

**Report of the Division Meeting of Tectonics and Structural Geology (TS),
held by TS president Susanne Buitter,
Wednesday 20 April 2016, 12:15 – 13:15, room G1**

Notes by TS programme committee member Rebecca Bell (notes are not chronological)

EGU News

- Solid Earth open access EGU journal now has an impact factor of 2.270 (5-yr 2.204) and division members are encouraged to submit papers.
- Sarah Connors (EGU's science policy fellow) is constructing a database of experts in preparation for requests from politicians and the media. EGU members will be asked if they would like to join.
- A call for two public engagement grants will be opened in November 2016.
- The 2017 General Assembly (GA) will take place on 23-28th April in Vienna. Dates of the meeting are on www.egu.eu/ts/meetings/
- General information on EGU's structure (office and council) is at <http://www.egu.eu>

TS awards and medal

- The Stephan Mueller Medal 2016 was awarded to Renée Heilbronner
- The Outstanding Student Poster Award 2015 was awarded to Hans Jørgen Kjøl
- TS Outstanding Young Scientist Award 2016 was awarded to Åke Fagereng
- Deadline for nominations for the 2017 Stephan Mueller medal and the TS OSYA is 15th June 2016. More information is on www.egu.eu/awards-medals

TS officers and committees

The Division Meeting approved the following committees and officers for 2016-2017:

- Deputy President: Leni Scheck-Wenderoth
- Stephan Mueller Medal committee: Fabrizio Storti (chair), Renée Heilbronner, Claudio Faccenna, Leigh Royden (3 past winners) and César Ranero (who will replace Evgene Burov who sadly passed away in 2015).
- OYSA committee: Susanne Buitter (chair), Åke Fagereng, Stacia Gordon, Steven Smith, Andre Niemeijer (4 past winners).
- Programme committee: Susanne Buitter (chair), Andrea Argnani, Rebecca Bell, Stéphane Bonnet, Rüdiger Killian, Olivier Lacombe, Hiroki Sone.
- TS officers: Francesca Cifelli (OSPP coordinator), Marcel Frehner (News and Media, webmaster), Anne Pluymakers (Early Career Scientists representative), João Duarte (Early Career Scientists co-representative).

Outstanding Student Poster and PICO (OSPP) award (Francesca Cifelli)

95 students participated in the OSPP contest for TS in 2016. Conveners successfully found 3 judges this year for all 95 student presentations that participate in the TS OSPP.

Media

Communication within our division is via email, the TS website, TS facebook page and Twitter (@EGU_TS). A TS mailing list is in development, but for now the geo-tectonics mailing list from JISCMail is used. Feedback is welcome on the TS methods of communication.

Early Career Scientists (Anne Pluymakers and João Duarte) Anne and João have been communicating with Early Career scientists primarily using facebook with activities such as

“Early Career scientist Monday” where people are encouraged to post links to publications from early career scientist and “Jobs on Friday” with links to open positions. Feedback for other ideas requested. The Early Career scientist community have been very active at EGU2016 with a number of short courses, workshops and receptions. Request made for others (both early career and more experienced) to volunteer to be involved and help initiate new activities.

TS Programme at the General Assembly 2016

- There has been a large increase in the number of abstracts submitted to the GA in 2016 (16,130) compared with 2015 (14,231). 30% of submissions were given oral slots, 64% posters and 6% PICO. There were 619 sessions and 321 side events.
- 10988 registrations were made in advance but the final number of attendees is not yet known.
- The number of TS abstracts is similar to the last 6 years (862 abstracts in TS-led sessions in 2016). 31% abstracts were presented in oral slots, 65% poster and 3% PICO.
- There were 34 TS-led sessions at the call-for-abstracts and 17 TS-led sessions in the final programme.
- 43 TS-involved sessions were held in collaboration with GD, GMPV, SM, EMRP, NH, GM, SSP, ERE
- 2 (sometimes 3) TS-led oral/PICO sessions in parallel every day
- 3 poster-only sessions, 3 PICO sessions
- The success rate for TS young scientist travel awards was 22%
- This year we were again in the basement (colour change – blue became brown) in rooms G1, G2, and -2.20. Posters grouped by related divisions rather than alphabetically in basement poster halls X1 and X2 worked well. PICO sessions were well located in respect to the division’s posters.
- Four interdisciplinary themes were introduced for 2016 with events and activities allocated the prefix of “IE” with a division on second place as scientific leader. New themes for next year requested.

Question from Susanne Buitter: 70% of our contributions are posters and these are only allocated 1.5 hours at the end of the day. Some divisions have taken block 5 for orals- putting them in competition. Should we have session’s poster only and/or try poster sessions in the day-time? In 2016 only 3 sessions were proposed for poster-only in the daytime, and these were proposed by people involved in TS. This is not working well. Need more people to propose poster-only and PICO sessions.

- It was suggested that the AGU poster model (posters up all day with morning/ afternoon slots) works well and that only allocating 1.5 hrs for posters is unfair, particularly on Thu/Fri afternoons.
- It was also noted that we already have overlapping oral sessions so why would it be any different to have poster session running at the same time as talks.
- Currently the 1.5 hr poster sessions are crowded and noisy- lowering pressure in the poster hall by having posters more spread out during the day would help.
- A show of hands showed that an overwhelming majority is in favour of making a change to having posters throughout the day.

The TS division was reminded that the GA runs from 8:30 – 19:00 all week and that the same number of posters is scheduled on Friday as throughout the week. The division was encouraged to attend all days.

Session organization with AGU-Tectonophysics was successful and EGU-TS co-sponsored sessions at the AGU Fall Meeting 2015 and AGU-Tectonophysics have co-sponsored sessions at our meeting in 2016. There are plans to continue this co-sponsorship with GSA-ST and AGU-Tectonophysics.

The division was encouraged to begin thinking about session proposals for 2017, and in particular volunteers are sought for PICO session proposals. The call-for-sessions is expected to open in July.

This is the final year of Susanne Buitter's presidency and nominations for the next division president will open in early September with elections in November. The next president will take over at EGU GA 2017.

TS and EGU conferences/Summer School

- The Emile Argand Conference on Alpine Geological Studies took place 13-19 September 2015 and Lithosphere Dynamics on 31 August – 5 September 2015
- EGU Galileo Conferences support a 3-5 day meeting on cutting- edge topics. There is no deadline for conference topic proposals and information is provided on www.egu.eu/meetings/galileo-conferences/
- Registration is open for Geomod on 17-20th October 2016
- Check our meeting calendar for more: www.egu.eu/ts/meetings

Feedback!

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