



INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER 9: JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1995

The purpose of the *International Newsletter* is to communicate news about activities in structural geology and tectonics from all over the world, and to provide a mouthpiece for the *International Association of Structural/Tectonic Geologists* (IASTG), as below. Readers of the *Journal of Structural Geology* are encouraged to copy this newsletter to interested colleagues, so that we can achieve a good world-wide circulation of news about the IASTG, and about international activities in structural geology and tectonics.

The *International Newsletter* is open to everyone. It provides conference organizers with a world-wide means of communicating their 'first circulars', provides regular 'slots' for national groups to report their activities (past and future), and can give reports or short notices of various kinds. However, direct advertising of services or items for sale, giving prices, etc., is not accepted.

Information, articles and suggestions can be submitted at any time, and secretaries of national structural/tectonic groups are urged to send information on a regular basis. Conference organizers should send their notices as early as possible, and include the abstract deadline date, to be of most use around the world. At present, the *International Newsletter* is approximately twice-yearly.

Newsletter 9 begins with a report on the IASTG, followed first by information received on international meetings and then the information for regional/national groups. A report by Paul Hancock, on a new subcommission of COMTEC (IUGS Commission on Tectonics) follows, before the final section which gives brief information and contact addresses for the many and various regional structural and tectonic groups, in alphabetical order of country.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STRUCTURAL/TECTONIC GEOLOGISTS (IASTG)

The membership of the IASTG continues to increase, and enrolments stand (end-November) at 1030. During March 1994, a membership recall was sent to the 912 members whose details appeared in the IASTG Directory, Edition 1, or its Supplement. Updated membership details are currently being compiled for the next IASTG Directory, Edition 2, with the aim of printing and circulating this to reaffirmed members, in February-March 1995. The IASTG raises its funds from donations, so the recall to members included an invitation to make a voluntary personal subscription, to help replenish the IASTG Fund for continued operations and anticipated production and mailing costs of the new Directory. More than 200 members included a voluntary subscription with their membership renewal, which has raised more than £2300. This response has been very encouraging, as it secures future activity. As time and funds do not allow every donor to be thanked personally, I should like to take the opportunity, here, of thanking members for their contributions, and their personal messages.

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INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

European Union of Geosciences, EUG8

9-13 April 1995; *Strasbourg, France*

The EUG will comprise four Union Symposia, 39 Symposia grouped into 16 General Symposia, and 13 Open Sessions. Symposia topics include lithosphere deformation (active deformation, measurement of deformation rates, localized deformation, continental rifts), early history of the Earth and continental growth through time (birth and history of Planet Earth, ancient and modern terranes), metamorphism and geodynamics (continents in collision, extensional tectonics and exhumation, incipient metamorphism), magmas and tectonics, fluids in fractured rocks, and the Mediterranean puzzle. Structural geology and tectonics is one of the open sessions. A forum 'For a wider and better use of geoscientists and geosciences in human society' will discuss the management of our Planet and public perception of our sciences. A forum on 'Electronic Publishing' will enable authors, readers, editors and publishers to ask questions and discuss the implications and issues of electronic dissemination.

Information and Circular: EUG VIII, E.O.P.G., 5 Rue Rene Descartes, Strasbourg Cedex 67084, France.

2nd International Conference: Mechanics of Jointed and Faulted Rock (MJFR-2)

10-14 April 1995; *Vienna, Austria*

This conference will be hosted by the Institute of Mechanics at the Technical University at Vienna. It will bring together experts from geomechanics, rock mechanics, mining engineering, structural geology, tectonics and related disciplines. The main focusses of the conference will be the interfaces between theoretical concepts, modelling and practical applications. A special one-day workshop on 'Dynamics of Fractured Rock' will precede the conference. The official language will be English.

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35th U.S. Symposium on Rock Mechanics

4–7 June 1995; *Lake Tahoe, Nevada, U.S.A.*

This symposium, sponsored by the U.S. National Committee for Rock Mechanics, and hosted by the University of Nevada, Reno Mackay School of Mines, will be held in beautiful South Lake Tahoe. The 35th Symposium is intended to represent the widest possible scope of state-of-the-art research and applications in rock mechanics. The following are just some of the topics for technical sessions: rock mechanics of nuclear and chemical waste disposal; stress measurements; fractures in rock masses; laboratory testing of rock; neotectonics. The proceedings will be published by A. A. Balkema. Field trips are being considered, on the structure and tectonics of the Sierra Nevada, the Yucca Mountain HLW site, and other venues.

Information: Jaak Daemen or Richard Schulz, Department of Mining Engineering/173, Mackay School of Mines, University of Nevada, Reno, NV 89557, U.S.A.

Thermal and Mechanical Interactions in Deep Seated Rocks

27 September–1 October 1995; *Praha, Czech Republic*

This Conference is the next in the series of European conferences, following Montpellier in 1991 and Graz in 1993. It is hosted from Karlova University, Praha (Prague), and organized by Karel Schulmann together with Alan Thompson and Jean-Pierre Burg (Zürich) and Sierd Ctoetingh (Amsterdam).

The purpose of TMIDSR is to explore interdisciplinary fields of structural geology, tectonics, petrology and geophysics, and explore new directions of research on the lithosphere. Four main topics will be examined. (a) *Tectonic environments and metamorphism:* *P–T–t* evolution of mountain belts, thermal modelling, tectonic settings of metamorphism, and metamorphism–deformation relationships. (b) *Magma flow and emplacement:* magma emplacement, rheology and igneous fabrics. (c) *Crustal rheology and lithosphere deformation:* deformation mechanisms at different scales and levels, microstructures and crustal rheology. (d) *Tectonic controls of basin evolution:* lithosphere stress and thermo-mechanical aspects of basin formation and evolution.

A 3-day pre-conference field trip is planned to the east margin of the Bohemian Massif (from Austria to Poland), and a 2-day post-conference trip to the central Bohemian Massif.

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First International Symposium on Tectono-Geochemistry

September–October 1995; *Guilin, China*

This meeting, co-sponsored by the Chinese Society of Mineralogy, Petrology and Geochemistry, the Chinese Nonferrous Metal Society, and the Guanxi Provincial Society of Geology, will be held at the Guilin College of Technology (exact date not yet decided). Tectono-Geochemistry has been established as a new branch of Earth Science in China, by structural/tectonic geologists and geochemists interested in chemical processes of rock deformation. Scholars from throughout the world who are interested in this topic are invited to participate. The official language will be English.

The following subjects will be explored: the basis of tectono-geochemistry; geochemistry associated with regional structure, microstructure, folding, fracture and ore-related processes; new methods and techniques. A full programme of field excursions is planned.

Contact: Wu Xueyi, Open Laboratory of Ore Deposit Geochemistry, Institute of Geochemistry, Academia Sinica, Guiyang, Guizhou 550002, China. Fax: 86 0851 522982.

Curved Orogenic Belts: Their Nature and Significance (COB'95)

6–10 November 1995; *Buenos Aires, Argentina*

This conference at the University of Buenos Aires, sponsored by the Association Geologica Argentina, the Instituto Antartico Argentino, and other groups, is organized by J. Selles-Martinez with M. Julivert (Spain) and V. Ramos, G. Gonzalez-Bonorino and A. Rapalini (Argentina).

Many studies of curved orogenic belts have been carried out, since mountain chains were first related to geological processes. This symposium will seek to answer questions such as whether oroclinal or orogenic processes have contributed to curvature of orogenic belts. Contributions on the following topics are invited: curved belts through time and space; geometry and kinematics of COBs; sedimentary processes and basins; the paleomagnetic tool. The conference will incorporate a 3-day field trip led by L. Di Mieri to the Sierras Australes de Buenos Aires, an early Mesozoic fold belt 600 km south of Buenos Aires City (the Argentina counterpart to the Cape Fold Belt, South Africa), with an outstanding sigmoidal shape.

For registration before 30 May 1995, there is a half-price registration fee for IASTG members.

Abstract deadline: 30 May 1995.

Contact: J. Selles-Martinez, Dpto de Geologia, Universidad de Buenos Aires, 1428 Buenos Aires, Argentina. Fax: 54 1 781 1253.

