SDAG MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

CLEAR WATER SECRETS: A MICROSCOPIC DISCOVERY IN THE CAVE FORMATION STORY

presented by

Dr. Stephanie Schwabe, University of San Diego

Where: Catalina Room (southern end of MVCC) SEE MAP
Marina Village Conference Center
1936 Quivira Way, San Diego, CA 92109

When: 5:30 pm – Social Hour
6:30 pm – Dinner
7:30 pm – Program

Directions:
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Dinner:

Texas Barbecue:
Barbecued Baby Back Pork Ribs
Charbroiled All-Beef or Veggie Hamburgers
Caesar Salad
Corn on the Cob
Italian Pasta Salad
Dessert

Cost: $30; $15 Students; $5 discount for current SDAG Members

Reservations: Make your reservation online at www.sandiegogeologists.org no later than noon, Monday, April 14th
2008 SDAG MEETING SCHEDULE – Mark your Calendars!
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Steffi Schwabe and samples after a dive in a Bahamian Blue Hole
SPEAKER BIO

Stephanie Jutta Schwabe, Steffi to her friends, received her B.A. in Geology from the College of Charleston in 1990, her MSc from Mississippi State University in 1992, her Ph.D. in Biogeochemistry from the University of Bristol, UK in 1999, a degree supported by a full scholarship. She also earned a J.D. with focus in International Environmental Law from the University of Queensland, Australia in 2003. She was admitted to the Queensland Bar, both as a Barrister and mediator the same year. A native of Charleston South Carolina, Dr. Schwabe has been diving for over 25 years in the Bahamas, and is the founder and director of the Rob Palmer Blue Holes Foundation, so renamed following her husband's death in 1997 in a diving accident. She became a celebrity in the dangerous world of cave diving, fought powerful interests to protect the “blue holes” of the Bahamas and as a result her adventurous stories were included in a book titled, “Women of Discovery: A Celebration of Intrepid Women Who Explored the World.” She is currently in the editing stages of her own book titled: Living in Darkness: A Women’s exploratory adventures into the Black and Blue Holes of the Bahamas. Her work and adventures have been recorded by Discovery, Discovery Animal Planet, German and French National Television, World of Wonder and by an Australian Production, Beyond Production.

ABSTRACT

The currently accepted hypothesis for the development of caves in carbonate islands and coastal areas suggest that mixing of CaCO$_3$ supersaturated sea water with CaCO$_3$ saturated groundwater creates under-saturated mixed water that is theorized to be responsible for large-scale carbonate dissolution. This hypothesis does not address the dissolutional potential of rainwater migrating through the vadose zone, or the ground water. It is known that soon after rainwater has moved through the soil and made contact with the underlying limestone it becomes buffered by dissolution of CaCO$_3$. We hypothesize that the dissolution capacity of the vadose water is primarily controlled by the assimilation of CO$_2$ produced by heterotrophic bacteria living in the pores of the host rock.

Rainwater collected before it made contact with the ground on San Salvador Island, Bahamas contained $10^3$ bacterial cells per milliliter. In contrast, water collected from dripstones in caves contained $>10^6$ to $10^5$ colony-forming-units (cfu). Wall rocks collected from dry caves on San Salvador Island, Bahamas, contained $>10^6$ cfu, with the dominant heterotrophic bacteria identified as Actinomycetales, which are known to produce CO$_2$ and NH$_3$ as end-products of their metabolism. Discovery of the microbial populations, which comprise at least 16 different species, within the rock samples provides not only a significant potential for the production of CO$_2$, but for other microbially generated acids. Further, surface and 2.5-cm-deep wall-rock samples sealed in sterile vials for 14 days yielded a CO$_2$ content that ranged from 770 to 410 ppm above the current atmospheric concentration (~380 ppm).

Our observations suggest that bacteria are maintaining and driving the CO$_2$-related dissolution in the vadose and phreatic zones. It is also likely that secondary porosity and permeability may be enhanced even during periods when the rock is not saturated with water.

Limestone in the phreatic zone, especially where they are exposed to the mobile mixing-zone water, experience the greatest removal of solutes, and the greatest concentrations of bacteria. As a result, it is reasonable to suppose that void enlargement reaches the highest rates in association with those environments. Hence, caves develop and enlarge to their greatest extent at or near sea level. This can also explain why caves, which experienced only relatively short episodes of phreatic conditions can be so large.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presidents Corner, April 2008

Happy Spring. This month we welcome you to join us for a Texas BBQ at Marina Village with Dr. Stephanie Schwabe from USD, who will speak about her exciting new ideas about the role of microbes in cave formation in Bahamian blue and black holes. If you wondered what it was like to dive into a black hole, come see some of her awesome underwater video footage.

