

# The Eastern Section of the Society for Sedimentary Geology ~ ES-SEPM ~ May 2011 Newsletter



## Section News

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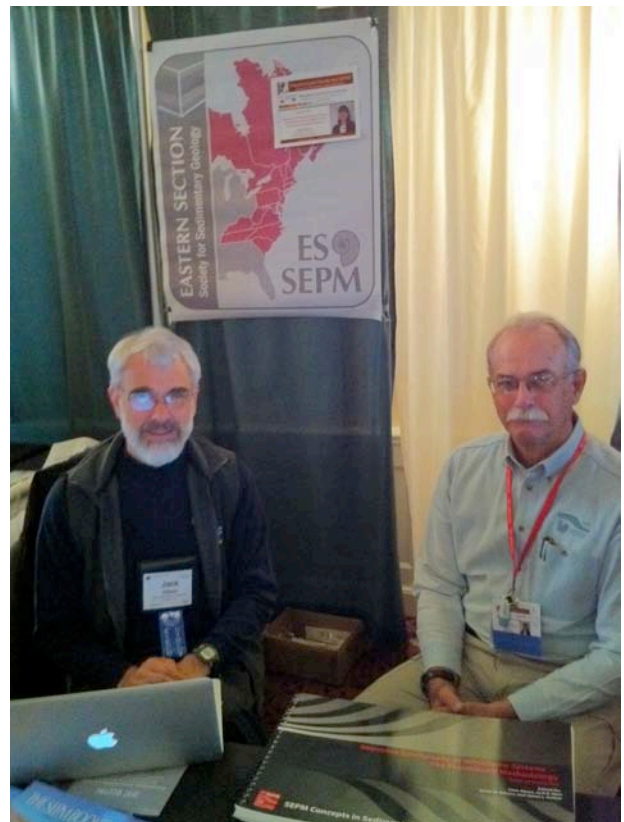
ES-SEPM would like to thank all of you who organized and participated in the numerous ES-SEPM co-sponsored events at the NE/NC GSA Meeting in Pittsburgh in March! Our reception was attended by over 200 people and it was a great success thanks to our excellent keynote speaker, GSA sponsors, and to our partners from the Paleontological Society.



*ES-SEPM Keynote Speaker Diane Kamola at the NE/NC GSA Meeting in Pittsburgh.*

In particular we would like to thank:

- SEPM Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Diane Kamola (Department of Geology, University of Kansas) who delivered the superb keynote lecture “Anatomy of Foreland Basin Strata: Clues from Stratal Patterns and the Paleontological Record.”
- SEPM Executive Director Dr. Howard Harper who organized and hosted the SEPM exhibit booth.



*Jack Hess (GSA Executive Director; on the left) and Howard Harper (SEPM Executive Director) at the SEPM exhibit booth at the NE/NC GSA Meeting in Pittsburgh.*

- Dr. Vitor Abreu (Senior Technical Consultant - Hydrocarbon Systems, ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company) for teaching the popular SEPM sponsored workshop “Sequence Stratigraphy for Graduate Students.”

- The Northeastern Section Meeting Co-Chair Dr. Patrick Burkhart (Slippery Rock University) who helped make arrangements and secured financial sponsorship for our reception.

In other news, our member and NE GSA Secretary Stephen Pollock says: “I just returned from the spring GSA Council meeting where a variety of statistics were presented. The participation of ES-SEPM at the NE GSA

meetings over the years has been significant, and your contributions have always been excellent. Keep up the good work”!

ES-SEPM Vice-President Ilya Buynevich reports that the SE GSA in Wilmington went well: one of the exhibit tables was used as an ES-SEPM booth and our Section logo was displayed along with other sponsors on multiple LCD screens around the convention center.

## **Call for Proposals**

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We need you to propose ES-SEPM co-sponsored events (symposia, theme sessions, field trips, and workshops) for the 2012 Meetings of the Northeastern and Southeastern Sections of the Geological Society of America. The proposals are due NOW. With questions on how to propose an event please contact any of the ES-SEPM Officers and/or Meeting Organizing Committee members. When proposing an event please remember to indicate ES-SEPM sponsorship. For more information on the meetings please see the Announcements sections of the Newsletter.

## **Old Section Field Guides – Free for Active Members!**

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The following four 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.

“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.

## **Membership Information**

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### **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 11” means paid up through 2011). If your paid-up status is for a year earlier than 2011, 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 2011 (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.

### **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:**

Robert M. Finks  
Brian White  
Donald M. Hoskins  
Neal R. O’Brien  
Donald H. Goldstein  
Elizabeth Gierlowski-Kordesch

### **Honorary Life-Long Members:**

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

Thank you all for your support!