Salt, Sediment and Hydrocarbons

3–6 December 1995; *Houston, Texas, U.S.A.*

This research conference is the 16th annual meeting of the Gulf Coast Section Society of Economic Palaeontologists and Mineralogists. Recent subsalt discoveries in the US Gulf of Mexico and improvements in seismic imaging have stimulated widespread interest in salt tectonics and its impact on sedimentation and hydrocarbon distribution. This conference welcomes international contributions as well as those dealing with the Gulf of Mexico. Session topics are: geometry and evolution of salt bodies and sediments that surround them; salt and hydrocarbons; salt and sedimentation; regional systems of salt tectonics—Gulf of Mexico and worldwide. Publication of conference papers will be in time for the meeting.

Information: F. J. Peel or C. J. Travis, BP Exploration Inc., P.O. Box 4587, Houston, TX 77210–4587, U.S.A. Fax: 713 560 6150.

International Conference on Environmental Geology and Land-use Planning

24–27 April 1996; *Granada, Spain*

This international conference doubles as the 6th Spanish Congress of the Spanish Society of

Environmental Geology and Land-Use Planning (SEGAOT). It is sponsored by SEGAOT, COGEO-ENVIRONMENT (IUGS), UNESCO and GARMA (Andalusian Working Group on Natural Hazards), and will be held in the Congress and Exhibitions Centre of Granada. Topics will include natural hazards, mitigation strategies, global and regional change, waste disposal and pollution, natural resources, legislative policies, and the environment of Mediterranean and Arab countries.

The conference will include keynote addresses, thematic sessions, oral and poster presentation, workshops and exhibits. The conference languages are Spanish and English. Pre- and post-conference fieldtrips are planned.

Information: Clemente Iligaray Fernández, Dpto de Ingeniería Civil, Fac. de Ciencias, Universidad de Granada, Spain. Fax: 34 58 243367. E-mail: jchacon@ugr.es.

30th International Geological Congress

4–14 August 1996; Beijing, China

The 30th IGC will focus on continental geology, with emphasis on continent-related tectonics and structures, energy and mineral resources, environmental protection, and geological hazards reduction. The Scientific Programme Committee paid attention to enhancing multi-disciplinary discussion. The scientific programme will comprise colloquia, special symposia, symposia, poster sessions, short courses and workshop. The 11 subjects chosen for Special Symposia include origin and history of the earth, structure of the lithosphere and deep processes, contemporary lithosphere motion, global tectonic zones, orogenic belts, basin analysis, hazards and global changes, resources and new technologies. Progress of international geoscience projects (e.g. ILP, ODP, IGCP) will be reported.

Second Circular: March 1995.

Abstract deadline: 1 November 1995.

Information: 30th International Geological Congress, P.O. Box 823, Beijing 100037, China.

NEW GROUP FOR 1994: GGET, PORTUGAL

In April 1994, the *Grupo de Geologia Estrutural e Tectónica*, GGET (Structural Geology and Tectonics Group) became a constituted specialist group of the Geological Society of Portugal, under the leadership of António Ribeiro. The objectives of the group are to promote scientific interrelations between institutions and researchers who work in the fields of structural geology and tectonics, to develop discussion and exchanges on aspects of regional geology (particularly in Portuguese territory), to promote meetings and field trips, to publish a newsletter, to cooperate with foreign associations, and to work in conjunction with the IASTG. The first meeting was a 3-day field meeting in northern Portugal during July 1994, to bring together those interested in folding mechanisms in transpressive regimes in Portugal. (For contact address, see newsletter's end section.)

HIMALAYAN RESEARCH

10th Himalayan–Karakoram–Tibet Workshop

4–8 April 1995; Ascona, Ticino, Switzerland

This 10th workshop will be held at the ETH (of Zürich) conference centre at Monte Verita, Ascona. It will include a special session on 'Geological Processes related to

uplift, exhumation and elevation of the Himalaya, Karakorum and Tibet'.

Information: D. A. Spencer, Geologisches Institut, ETH Zentrum, CH 8092, Zürich, Switzerland. Fax: 1 632 1080. E-mail: DASpencer@erdw.ethz.ch.

HimNet—Himalayan Researchers List

HimNet (Himalayan Network) is an E-Mail Internet link for researchers working in the Himalayan countries of Pakistan, India, Tibet (China), Nepal and Bhutan. It aims to provide news and information concerning research, publications and other activities in the Himalayan region. A news/discussion digest is sent to all who are subscribed. Those who wish to subscribe should send an E-mail to: HimNet@erdw.ethz.ch with the command: SUBSCRIBE <Your Name>.

