

## **GREETINGS**

GSA members come from over 90 countries around the globe. We have 64 Honorary Fellows from 25 countries, and our 2007 Annual Meeting has 508 international authors representing 58 countries; so GSA is truly a diverse organization. Some of this data will be highlighted on the International Division poster at the Annual Meeting. If you want to learn more about being an active participant in the International Division join us at our business meeting on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm in room 608. We hope to see you there!

## **MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS**

Each newsletter shall introduce you to one or more of the people serving as ID Board Members. You can find their names on the website but below is a short synopsis of their past and current activities in the hope of finding common interests and stimulating possible interactions. This newsletter we will get to know Paul Robinson, First Vice-President and John Wakabayashi, Second Vice-President.



Paul Robinson is an Adjunct Professor at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He retired from The Department of Earth Sciences in 1999, after spending 19 years in the University. He was previously affiliated for many years with the University of California, Riverside and Oregon State University. Paul is currently a Visiting Professor at the GeoForschungsZentrum, Potsdam, Germany and works extensively with colleagues in The University of Hong Kong and the Institute of Mineralogy, Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences, Beijing. Having served as First and Second VP of the International Division, he will become President of the Division for 2008. He also serves as Associated Editor of the GSA Bulletin and has co-organized a number of symposia and special sessions. His major research interests lie in the petrology of ocean lithosphere and ophiolites. Paul participated in numerous DSDP and ODP drilling legs and was the first Director of the Canadian ODP program. He has studied ophiolites in Cyprus, Oman, Canada, U. S., China, Iran and South America and is currently involved in an investigation of ultra-high pressure minerals in such bodies.



John Wakabayashi is an Assistant Professor of Geology at California State University, Fresno (California, USA). He is currently an Associate Editor of the GSA Bulletin. His research has focused on the geologic record of active plate margin interactions using a number of subdisciplines of the geosciences including structural geology, metamorphic petrology, geochronology, and tectonic geomorphology. Specific field areas where he has worked include the North American Cordillera and Calabria (southern Italy). During his work John has collaborated with many geoscientists to compare and evaluate features of orogenic belts worldwide. Topics of his research include relationships between metamorphic pressure-temperature-

time paths and tectonics, subduction zone metamorphism and tectonics, exhumation of high-pressure metamorphic rocks, mechanisms of subduction initiation, ophiolite generation and emplacement, strike-slip fault system evolution, development of step-overs along strike-slip faults, and generation and destruction of topography in mountain ranges.

## **CHANGING OF THE GUARD**

The International Division Nominating Committee submitted candidates for the 2008 Management Board in late July. No other candidates were submitted and the committee's nominations were elected by affirmation. The Management Board for 2008 for the International Division will be:

President	Paul Robinson
First Vice-President	John Wakabayashi
Second Vice-President	Joanne Stock
Secretary-Treasurer	Sally Pennington Moore
Past President	Maurice J. (Ric) Terman

Thanks to our Nomination Committee (Mark Cloos, Bruce Molnia, and the Chair Dean Kleinkopf) for their active participation. Come to the Division business meeting at the annual convention and meet your new Management Board.

## **ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS**

Thanks to our President Ric Terman for requesting donations from our membership to fund travel awards. Over \$5600 was collected through this effort. If you have some spare funds that you would like to donate please feel free to send them in, it's not too late! Please make your check out to the GSA Foundation, and specify on the check that it is for "INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL-DENVER". Please mail your check to GSA Foundation, PO Box 9140, 3300 Penrose Place, Boulder, CO 80301.

## **HOT TOPICS**

Last issue we highlighted the idea of changing the ID Bylaws which were last amended in 2002. Our President Ric Terman has put forth the case for change on several fronts and solicited input from the ID Management Board who are currently evaluating his proposals; those approved will be voted on at the annual meeting.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

GSA now offers annual membership dues of \$US20 for professionals and \$US6 for students who are citizens of countries classified as other than "high income" by the World Bank. There is also a 50% registration discount for Annual Meeting attendees from "low- and low-middle income" countries. Both of these lists are now posted on our web page. Thanks to Mark Cloos for putting together this information! Let's encourage our international colleagues to take advantage of these incentives and to participate in the International Division.