### **Announcements**

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#### **2012 NE and SE GSA Conferences**

##### **2012 Northeastern Section of the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting**

“200 Years of Geology in the Northeast”

18–20 March 2012, Hartford, Connecticut

<http://www.geosociety.org/Sections/ne/2012mtg/>

General Chair: Jean Crespi (University of Connecticut; jean.crespi@uconn.edu)

Technical Program Co-Chairs: Mark Evans (Central Connecticut State University; evansmaa@ccsu.edu)  
and Michael Wizevich (Central Connecticut State University; wizevichmic@ccsu.edu)

##### **2012 Southeastern Section of the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting**

“Shaping Continents, Shaping Landscapes, Shaping Policy”

31 March – 2 April 2012, Asheville, North Carolina

<http://www.geosociety.org/Sections/se/2012mtg/>

General Co-Chairs: Blair Tormey (Western Carolina University; btormey@wcu.edu) and Cheryl Waters-Tormey (Western Carolina University; cherylwt@wcu.edu)

Technical Program Chair: Kevin Stewart (University of North Carolina; kgstewar@email.unc.edu)

Field Trips Chair: Chuck Trupe (Georgia Southern University; chtrupe@georgiasouthern.edu)

## **Other Upcoming Conferences**

- Deciphering Paleoclimatic Signals from Continental Successions Truro, Nova Scotia August 2 - 6, 2011  
Registration opens May 2011. Abstract deadline has been extended to May 31, 2011. For further information contact: Chris Fielding (cfielding2@unl.edu) or Jon Allen (jonathan.allen@chevron.com).
- Carbonate Geochemistry: Reactions and Processes in Aquifers and Reservoirs. Aug 6-11, 2011-- Billings, Montana [http://www.karstwaters.org/conferences/carbonate\\_geochemistry.php](http://www.karstwaters.org/conferences/carbonate_geochemistry.php)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Canadian Paleontology Conference Organized by The Earth and Ocean Sciences Department University of British Columbia and The Geological Survey of Canada will be held August 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 (<http://132.156.108.208/cpc/index.htm>)
- FRAGILE EARTH: Geological Processes from Global to Local Scales, Associated Hazards & Resources, 4-7 September 2011 • Munich, Germany. This conference provides an international platform for research on global geodynamic processes and plate motion, regional plate boundary processes and their associated resources (e.g. oil, gas and geothermal energy), and on dynamics of fault networks and magmatic systems with their associated hazards (e.g. earthquakes and volcanic eruptions). Abstract Deadline: 25 May 2011
- ES AAPG annual meeting will be held September 25-27 in Washington, DC. The ES Student Job Quest will be held just before the meeting, on September 24-25. This is an opportunity for students to meet with potential employers as well participate in the optional poster competition. <http://www.gswweb.org/aapg/>
- The ES AAPG is working to expand the AAPG Student Chapter Program to additional universities and colleges through out the section. The Student Chapter Program provides financial support for the chapter and a student each year through the Weeks Grant Program. More information about the student chapter program is at <http://students.aapg.org/>
- Geoscience graduate students are encouraged to explore a career in the energy industry by participating in the Imperial Barrel Award Program. For more information check the AAPG website at <http://www.aapg.org/iba/>
- 2011 Field Conference of Pennsylvania Geologists Geology of the Pennsylvanian September 29- October 1, 2011 - Permian Dunkard Basin Co-leaders: Vik Skema – Pennsylvania Geological Survey (Retired); Blaine Cecil – U.S. Geological Survey (Emeritus); Bill DiMichele – National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Inst.; Nick Fedorko – Consulting Geologist, W.V. Geological Survey (Retired); The 2011 Field Conference of Pennsylvania Geologists will focus on the Permian-Carboniferous age rocks of the Dunkard Basin in Southwestern Pennsylvania, the northern panhandle of West Virginia, and Eastern Ohio.
- 2011 GSA Annual Meeting 9-12 October 2011. Archean to Anthropocene: *The past is the key to the future*. Call for Papers- The abstracts submittal period is now open. Abstracts deadline: 26 July 2011
- 2011 Annual Conference and Field Trip GANJ XXVIII: Environmental Geology of Central New Jersey Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. If you are interested in making an oral or poster presentation, contributing a paper to the proceedings volume, leading a segment of the field trip, or presenting a workshop for earth science teachers, please contact Alan (alan.uminski@verizon.net).
- 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the New York State Geological Association (NYSGA) Hosted by Syracuse University and the Central New York Association of Professional Geologists (CNYAPG) October 14-16, 2011 Volunteers wanted and Field trip leaders wanted. Please e-mail to [cnyapg@gmail.com](mailto:cnyapg@gmail.com) and place NYSGA somewhere in the subject line.
- 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology to be held in at the Paris Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada November 2-5, 2011, abstract submissions are closed <http://www.vertpaleo.org/meetings/index.cfm>
- The 103<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the New England Intercollegiate Geological Conference (NEIGC) will be held Sept. 30 – Oct 2, 2011 in west-central Vermont. Interested trip leaders should contact Dave West Jr. (802-443-3476), Department of Geology, Middlebury College, Middlebury VT. <http://www.salemstate.edu/~lhanson/NEIGC/>

## **Call for Newsletter Contributions**

Please send your news, announcements, and any other Newsletter contributions to the Newsletter Editor Deborah Freile ([dfreile@njcu.edu](mailto:dfreile@njcu.edu)). We look forward to hearing from you!

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Membership type:

Please check one: Professional (\$8/year\*)  Student (free)

\* make checks payable to: Eastern Section SEPM

\*\*for a contribution of \$100 or more become a life-long member!!!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to have your e-mail included on our online list of members? \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Professional interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Web page (if you wish to have a link from the ES SEPM page):  
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Return completed forms with dues payment as applicable to:

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Northampton, Massachusetts 01063

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You can find a copy of this form and other pertinent information at: [www.essepm.org](http://www.essepm.org)

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