



## INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CORRELATION PROGRAM

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Circular 80-2

IGCP-163-IGBA

1980 MEETING - FIRST NOTICE

The 1980 meeting of Project 163 will be in Spain during the 3d or 4th week of September. We have been invited to use the facilities of the Department of Petrology and Geochemistry of the University of Madrid. If there is sufficient interest, a pre- or post-meeting field trip to the Canary Islands may be arranged.

Tentative Agenda

- I. Summary report of Central Office activities.
- II. Reports by National Groups
- III. Seminar and work session on moving data from coding forms to card image files.

The U. S. and Spanish groups have developed conversational processors that accept essentially free format keyboard input and organize it into card-image files in the project format described in circular 78-3d. If computer facilities are available, as they probably will be if the meeting is held in Madrid, both processors will be available for hands-on demonstration.

## IV. The editing process

Project policy concerning allocation of responsibility for proofing and editing of card or card-image files must be formulated, and procedures for actually performing these operations must be developed. Incorporation of unverified files in the base is clearly undesirable but exhaustive verification against original source references will require an investment of time (by both individual contributors and the Central Office) considerably greater than that involved in the original coding. Complete verification is desirable in principle but probably unattainable in practice. A compromise will have to be worked out. What shall it be?

## V. Planning for exploitation of the new base.

In view of the breadth and variety of its information content, efficient utilization of the new base will require a rather sophisticated scanner incorporating elaborately hierarchical inspection and selection procedures. The closing session of the meeting will be devoted to a

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panel discussion of the structure and content of this hierarchy, essentially a discussion of how and for what specific purposes petrologists will wish to use the base. The objective of the discussion is to provide a background of opinion and information that will facilitate design and planning of a scanning program that will serve as logical interface between the data base and its ultimate users.

#### Funding of the meeting

As of this writing the 1980 budgets for individual projects have not yet been released by the IGCP Board. We anticipate that, as in the past, IGCP will approve funding sufficient to provide partial travel support to a number of actively interested project members who could not otherwise attend. If you are in this category, please do not hesitate to enter the appropriate response to question E of the attached questionnaire, and return the questionnaire promptly; the sooner your questionnaire is returned, the better your prospects for sharing in any travel support that does become available.



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If you wish, hope, or plan to attend the proposed meeting of IGCP Project 163 in September, please fill in and return this questionnaire at your earliest convenience. Only those who respond promptly will receive further notice of the meeting.

A. NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

B. I would like to participate in or contribute to the discussion of provisional agenda items II  III  IV  V

(Check as many as are applicable).

C. (Optional). The following topic(s) should be added to the agenda:

D. I <sup>do</sup>  
do not wish to participate in a field trip to the Canary Islands.

E. I <sup>could</sup>  
could not attend the conference without substantial travel support.

DATE SUBMITTED: