

Present: Laga Piet, Matthijs Johan, Rik Houthuys, Rieko Adriaens, Hervé Van Baelen, Stijn Goolaerts, Noël Vandenberghe, Marleen De Ceukelaire, Peter Stassen, Thierry Smith, Etienne Steurbaut, Stephen Louwye, Katrien De Nil

1. Change of procedures for *discussions* and *proposals*

Stephen Louwye presents the renewed procedures concerning discussions and proposals made by the NCS. The goal of this new procedure is to define clear rules and to make a clear distinction between discussions and proposals concerning postings on the NCS-website, role of the subcommission and the evolutions of these texts. See <http://ncs.drupalgardens.com/meeting-reports/meeting-2015-06> for the complete text.

The relation between the proposals and personal publications of new units is discussed, after a question of Etienne Steurbaut. New units can be reported to the subcommission, they will be discussed in the working group and discussed on the website as *discussion*. The role of the commission is to formalize the units, before or after personal publication in journals. For the lithostratigraphy, most conventions are necessary. For the chronostratigraphy and biostratigraphy, there will be less discussion, the NCS-website will give a state-of-the-art.

2. Discussions on website

In August 2014 working groups are established. Several discussion texts are posted on the website since then. These are discussed during the meeting:

2.1. *Inden Fm (on website since 12/09/2014)*

Stephen Louwye gave a summary of the text. No remarks were reported during publication. Michiel Duser will be contacted concerning thickness in loggings and the correlation with the German and Dutch Inden Fm. After these insertions, it can be posted as a proposal on the website.

2.2. *Kiezooliet Fm (on website since 13/09/2014)*

Stephen Louwye gave a summary of the text. No remarks were reported during the posting. Noël Vandenberghe has questions concerning insertion of the Stramproy Fm in the Maaseik drilling and thus replacement of the Jagersborg Mbr. As it was discussed during the H30-project, it can be remained, but the uncertainty has to be clear for future discussions. Piet Laga raised some questions regarding the thickness and the mapability of the Stramproy Fm. This unit is much thicker in the graben than elsewhere. Etienne Steurbaut asked whether the name of the formation should be replaced by a location name. As it is already an old and well-known unit, the name will be remained.

2.3. *Stramproy Fm (on website since 23/02/2015)*

As this is a proposal that should be discussed by the Quaternary Subcommittee, it will be removed from our webpages and we will wait for the outcome of the discussion in the relevant subcommission.

2.4. *Brussel Fm (on website since 12/09/2014 and 04/12/2014)*

Texts about the formation and the facies were posted in September and December 2014. Rik Houthuys gave a summary of the text. He is in favor of keeping 3 formal names, Brussel (NL), Brussels (EN) and Bruxelles (Fr) Formation. This is an item that will be further discussed in the next NCS-meeting. He has strong arguments not to define members. Other members of the meeting emphasized the importance of member definitions. A working group will be established to clarify the item of the possibility of defining members. Further discussion is necessary. Members will be Peter Stassen, Noël Vandenberghe, Etienne Steurbaut, Marleen De Ceukelaire, Piet Laga. Rik Houthuys will make a new discussion text trying to integrate members. Therefore he needs more drilling and logging info. At the moment, the text will not be introduced as proposal.

2.5. *Ieper Group (on website since 09/03/2015)*

This text was posted Early March 2015 on the website as a discussion text. The discussion text and the main comments are summarized by Noël Vandenberghe. A major difficulty remains the correlation between the outcrops and the corelogs. A discussion about the different units was held. Etienne Steurbaut emphasizes the importance of discontinuities. Many items need to be discussed further in the working group: Mont-Héribu, one or more pink layers, Aalbeke, the status of Mons-en-Pévèle is still not clear, Tielt and Egemkapel, Egem and Hyon, .... Bois-la-haut is not retained as member. Etienne Steurbaut will take a closer look at Kwatrecht. Vlierzele will be remained in the Gentbrugge Fm. Rik Houthuys refers to a publication of Fobe 1995, regarding the members of the Vlierzele Formation. Noël Vandenberghe takes the initiative to assemble the working group in the next weeks.

3. Evolution of discussion texts of other formations

Rieko A. will make a first discussion text based on his PhD for the Diest Fm. This text will be discussed in the Neogene working group.

Noël Vandenberghe will contact Michiel Dusar for the discussion text of the Voort Fm. This text is nearly ready to be published as a discussion text on the NCS-website.

4. Open Science Meeting

An Open Scientific Meeting is planned on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 to present recent evolutions in the lithostratigraphy and its applications. Possible it will be a day filling program. The subcommission has already contacted some persons for a contribution: Laurent Wouters (application for the policy of NIRAS), Rieko Adriaens (Mioceen/Diest Fm), Michiel Dusar (H3O-Roerdalslenk), VITO (H3O De Kempen and accordance with Dutch stratigraphy), Noël Vandenberghe (Ieper Group), Rik Houthuys (Brussel Fm). During the meeting Rik Houthuys proposed to make a contribution for de Vlaamse Heuvels Fm and Thierry Smith is also asked for a contribution. All members are welcomed to participate with a presentation.

5. Varia

Stijn Goolaerts announced an exhibition 'De Kesselberg binnenste buiten', from 13/07-31/08 2015 at the University Bib of KUL, and the publication of 2 books from HONA