Coordinator: D. A. Spencer (address above).

SGTSG, AUSTRALIA

Field Conference

25–29 September 1995; Clare Valley, South Australia

This next meeting of the Specialist Group in Tectonics and Structural Geology of the Geological Society of Australia will be a field conference in the picturesque Clare Valley, less than 2 hours drive from Adelaide. Clare Valley is famous for its numerous vineyards and heritage sites, providing an ideal setting for discussion of papers and posters over four days, and various field excursions.

Information: N. Cook, School of Earth Sciences, Macquarie University, Sydney NSW 2109, Australia. Fax: 02 805 8428. E-mail: ncook@laurel.ocs.mq.edu.au.

CANADA

Geological Association of Canada—Mineralogical Association of Canada

17–19 May 1995; Victoria, British Columbia

There will be a number of sessions of interest to structural and tectonic geologists.

Information: N. Massey, Technical Program Coordinator at: E-mail: nickm@mp.gsb.empr.gov.bc.ca. Fax: 604 952 0381.

SG&T DIVISION, GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

GSA Annual Meeting, 1995

6–9 November 1995; New Orleans, U.S.A.

The general theme for the 1995 GSA Annual Meeting in New Orleans will be 'Bridging the Gulf'. The theme has several meanings: it draws attention to the Gulf of Mexico/Caribbean and the surrounding American continents, with emphasis on bridging knowledge across political and language boundaries; it will address the need to develop closer links between technology and geology, and to educate the public on issues critical to environmental policies; it will bridge the past and present in a retrospection on the past 30 years of plate tectonics.

The Structural Geology and Tectonics Division and the Geophysics Division will co-sponsor a symposium, 'Products and Processes of Continental Extension', to be convened by J. Bartley and J. Geissman. A Divisional

Short Course on 'Tectonic Geomorphology' is tentatively planned. A one-day informal workshop on teaching structural geology is in the planning, probably for the preceding Sunday (5 November). There will be several theme sessions, and the usual open sessions in structural geology and tectonics.

Information: The Meetings Department, GSA, PO Box 9140, Boulder, CO 80301, U.S.A. E-mail: mball@geosociety.org.

Active Tectonics Initiative

The Division has set up an 'Active Tectonics Initiative' Mosaic home page, and would like to encourage anyone with the capabilities to access this Internet home page, to read what is going on in ATI, and respond. The address is: <http://www.muohio.edu/tectonics/activetectonics.html>.

TSG MEETINGS, BRITAIN

Tectonics of the British Isles: Onshore and Offshore Geology

4 March 1995; *Durham, U.K.*

This joint meeting with the Petroleum Group, to be held at the University of Durham, will provide a forum for discussion of all aspects of structural geology and tectonics applied to problems in the British Isles and surrounding regions. Contributions on topics ranging from basin studies to deformation in metamorphic basement rocks will be welcome.

Contact: R. Holdsworth, Department of Geological Sciences, University of Durham, Durham DH1 3LE, U.K. Fax: 091 374 2510.

Structural Geology in Reservoir Characterization and Field Development

25–27 March 1995; *Imperial College, London*

This interdisciplinary meeting jointly with the Petroleum Group should be of interest to structural geologists, seismic interpreters and reservoir geologists. Topics will include fluid flow modelling in fault zones and 3D organization of structures and faults.

Contact: M. Coward, Department of Geology, Imperial College, London SW7 2BP. Fax: 071 225 8544.

Deformation-Enhanced Melt Segregation and Metamorphic Fluid Transport

13–15 September 1995; *Heriot-Watt, Edinburgh*

This 3-day interdisciplinary discussion meeting, co-convened with the Metamorphic and Volcanic Studies Groups, will be held at the Edinburgh Conference Centre, Heriot-Watt University. It will address questions covering the relationship between deformation and the enhancement, control and localization of flow of geological fluids, in a variety of settings. Contributions involving theoretical, experimental and field-based studies are welcome.

Abstract deadline: 1 May 1995.

Information: M. Holness, Department of Geology and Geophysics, University of Edinburgh, West Mains Road, Edinburgh EH9 3JW. Fax: 031 668 3184. E-mail: mholness@glg.ed.ac.uk.

