SEDIMENTARY BASINS OF LIBYA

FOURTH SYMPOSIUM

THE GEOLOGY OF SOUTHERN LIBYA

NOVEMBER 17-20, 2008,
TRIPOLI, LIBYA
In 1990 the National Oil Corporation (NOC) in cooperation with the Earth Science Society of Libya (ESSL), launched a joint project "The Sedimentary Basins of Libya". Their first joint effort commenced in 1993 with a major international conference on the Geology of Sirt Basin. This was followed by a conference on the "Geology of Northwest Libya" in 2000. The third international conference was held in Binhazli in 2004 and was devoted to the "Geology of East Libya".

The Earth Science Society of Libya (ESSL), in collaboration with the National Oil Corporation (NOC) and the Libyan Petroleum Institute, is planning to celebrate its Golden Jubilee in 2006 by organizing the "Fourth Symposium on the Sedimentary Basins of Libya", which will be dedicated to the "Geology of Southern Libya", and will encompass the southern areas of Libya: Al-Kufrah Basin, Murzuz Basin, southern Sirt Basin, Al Qarqal Arch and the Jabal Bin Ghannimah- Dur al Qussah areas.

The aim of the symposium is to complement the previous three symposia that were organized jointly by NOC and ESSL and provide opportunities for geoscientists working on these areas to exchange ideas, share knowledge and experience.

Chairman of the Symposium

Dr. Shokri Ghanem, Chairman of the Management Committee, NOC

Organizing Committee

Mr. Faraj Said (Vice Chairman, Management Committee, NOC / Chairman, ESSL Board) - Chairman
Dr. Bourima Belgasem (General Manager, Libyan Petroleum Institute) - Vice Chairman
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Dr. Mustafa J. Salem -- (Advisor ESSL) - Chairman
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Themes of the Symposium

- Regional Geology of Southern Libya
- Sedimentary Rocks and Basin Analysis
- Source Rock Studies
- Reservoir Rocks of the Oil Fields
- Structure and Tectonics
- Tectonic-Sedimentation Relationship
- Stratigraphy, Biostratigraphy and Palaeontology,
- Geophysical Studies
- Igneous Rocks and Mineral Economics
- Infra-Cambrian Studies
- Hydrogeological Studies
- Palaeoclimatge and Environmental Geology
- Remote Sensing and Engineering Geology

Objectives of the Symposium

The aim of the symposium is to provide opportunities for geoscientists interested in southern Libya to exchange ideas, stimulate discussions and cooperation on the future economic potential of the various basins of southern Libya and contiguous areas in neighbouring countries. Another main objective of the symposium is to disseminate geological information by publishing some of the accumulated data.

Call for Papers

The Organizing Committee of the Symposium is pleased to invite all interested geoscientists to participate in this important event with original contributions pertaining to the themes of the symposium. The Technical Committee will consider only those abstracts that fall within the themes of the symposium. Contributors will be contacted and informed about the contributions they have submitted and will be provided with Author Guidelines to enable them to prepare and submit their full manuscripts on time.
Submission of Abstracts

The Technical Committee will consider abstracts submitted before the end of May 2008. Abstracts should be no more than 300 words and should be submitted in Arabic and/or English. It should be relevant to one of the symposium themes, summarize the scope and nature of the work, and the results and specific conclusions. An electronic copy can be sent by e-mail or submitted on CD or diskette. A further hard copy should be sent by airmail. The abstract should be typed on A4 paper; the typed area should be 15x21 cm; Windows word-processing software must be used. The title of the abstract should be as short as possible, typed in CAPITAL LETTERS and centered. After three lines, type the author(s) name and affiliation. In the case of multi-author abstracts indicate the speaker with an asterisk, otherwise the corresponding author will be deemed to be the speaker. Leave three lines before starting the text. Please proofread your abstract carefully as the contents of the abstract are your responsibility. Electronic abstracts should be e-mailed as a Word document to southlibya@lycos.com

Language of the Symposium

Papers may be presented in Arabic and/or English. However, there will be no simultaneous translation during the sessions.

Copyright

All authors of papers presented at the conference will be required to transfer the copyright of their work to the Earth Science Society of Libya (ESSL) before it can be published in the symposium proceedings.

