

NEWSLETTER

New Concepts In Global Tectonics

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FROM THE EDITORS

We are very pleased to announce that selected papers presented at our two IGC meetings are going to be published in *Journal of Italian Geological Society (Bollettino Soc. Geol. Italia)* as a special volume entirely dedicated to our papers. The volume will include eleven papers which were selected based on their scientific merit, quality and supporting data. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Prof. Wezel for his persistent effort in finding a publisher for our proceedings. Now we will see a milestone publication by the end of 2005. All authors are asked to follow instructions by Prof. Wezel who will serve as an Editor for this special volume.

However, to find an appropriate publisher was not an easy task. We had to go through the wall of censorships. One of the standard responses from publishers was as follows: *"The set of papers is compiled of papers simply addressing the topic from one side – the topic is not dealt with in a comprehensive manner, and authors who would possibly address the topic from a different angle have either not been approached or have declined to contribute. ...Reviewers nominated by authors could result in a biased and unstructured thematic issue, and we are not convinced that it would be useful reference document for readers"*. This publisher was diplomatic, but others were nasty, *"The volume will not be saleable"*, *"We don't want to publish a crazy book"*, etc. etc. All what they wanted to tell us was that they didn't want to publish a book with controversial, non-main stream papers.

We have been living in this hostile world for a long while, and the responses we had from publishers are not surprising. However, as reported by Leo Maslov in this number (page 2), the tide is surely changing in our favour. We have felt this at 32IGC and now confirmed at AGU too. Isn't it

encouraging?

This number includes a hot paper on the most catastrophic Indonesian earthquake on December, 26, 2004. Why couldn't we predict this earthquake? It will be fair to say that earth scientists must share responsibility for this utter devastation and tragedy.

DELIVERY OF NEWSLETTER:

To save the increasing postal mailing and printing costs, we started to send the Newsletter by e-mail from the last issue (no. 32) wherever possible. We have received an overwhelmingly favourable response from readers to the electronic delivery method. However, for those who still like to receive hard copies, we will send by postal mail as before. The same applies to libraries. A 20-page long issue will be around 3 to 4 megabytes in file size. Please save some room in your e-mail box for the Newsletter. All back numbers from nos. 22 (March, 2002) to 32 (September, 2004) are available in PDF format now. Those who wish to receive any of them, please contact us.

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