the world's largest sedimentological society – SEPM and one of its largest sections, which includes a third of the U.S. States and more than half of Canadian Provinces.

Please take a minute to vote for the new Section officers in the attached election ballot. We encourage your participation in Section activities and look forward to your initiatives in proposing or chairing sessions that deal with exciting aspects of sedimentary geology, from both physical and biological perspectives. As we did last year, ES-SEPM will take the leading role in soliciting and endorsing session proposals to the upcoming GSA regional meetings.

The 2011 Joint Northeast/North-Central GSA Conference in Pittsburgh will provide a unique opportunity for the Eastern Section members to interact with our colleagues from the Great Lakes Section of SEPM. Section officers and members will also attend the Southeast GSA conference in Wilmington, NC and we look forward to seeing all of you take part in our annual receptions at both venues.

If you plan to continue supporting the Eastern Section, please consider becoming a Life Long Member. I wish you success in the 2010-2011 field and academic seasons and look forward to working with you on making our Section a welcome meeting place for all those interested in the sedimentary geology and paleontology of Eastern North America.

Sincerely yours,



Ilya Buynevich
ES-SEPM President
Temple University
Philadelphia, PA



Call for Proposals

2011 NE and SE GSA Meetings

We need you to propose ES-SEPM-sponsored events (technical sessions, field trips, workshops) for both 2011 NE and SE GSA Meetings. These proposals are due very soon – in June! – but are very simple to do. Please contact conference chairs listed below or any of the ES-SEPM officers if you have any questions or need any assistance with proposing an event. In your event proposal, please remember to state “Sponsored by Eastern Section of the Society for Sedimentary Geology (ES-SEPM)”. Thank you!

Northeastern/North-Central Sections GSA Joint Meeting Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 20-22 March 2011

Chairs: NC - Daniel K. Holm (dholm@kent.edu), and NE - Patrick Burkhart (patrick.burkhart@sru.edu)

Southeastern Section GSA Meeting Wilmington, North Carolina, 23-25 March 2011

Chairs: Richard Laws (laws@uncw.edu), and Bill Harris (harrisw@uncw.edu)

Accepting Proposals at: <http://www.uncw.edu/earsci/2011SEGSA.htm>

Section News

Joint NE and SE GSA Meeting, March 13-16, 2010, Baltimore, Maryland

- *ES-SEPM Reception, Business Meeting, and Keynote Address:*



The Section President **Ilya Buynevich** (Temple University) addressed more than 60 members who attended the ES-SEPM reception and business meeting in Baltimore.



The SEPM Foundation President **Tim Carr** (West Virginia University) delivered the Keynote Address about Challenges and Opportunities of Sedimentary Geology.



The Section Secretary/Treasurer **Bosiljka Glumac** (Smith College) and President **Ilya Buynevich** (Temple University) at the ES-SEPM booth in Baltimore (co-sponsored by the Department of Earth and Environmental Science at Temple University).



• **Best Student Paper Awards:**

The winner of the 2010 Eastern Section SEPM Best Paper competition was chosen from all student presentations at ES-SEPM co-sponsored sessions and will have the opportunity to present at the 2011 annual AAPG Conference in Houston, through a travel grant funded by SEPM. The winner is:



Kristin R. Wilson (graduate student in the Ecology and Environmental Sciences Program, University of Maine) for her talk “Are Maine’s Salt Marshes Drowning? Salt Pools as Dynamic Drivers of Surficial Change for Six Maine Salt Marshes” co-authored by Joseph T. Kelley, Daniel F. Belknap, Gordon S. Hamilton, and Cynthia S. Loftin.

Four additional students were acknowledged for their outstanding presentations:

Donald H. Goldstein (graduate student in Earth and Planetary Sciences, University of Tennessee) for his talk “Mobile Predators and Mobile Prey: Compound Traces Indicate Active Hunting Behavior” co-authored by Michael L. McKinney and Anthony J. Martin.

Christopher J. Hein (graduate student in the Department of Earth Sciences, Boston University) for his talk “The Role of Sea Level and Bay Infilling in the Closing of an Ancient Egyptian Harbor” co-authored by Duncan M. FitzGerald, Kathryn A. Bard, Rodolfo Fattovich, and Glenn Milne.

Katie N. Hoskinson (undergraduate student in the Department of Geology, St. Lawrence University) for her poster “Carbonate-Evaporite Facies in the “B” Interval of the Upper Ordovician Red River Formation, Williston Basin, North Dakota” co-authored by Kyle Marvinney and Antun Husinec.

Veronica A. Woodlief (undergraduate student in the Department of Geography and Earth Science, Shippensburg University) for her poster “Investigating the Usefulness of the USGS Coastal Vulnerability Index: Realized and Potential Impacts of Storm Surge Events on Three Different Atlantic and Caribbean Coastlines: Delmarva Peninsula, Virginia; Florida Keys, Florida; and Curacao, Netherlands Antilles” co-authored by Sean R. Cornell.

• ***ES-SEPM Sponsored Sessions:***

Thank you all who proposed, organized, presented in, and attended the following sessions co-sponsored by ES-SEPM in Baltimore:

The Integration of Marine and Non-marine Subsurface Sediments to the Interpretation of the Stratigraphic Record of the Atlantic Coastal Plain. Jesse Thornburg and Stephen Peterson (Temple University).

The Impact of Climate Change on Barrier Island-Backbarrier Systems. Michael S. Fenster (Randolph-Macon College) and Duncan M. Fitzgerald (Boston University).

Connecting Continent and Sea: Paleocologic Studies of the Eastern North American Continental Margin from Coastal Plain to Abyss. Neil E. Tibert (University of Mary Washington) and H. Allen Curran (Smith College).

Eastern Ichnology: Advances in Paleoenvironmental Applications of Trace Fossils. Jacob Benner, (Tufts University) and Ilya Buynevich (Temple University).

Ancient and Modern Carbonates of Eastern North America. Bosiljka Glumac and Sara Pruss (Smith College).

Old Section Field Guides – Free for Active Members! _____

The following field guides are available at no charge to active ES-SEPM members on a first come-first served basis. Please e-mail the Section Secretary/Treasurer Bosiljka Glumac (bglumac@smith.edu) a list of guides you would like to receive. If your membership is not up to date, please send in your dues before or with your request for the guides. Any contributions for shipping are welcome. Thank you.

“**Lake sequences of the central Hartford Basin, Newark Supergroup**” by Elizabeth Gierlowski-Kordesch and Phillip Huber.

“**Environmental Geology of the Buffalo-Niagara Area**” by Robert V. Demicco, Kelly C. Cloyd, and Patrick W. Concannon, 1996.

“**Sedimentology, stratigraphy, and ichnology of the Lower Silurian Medina Formation in New York and Ontario**” by William L. Duke, William C. Brusse, Peter J. Fawcett, Gerard V. Middleton, Margaret A. Rutka, Carlos J. Salas, and S. George Pemberton, 1987.

“**The Taconian clastic sequence in northern Virginia and West Virginia**” by Richard J. Diecchio, 1985.

“**Lower Paleozoic carbonate rocks, Roanoke region, Virginia**” by J.F. Read with contributions from J.A. Bova, S.L. Dorobek, G.A. Grover, W.F. Koerschner, R.D. Kreisa, J.R. Markello, and W.J. Mussman, 1983.

“**Tuscarora Formation of Pennsylvania**” by Edward Cotter, 1982.

Call for Newsletter Contributions _____

Please send your news, announcements, and any other Newsletter contributions to the Section Secretary/Treasurer Bosiljka Glumac (bglumac@smith.edu). We look forward to hearing from you!

Membership Information

Become and Stay Active!

To determine your current membership status, please check the mailing label of this newsletter. Following your name you will see “Stu” for student members or “Pro” for professional members. These indicators are followed by a year designation: for students it’s the year they joined the section or updated their information, and for professional members it indicates their membership dues status (for example, “Pro 10” means paid up through 2010). If your paid-up status is for a year earlier than 2010, you owe dues now. If your mailing label has your name and address only, and you are no longer a student, then your dues payment is currently due in the amount of \$8 and will be credited for 2010 (and beyond if additional money is sent). Student members are not required to pay dues, but please let us know about your current status and ensure that we have your updated contact information. We would like to avoid too many “Return to Sender” situations. For the same reason, we have started to delete from our membership list the names of members whom we have not heard from in a while. If you are one of those, please either update your status or let us know if you would prefer to be taken off the membership list (by e-mailing the Secretary/Treasurer Bosiljka Glumac: bglumac@smith.edu). Thanks to all of you who have recently paid your membership dues, and we hope to hear from the rest of you soon.