Presentations

Authors should indicate their preference for presenting their paper either as an oral presentation in a plenary session or as a poster. Papers accepted for presentation and poster presentations will have equal opportunity for publication in the proceedings. Oral papers will be allocated 20 minutes for the speaker's presentation. Time slots in the meeting programme will be strictly observed. If time permits, the chairperson of the session may allow a few questions before the end of the session. Poster papers will consist of graphical presentations displayed on 2 units each of about 1x2 m. The presentation will be allocated 25 minutes including discussion time.

Publication of Papers

All presented papers and posters will be refereed for publication in the symposium proceedings which will be published after the symposium under the title "The Geology of Southern Libya". However, acceptance of the paper for presentation at the symposium, either orally or as a poster, does not guarantee acceptance of the paper for publication in the proceedings.

Field Excursions

Three field excursions will be organized after the close of the symposium. Due to logistical considerations only a limited number of participants will be permitted on each excursion. Early booking on these trips is recommended.

- Trip SL 1 to Al Qargaf area and eastern Ghadamis Basin: Departure 21st Nov. 2008..............5 days.

- Trip SL 2 to Fazzan area, including Murzuq Basin, SW Libya: Departure 21st Nov. 2008........5 days.

- Trip SL 3 to Al Kufrah Basin, eastern Libya: Departure 21st Nov. 2008........5 days.

Details of these field excursions will be provided in the second announcement and will be available on the ESSL website at ... www.geolibya.org

Exhibition

An Exhibition Information Brochure will be published to include information on booth reservation and other details about the exhibition. Please contact us at southlibya@lycos.com for further information about the exhibition.

Other Activities

Other technical and social activities will be offered during the week of the symposium. These activities will include:

Short Courses: In order to enable some of the junior earth scientists to benefit from these activities some short courses will be offered. Details of these courses will be announced in the second announcement.

Social Activities: One-day visits to cultural attractions near Tripoli, including Leptis Magna and Sabratah, will be available. Arrangements will be made with a specific tour operator who will organize trips in response to the requirements of interested participants or their spouses.
Registration

Early Registration: Before 23 Feb. 2008  ESSL Members 1000 LD, Non-members  1300 LD
Late Registration:  Before 30 Sept. 2008  ESSL Members 1250 LD, Non-members  1600 LD
Field Trip Registration Fees for SL1, SL 2 or SL 3, each trip  2000 LD

Registration will be validated only after receipt of the full payment by the Organizers. ESSL Membership must be valid for 2008 at the time of registration. New Members must register before the end of 2007 in order to register as an ESSL Member for the Symposium. Registration after 30 Sept. 2008 is subject to availability.

Travel and Accommodation

All participants will need to arrange their own travel to and from Tripoli and their accommodation. All travel and accommodation costs are the responsibility of each participant.

The Organizing Committee of the Symposium is currently trying to raise enough funds to support the contributors (presenters of papers) who have no other means of support in order to cover their travel and accommodation.

In the second announcement, the host committee will provide information about hotels in the area around the symposium venue including details of their tariffs. Transportation from the airport to different hotel in town will be provided by the host committee for those participants who arrive on 16th and morning of 17th November.

Visas

The Organizing Committee will assist the participants who need entry visas to Libya. The Symposium Coordinator will communicate with each registered participant regarding the visa formalities.

Important Dates

- Deadline for Early Registration ........ 28 February, 2008
- Deadline for Late Registration......... 30 September, 2008
- Deadline for Abstract Submission..... 31 May, 2008
- Deadline for Manuscript Submission... 30 September, 2008
- Symposium Opening Ceremony ............17 November, 2008
- Departure of Field Excursions ...........20 November, 2008

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REGISTRATION FORM

Title ( Dr., Prof., Mr., Mrs., Ms)
Surname------------------------------------------------First name ---------------------Initials------------------

Profession-----------------------------------------------Organization---------------------------------

Mailing Address-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Tel.---------------------------------------------------Fax-------------------Email---------------------

I am a Member of ESSL (membership no........) I am not a Member .........
☐ I wish to attend the Symposium only
☐ I wish to present a paper at the Symposium

Title of the Paper (max. 50 characters)---------------------------------------------------------------

Please indicate whether the paper will be an Oral Presentation or a Poster: Oral ---- Poster-----

- Registration in the Symposium will not be confirmed until full payment of the Registration Fees is received by the Organizing Committee.
- The Corresponding Author will be advised of acceptance of the paper for oral or poster presentation after receipt of the abstract.
- The Presenter of the Paper (Oral or Poster) will be exempt from paying the Registration Fee.

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