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A. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The CIMP is twenty five years old and continues to be a successful scientific society. Membership has grown enormously from the initial forty two founding members, due largely to Bernard Owens' efforts since 1978 to improve contacts between us through the Newsletter. He also organised CIMP participation in the highly successful Leon, Bristol, Cambridge, Urbana and Dublin meetings. In addition, he has involved himself in an active program of promotion of 'CIMP Products' such as the Carboniferous Atlas, the Elsevier volumes, the slide collections, and more recently, the current Libyan Atlas Project.

The strength of an organisation like CIMP is entirely in the hands of the men who have been appointed to '*tenir la barre*', Bernard has certainly been foremost amongst these: thank you very much Bernard!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Streel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

B. RETIREMENT OF HILDA GREBE

Hilde Grebe retired from her post in the Geological Survey, Krefeld earlier this year. The following message from Maurice Streel was read by Martin Bless to a small meeting in Krefeld which was held to mark the occasion:

"Hilde Grebe has been a member of CIMP almost since its foundation. Nowadays there are many members, but only a few have dedicated so much time and effort to this International Commission, as Convenor of one of its major working groups; that on Terminology.

Language problems are fundamental in every science, and precision in terminology in scientific language is one of the preconditions for progress. The recommended terminology and descriptive methods for spores published by Hilde Grebe at the beginning of the seventies is still a fundamental work used by all students as well as senior palynologists.

Of course, there are many other works in palynology published by Hilde Grebe that should be acknowledged, for instance the palynological zonation of the Silesian in the Ruhr Basin, but by focussing on the terminology paper the Commission Internationale de Microflore du Paléozoïque wishes to emphasise her qualities of accuracy, tenacity and diplomacy".

MAURICE STREEL

C. SOUTH AMERICAN REPRESENTATION

At the recent International Palynological Conference in Calgary, Dr. Anton van Erve drew attention to the large number of potential CIMP members in South America, and kindly offered to promote CIMP in that region. Anton has therefore been appointed CIMP's Representative in South America. His current address is: Veba Oel de Venezuela S.A., Apartado postal 17058, Caracas 1015 A, Venezuela.

D. REPRINT OF DETTMANN 1963

The Royal Society of Victoria propose to reprint M.E. Dettmann's paper 'Upper Mesozoic microfloras from South-Eastern Australia' (Proc. Roy. Soc. Victoria vol. 77, part 1, 1963). The proposed prices are \$20 AUS pre-publication, and \$25 post-publication. For further information contact:

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F. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

1) British Micropalaeontological Society - Palynology Group

"Pollen and Spore Biostratigraphy of the Phanerozoic in North-West Europe"

Department of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge, 17th-19th December 1984

Guest speakers:	Dr. J.B. Richardson	(Silurian and Devonian)
	Dr. G. Clayton	(Lower Carboniferous)
	Dr. M. Butterworth	(Upper Carboniferous)
	Dr. G. Warrington	(Permian and Triassic)
	Dr. D. Guy-Ohlson	(Lower and Middle Jurassic)
	Dr. D. Batten & Associate	(Upper Jurassic and Early Cretaceous)
	Dr. D. Batten	(Late Cretaceous)
	Dr. M.C. Boulter	(Tertiary)

Also Poster display and demonstration sessions.

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2) American Association of Stratigraphic Palynologists inc.

Annual Meeting, El Paso, Texas, 16th-19th October 1985.

The program includes a symposium on pollen ultrastructure, technical sessions, and field trips to the Franklin Mountains (Texas) and Sierra de Juarez (Mexico).

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G. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FOR 1984-'88

In accordance with CIMP rules, it will be necessary in 1984 to hold an election for the Office of President of CIMP. The election shall proceed in two stages as follows:

Stage 1. Call for candidates for the vacant post in the middle of the last year of the mandate. Nominations will be acceptable if, a) they represent an active member of CIMP of several years standing, and b) the nomination is proposed by at least three different laboratories.

The two candidates with the majority of proposals for the new mandate will be eligible to stand for election. An exception to the above rules is when the President is eligible for re-election and agrees to his name going forward. In this case, he is automatically one of the two candidates retained.

Stage 2. Ballot forms will be sent to all members 'in good standing' in December 1984, following receipt of nominations. You are therefore invited to submit your nomination to reach the Secretary General not later than 21st December 1984. Please ensure that you have obtained the permission of the person you wish to nominate before making this submission. A nomination form is printed below for your convenience.