Paper versus Electronic

Several members asked why are we still mailing the paper version of our Newsletter when they are posted online (www.essep.org/newsletters.php) and also e-mailed to our members. Even though the production and mailing of our Newsletter is one of our major expenditures (besides hosting Receptions with Keynote Addresses at Regional GSA Meetings), we believe this is money (your membership fees) well spent. Receiving a paper copy in mail increases the chance that the Newsletter will be looked at, read, shared with colleagues and students, and posted on bulletin boards. Individualized mailing labels also help us keep track and remind you personally of your membership status.

E-Mail Distribution List

Please make sure that we have your current e-mail address. We will also be e-mailing you a PDF version of this Newsletter and the link to our web page. If you do not receive this e-mail in the next week or so we do not have your current e-mail address. Please update your e-mail information on the enclosed membership form or by e-mailing the Section Secretary/Treasurer Bosiljka Glumac: bglumac@smith.edu. Thank you.

Get Membership for Life!

Tired of constant reminders about paying your \$8 ES-SEPM dues each year? For a contribution of \$100 or more you can now become a life-long member of ES-SEPM!!! For more information, please see the **Membership Form** included in this Newsletter.

New Life-Long Members:

Nicholas K. Coch
Cynthia Coron
Stan Dunagan
Deborah Freile
Susan D. Halsey

Honorary Life-Long Members:

Gerald M. Friedman
Gerard V. Middleton
John B. Southard
H. Allen Curran

Election of ES-SEPM Officers

It is time to elect new Section Officers. Enclosed please find our election ballot (on the back side of the enclosed Membership Form). Please fill out the ballot and mail it right away to:

Bosiljka Glumac
Eastern Section SEPM Secretary/Treasurer
Department of Geosciences, Smith College
Northampton, Massachusetts 01063

According to our Section Constitution: "Officers are elected by a majority vote among postal ballots received by the secretary within thirty (30) days after the ballots are mailed to the Members." Please take this opportunity to also update your membership information and pay your dues if you have not already done so. Thank you very much in advance!

Finally, the ES-SEPM Members are grateful to the current officers for all of their contributions and service to the Section: Ilya Buynovich (President), Stan Dunagan (Vice-President), Bosiljka Glumac (Secretary/Treasurer), Cynthia Coron (Councilor for the Northeast), and Doug Haywick (Councilor for the Southeast). Thank you all!

Please contact the Secretary/Treasurer Bosiljka Glumac (bglumac@smith.edu) if you are interested in serving as an officer in the future or helping the Section in any way.

Announcements

The 102nd Annual American Association of State Geologists Meeting hosted by the New Jersey Geological Survey, June 27-July 1, 2010, New Brunswick, NJ
<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/njgs/AASG/AASG-Meeting.html>

AIPG-AGWT-FAPG Conference (American Institute of Professional Geologists; American Ground Water Trust; Florida Association of Professional Geologists), September 11-15, 2010, Orlando, Florida: <http://www.aipg.org/e-mail/AIPG-AGWT-2010.html>

2010 Field Conference of Pennsylvania Geologists, September 23-25, 2010, Lancaster, PA
"A Tectonic Cross Section of the Pennsylvania Piedmont"
Contact: Jaime Kostelnik (jkostelnik@state.pa.us); <http://fcopg.org/>

New York Geological Association (NYSGA) Annual Meeting, Sept. 24-26, 2010, Staten Island, NY
Contact: Allan Benimoff (benimoff@mail.csi.cuny.edu)
http://www.nysga.net/Annual_Meeting.html

AAPG Eastern Section Annual Meeting, September 25-29, 2010, Kalamazoo, Michigan
<http://aapgesmeeting2010.mbgs.org/>

New England Intercollegiate Geologic Conference (NEIGC), Oct 1-3, 2010, Orono, Maine
Contact: Martin Yates (yates@maine.edu)
<http://w3.salemstate.edu/~lhanson/NEIGC/>

Geological Association of New Jersey Annual Conference and Field Trip, Oct. 8-9, 2010, Trenton, NJ: "The Geology of the Trenton Area"
Contact: Pierre Lacombe (placombe@usgs.gov); <http://www.ganj.org/>

2010 Annual GSA Meeting, 31 Oct.–3 Nov. 2010, Denver, Colorado
<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/>
Abstracts Deadline: 10 August 2010

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