

NOTES

RANGE CHARTS FOR STROMATOLITE TAXA

The preparation of range charts for stromatolite taxa for each basin in each region/country is an important activity of the IGCP Project-261 on stromatolites. Recently, Prof. S. M. Awramik, Project Leader, IGCP-261 has constituted an international committee charged with the preparation of range charts on a global scale. The following list of regions/countries with coordinators has been decided to cover most of the major stromatolite-bearing basins of the world.

<i>Countries</i>	<i>Coordinators</i>
Africa	
Western Europe	Janine Bertrand Sarfati, France
Greenland	
USSR	Misha Semikhatov, USSR
Spitsbergen	
U. S. A.	R. J. Horodyski, USA.
South America	Tom Fairchild, S. America
Canada	H. J. Hofmann, Canada
Australia	Kathleen Grèy, Australia
China	Zhu Shixing, PR China
Democratic	
Republic of Korea	Misha Semikhatov, USSR.
South Asia	
(India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bhutan).	V. C. Tewari, India

The coordinators for Mexico, Central America, Antarctica and other areas of Asia will be decided very soon. The proposed project needs the assistance and contributions of many individuals for its success. The regional coordinators have been requested to prepare/contribute to the stromatolite range data for their country/region. Two types of charts are to be produced: one that shows the stromatolite occurrences in their lithostratigraphic units (standard composite stratigraphic columns) and the other, which shows the time ranges of the stromatolite taxa. Isotopic ages should be given and the sources of all information (reference to the stromatolites, isotopic ages, correlations etc.) should be indicated. The format and style of the charts to be prepared will be supplied. As far as Indian stromatolite range charts are concerned, preliminary charts for Lesser Himalayan and Peninsular Indian basins have been prepared. However, to coordinate the data base on National and Regional level I would request the cooperation from National Working Group Members of IGCP Project 261 in India.

It is very important to present detailed information on the current taxonomic situation of stromatolites.

I am looking forward to contributions from colleagues and stromatophiles from India and abroad.