

NEWSLETTER

New Concepts In Global Tectonics

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FROM THE EDITORS

Lively discussion continues in the present number and we hope this will remain an important part of the Newsletter. We ask that such contributions should be in a spirit of mutual respect and should avoid any acrimonious personal comment. Once again in the Newsletter we cover a wide range of topics.

We were interested that Chris Smoot has raised the question of working towards some unifying principles and discussion directed towards this would be very welcome. We wonder if consideration of the stress state of the crust might be one starting point. The Editors in a summary in this Newsletter of a paper they have prepared for the Tsukuba volume are suggesting that the events of the Neogene (and the present) are most simply explained by earth

contraction and a crust in compression. Is there support or challenge to this suggestion?

Many assumptions are made about the stress state of the crust but the main evidence yet remains to be marshalled. Does world earthquake data, for example, indicate the earth is contracting and the crust is under overall compression or if not what does it indicate? The experience of the editors is that plate tectonics is not only not interested in examining this question but is aggressively hostile to such a study.

We now have some twenty manuscripts for the Tsukuba volume and several are still to come. These are being reviewed and edited and we aim to have them ready to go the Wadia Institute by the beginning of February.

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