TSG Annual Meeting 1995

18–20 December 1995; *Cardiff, Wales*

The 1995 Annual Meeting will be at the University of Wales, Cardiff, convened by R. Gayer, N. Fry and R. Lisle. The three days of lecture and poster sessions will be preceded by a local field excursion on 17 December.

Abstract deadline: 23 October 1995.

Contact: R. Gayer, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Wales, Cardiff, CF1 3YE. Fax: 0222 874 326.

Tectonic, Magmatic and Depositional Processes at Passive Continental Margins

20–22 February 1995; *Burlington House, London*

Convenor: N. Kusznir, Department of Earth Sciences, Liverpool University, L69 3BX.

Role of Basement Reactivation in Continental Deformation

March 1996; *Burlington House, London*

Convenors: R. Butler & G. E. Lloyd, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT.

Forced (Drape) Folds and Associated Fractures

11–12 May 1996; *Burlington House, London*

Convenors: J. Cosgrove & M. S. Ameen, Geology Department, Imperial College, London SW7 2BP.

Continental Transpressional and Transtensional Tectonics

5–6 March 1996; *Burlington House, London*

Convenors: R. Holdsworth (Durham; address above) and J. Dewey (Oxford).

TECTONIC AND SURFACE PROCESS INTERACTIONS

A COMTEC announcement from P. L. Hancock

The impact of tectonic processes on surface processes, and vice versa, is a topic of increasing interest to some tectonicians. Prime examples of such interacting processes are the influence of mountain building on long-term climate change, and the results that climatic change can have on mountain chains that are rising and being eroded at the same time. Although there have been numerous studies of how sedimentation patterns are controlled by tectonic processes, there have been fewer investigations (outside the field of palaeoseismicity) of the impact of structural processes on the evolution of small-scale landforms. Even fewer studies of the influence exerted by landforms on the evolution of near-surface structures have been undertaken. The large-scale tectonic controls on the locations of the World's active volcanoes are much discussed, but to what extent we can recognize tectonic structures in volcanoes, and whether some large-scale volcanic 'landslides' are products of tectonic processes are subjects that have largely been neglected.

In an effort to stimulate research in the above interdisciplinary fields, the *Commission on Tectonics (COMTEC)* of the *International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS)* is founding a subcommission on the theme of 'Tectonic and Surface Process Interactions'. The role of COMTEC, like that of most of the other 11

commissions of IUGS, is to stimulate research and facilitate information transfer, especially between earth scientists in the Developed and Developing World. The commission works closely with the International Association of Structural/Tectonic geologists, their activities being complementary. In common with COMTEC's other subcommissions, the new one will have a small budget to assist with the organization of research conferences and field workshops. Many of these activities result in books and articles written or edited by members of a subcommission.

As Chairman of COMTEC, I should be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to contribute to the new subcommission by becoming a member, or giving advice. Please write a brief letter to me, stating your area of expertise, and how you think you could help: P. L. Hancock, Department of Geology, University of Bristol, Queen's Road, Bristol BS8 1RJ, U.K. E-mail: P.L.Hancock@bris.ac.uk.

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR NATIONAL AND REGIONAL STUDY GROUPS

Argentina

A Grupo Estructuralista Argentino (GEA) was initiated in 1993. For further information, contact J. Selles-Martinez, Dpto de Geologia, Universidad de Buenos Aires, 1428 Buenos Aires, Argentina. Fax: 54 1 781 1253.

Australia

This Specialist Group in Tectonics and Structural Geology (SGTSG) of the Geological Society of Australia holds meetings approximately every other year, at a different venue in Australia. The SGTSG sets up a committee to serve as the organizing committee for the next conference. Contact N. Cook, SGTSG Secretary, School of Earth Sciences, Macquarie University, Sydney, NSW 2109. Fax: 02 805 8428.

Britain (U.K.)

The Tectonic Studies Group of Britain is an informal study group affiliated to the Geological Society of London. Its Annual General Meeting, held in December, is open to all interested participants, and particularly encourages contributions from research students. The AGM is at a different university location each year, and TSG also sponsors thematic meetings at other times, and combined meetings with other specialist groups. For general information on TSG, consult *Geoscientist* (Geol. Soc. London Newsletter), or contact R. E. Holdsworth, TSG Secretary, Department of Geological Sciences, University of Durham, Durham DH1 3LE, U.K. Fax: 091 374 2510. E-mail: R.E.Holdsworth@durham.ac.uk.