On Sunday April 13th, John Warme of the Colorado School of Mines will be leading a field trip along the sea-cliffs at Torrey Pines. If you are interested, contact Jared Marrow at SDSU (jmorrow@geology.sdsu.edu or jmorrow@sciences.sdsu.edu).

Watch for details of May’s meeting at the Model Train Museum in Balboa Park, with a presentation by our own Chuck Houser.

Sarah

ONE STOP WONDER, The Amazing Geologic History of the Eocene Ballena Gravels
Saturday, April 26th, Pat Abbott, Prof. Emeritus, San Diego State University will be leading the One Stop Wonder. Trip participants will meet at 9AM in the parking lot of the Sizzler Restaurant on the south side of Hwy 78 on the east side of town in Ramona. From there we will caravan to Whale Mountain between Santa Ysabel and Ramona to a private ranch located opposite the large egg ranch near Santa Teresa Valley. The trip will conclude before noon, with an option of joining the group for lunch. Thanks to Mike Hart and Dave Bloom for organizing the logistics.

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The provenance of the Poway Conglomerate is one of the most interesting geologic stories in California. The Poway Conglomerate was delivered to the San Diego coastal plain by a large river whose remains are the Ballena Gravels. As in the Sierra Nevada, the Eocene rivers carried gold. Near Whale Mountain the gold was mined in the late 1800s and early 1900s; the gold placers produced only small amounts of gold compared to the mines of Julian to the east, partly because of the lack of water. The distinctive red rhyolitic clasts of the Poway Conglomerate began their journey to the Pacific Coast in latest Paleocene via a large river system that originated in Laramide-rejuvenated Jurassic volcanic mountains that now lie in Sonora, Mexico. Opening of the Gulf of California carried the Eocene gravels away from their source rocks in Sonora, Mexico. Remnants of the river channel in the east county are now visible as the Ballena Gravels that occupy the crests of several ridges and peaks south and east of Ramona and represent classic inversion of relief where a onetime valley floor now occupies a sinuous ridge. Dr Abbott will discuss the origin and history of the area from one of the most easterly outcrops of the old river system.

The field trip will involve a short but strenuous ½ (+/-) mile hike up Whale Mtn (elev. change 300 to 400 feet). We are currently checking out a possible alternate route that would allow us to drive to the top of the mountain on an unpaved road. Kids are welcome. Wear typical field clothes with boots, sunscreen, water (you are geologists, you know what to bring!). Remember it is snake season.
SDSU GEOLOGY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FIELD TRIP

This year's SDSU Geology Alumni Association's field trip/campout will be held during the weekend of **April 11-13 2008**. Camp will be in the southern Salton Sea area. Possible field trip visits include Obsidian Butte, mud volcanoes, mud pots, the Imperial and San Andreas faults, ancient shorelines of Lake Cahuilla, and spectacular desert wildflower displays! More info to follow - just save the date and come play! Everyone is welcome!

**From the Coast Geological Society:** **2008 Desert Symposium Field Trip: April 19-21, 2008,** “**Development of the Colorado River and its entry into the Salton Trough.**” The field trip will explore geographic extent of the Bouse Formation and contrast fresh water deposits with deposits containing marine fossils. Examine sediments at Anza-Borrego that indicate when the Colorado River entered the Salton Trough. Drive from eastern Mojave Desert pinon-juniper plateaus to the Sonoran vegetation of the Colorado Desert. Contact *wpresch@fullerton.edu* for more information.

Rocks with Provenance Needed for a Reference Collection for Typing and Sourcing San Diego Co. Artifacts

The San Diego Archaeological Center and local archaeologists need a county-wide reference collection of local rocks from outcrops. The collection will be an important resource for archaeologists involved in typing and sourcing stone artifacts from the San Diego area.

Norrie Robbins, adjunct faculty in the Dept. of Geological Sciences at SDSU, is spearheading this volunteer effort. She notes that geologists use a much wider variety of descriptors for rocks than do archaeologists. One of the objectives of this project is to cross-reference archaeological categories with geological ones to help develop a mutually understandable terminology and to improve sourcing. Rock specimens in the reference collection will be identified by spatial coordinates and both geological and archaeological descriptors.

Please contact Norrie (*nrobbins@geology.sdsu.edu*, 619-303-9095) with any questions and to arrange pick up of specimens. Specimens may also be placed in her mailbox at SDSU or dropped off at the Center (please indicate Attention: Rebecca Nathan). In addition, Dr. Robbins or Dr. Tim Gross will be available at most meetings of the San Diego County Archaeological Society (SDCAS) and San Diego Association of Geologists (SDAG) to accept specimens. Building the reference collection is a long-term project. There is no time limit for making your contributions.

