



2002 Meeting Report Form

Re: UNESCO-IUGS Contract and IUGS Supplementary Contribution

Project Number and Title: IGCP 467, Triassic time and correlations

Meeting: The 8th International Symposium on Conodonts held in Europe (ECOS 8).
Date: 21st – 25th June, 2002
Place: Florence and Albi, France
Itinerary: Triassic Conodont Workshop, 23rd June.

SCOPE AND RESULTS OF MEETING:

Scope of Meeting (program or outline of geological study)

This meeting was convened at short notice as a formal part of ECOS 8 and as such represented the inaugural meeting of IGCP 467. About 20 conodont researchers with an interest in the Triassic gathered to discuss the challenge of stabilizing conodont taxonomy and nomenclature as a prelude to the widespread use of this microfossil group as definitive fossils for Triassic stages.

No funds were dispersed for this meeting.

Achievements of Meeting

The leader led a discussion on the theme of the emerging multielement taxonomy of Triassic conodonts, summarized later in his presentation during the conference proceedings. This relatively novel approach was fully appreciated by the assembly and most Triassic researchers are now aware of its importance in biostratigraphy and biochronology.

Outcome of Meeting

A general knowledge of how multielement taxonomy can contribute significantly to our understanding of evolutionary relationships in the conodont group and consequently to more resolved time scales. This data will become widely available when the Conference proceedings are published in the British journal "Paleontology." Collaborations were initiated amongst those present.

Signature of Project Leader and Date