Canada

The Structural Geology and Tectonics Division of the Geological Association of Canada (GAC) sponsors special sessions at the annual GAC meeting in May, and publishes its news in a newsletter called *The Main Thrust*. The Canadian Tectonics Group (CTG) is an informal group, allied to the GAC SG&T Division, and meets annually. For further information, contact K. Benn, Division Secretary, Department of Geology, University of Ottawa, 161 Louis Pasteur, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5, Canada. Fax: 613 564 9916. E-mail: kbenn@acadvm.1.uottawa.ca.

Germany and German-speaking countries

The TSK is a study group for tectonics, structural and crystalline geology, in the German-speaking countries of Europe. It meets every 2 years, to provide opportunities for structural geologists to present and discuss their research. Information from K. Weber, Institut fuer Geologie und Dynamik der Lithosphaere, Universitaet Goettingen, Golschmidstr. 3, D-37077 Goettingen, Germany. Fax: 49 551 39 9700.

India

An Indian Tectonic Studies Group (ITSG) was initiated in October 1993, to be informal with no subscription and financial commitments. The Chairman is S. K. Ghosh (Jadavpur), and Secretaries are K. Naha (Kharagpur) and D. Mukhopadhyay (Calcutta). Contact K. Naha, Department of Geology and Geophysics, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur 721302, West Bengal, India.

New Zealand

The Tectonic Studies Group (TSG) of the Geological Society of New Zealand promotes communication between structural and tectonic geologists who are conducting research in New Zealand. Information is exchanged in a biannual newsletter, and meetings are yearly at conferences of the Geological Society of New Zealand. TSG NZ periodically sponsors workshops on special topics. Contact T. Little (newsletter editor), Geology Department, Victoria University of Wellington, P.O. Box 600, New Zealand. Fax: 64 4 495 5186.

Norway

The Tectonics and Structural Geology Studies Group of the Norwegian Geological Society (TSGS) arranges annual meetings, focusing on topics of interest to both university and industry geologists, with onshore as well as offshore applications. For information on TSGS activities, contact A. G. Koestler (Chairman), Geo-Recon A.S., Bernhard Herresvei 3, N-0376, Oslo, Norway. Fax: 22 83 85 29.

Portugal

The Grupo de Geologia Estrutural e Tectónica (GGET) was established in April 1994, as a structural geology and tectonics specialist group of the Geological Society of Portugal. (See earlier section.) Contact: R. M. S. Dias, GGET Secretary, Dep. Geologia, Fac. Ciencias, Bloco C2, 5 Piso Campo Grande, 1700 Lisbon, Portugal. Fax: 351 01 7597716.

Russia

For information on activities in Russia, contact A. K. Khudoley, All-Russian Geological Research Institute (VSEGEI), 199026, St Petersburg, Sredny Pr. 74, Russia. E-mail: vsg@sovam.com.

Slovakia

The Structural Geology Group of the Slovak Geological Society organizes annual meetings and excursions, and aims to coordinate structural and tectonic research in the Western Carpathians and in Slovakia. International communication and cooperation are welcomed. Contact O. Samuel or D. Plasienka, 817 04 Bratislava, Mlynska Dolina 1, Czechoslovakia.

South Africa

For information on activities of the Tectonic Division of Geological Society of South Africa (T'DOGS), contact S. McCourt, Chairman T'DOGS, Department of Geology, University of Pretoria, 0083 Hillcrest, Pretoria, South Africa. Fax: 12 433430.

U.S.A.

The Structural Geology and Tectonics Division of the Geological Society of America elects a Chairman on an

annual basis, and holds its annual business meeting at the GSA Annual Meeting in October. The current Chairman is E. Beutner; the Secretary/Treasurer is A. Goldstein, Department of Geology, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY 13346, U.S.A. Fax: 315 824 7187. E-mail: agoldstein@center.colgate.edu.

For general news on the SG&T Division, consult the *Structural Geology and Tectonics Division Newsletter*, edited by G. A. Davis & S. Paterson, Department of Geological Sciences, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90989-0740, U.S.A. Fax: 213 740 8801.

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