John Shelton Exhibit at the SD Natural History Museum—May 11 to November 2, 2008

The photography exhibition, a retrospective of Shelton’s work, marks the first time works by the legendary geologist will be exhibited to the public. A geologist filled with a love for music and machines, John Shelton is best known for his pioneering aerial photography. Formerly an associate professor of geology at Pomona College, he has always been intensely interested in the process of learning. Shelton’s love and knowledge of flying enabled him to reveal geologic features and processes through his aerial photographs of wondrous landscapes. His aerial photographs of North America are especially invaluable today, when diminishing air quality makes some of his shots irreplaceable.
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**PART-TIME**

**GEOLOGY/EARTH SCIENCE INSTRUCTORS**

Beginning with the Spring, 2009 semester, the Earth, Space & Aviation Sciences Department at Palomar College will have several openings for part-time instructors in Physical Geology, Historical Geology and Introductory Earth Sciences. Most of the course offerings will be in the evenings or late afternoons or on Fridays.

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**Contact Candy Engelstad**, HR/Administrative Manager, Brown and Caldwell, cengelstad@brwn Cald.com

Tel: (858) 514-8822 Fax: (858) 514-8833

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6. Prepares and delivers technical reports, communications and presentations.

Key Qualifications:
1. BS/MS/PhD (Geology/Hydrogeology)
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**Hydrogeologist:** Candidate would have a B.S. Degree in Geology and M. S. Degree would be a plus. Entry level position, with work including soil and groundwater sampling, well installation, aquifer test analysis, and report preparation. Candidate should possess strong writing and presentation skills. Candidate with Hydrogeology coursework or GIS background is a positive. Position will be based in San Diego, and will require travel and field work. Only entry level candidates will be considered. Valid driver's license and U.S. Citizenship required. OSHA 40-hour training preferred, but not mandatory.

**Staff Hydrogeologist:** Position requires minimum a B.S. Degree in Geology, and 3 to 5 years relevant experience, including experience with soils and groundwater sampling, well installation, work plan and report preparation, task management, cost estimating and scheduling. Candidate should possess strong organizational, writing and presentation skills. California Professional Geologist (PG), or ability to obtain within two years, groundwater modeling experience, and Masters degree is a plus. Position will be based in San Diego, and will require some travel and field work. Valid driver’s license and U.S. Citizenship required. OSHA 40-hour training required.

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The San Diego Natural History Museum is run and operated by the San Diego Society of Natural History, a private non-profit scientific organization incorporated in 1874. The Museum’s mission is to interpret the natural world through research, education and exhibits; to promote understanding of the evolution and diversity of Southern California and the peninsula of Baja California; and to inspire in all a respect for nature and the environment.

Within the Museum, the Department of PaleoServices (DPS) specializes in paleontological resource management. Our focus is on the recognition, recovery, and preservation of the significant and unique paleontological resources that occur in this region. The activities of DPS are helping to preserve significant fossil assemblages and are directly contributing to the growth of the important paleontological research collections at the Museum. We are currently looking to fill the following position:

**Paleontological Field Manager:** Position responsibilities include coordination of paleontological field activities (i.e., supervision of field monitors in prospecting for and collection of fossils and the recording of stratigraphic, taphonomic, geographic, and topographic data) and production of final project reports that summarize the methods and preliminary results of paleontological salvage activities. Other duties include generation of initial discovery letter reports for City, County, and/or State agency managers and generation of paleontological resource assessment technical reports. Opportunities also include paleontological field work in the Southern California region and working with the extensive fossil collections of the San Diego Natural History Museum.

Qualified candidates must have at least a B.S. Degree in Geology or Paleobiology; 2 to 3 years of relevant experience (especially sedimentary geology and paleontology); excellent supervisory/managerial, verbal, written, and interpersonal skills; and a strong work ethic, intense drive, and initiative for quality and customer service. This position is a regular, full-time salaried position with a generous benefits package (e.g., full medical and 401K plan). Compensation will be based on individual qualifications and experience (annual salary range $40,000 to $60,000).

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**One Permanent Field Geologist Position.** This position will be under the supervision of a Project Geologist and will involve field activities associated with the development of an In Situ Recovery project in Wyoming.

**Three Summer Geologist Positions.** We currently have two summer field positions open in our Casper, Wyoming office and one summer position open in our Littleton, Colorado office. For all three positions, we are looking for BS graduates who are planning to go on to or are currently involved with graduate studies, and who will be available from the end of the spring semester to the beginning of the fall semester.

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