

Establishment of a Committee for Norwegian Stratigraphy

At a meeting of the Norwegian Council of Geology (Norsk geologiråd) on 5 May 1982, a resolution was passed for the establishment of a Committee for Norwegian Stratigraphy – Norsk Stratigrafisk Komité (NSK) – which will operate under the Council's auspices and ultimate control. At a statutory general meeting of the committee on 5 January 1983, Anna Siedlecka, Geological Survey of Norway, was voted in as chairwoman with Tore Torske (University of Tromsø) as vice-chairman.

Status

The Committee for Norwegian Stratigraphy is a select committee under the control of the Norwegian Council of Geology. In certain cases, decisions taken by the Committee can be forwarded to the Norwegian Council of Geology for their ruling.

Mandates

The Committee for Norwegian Stratigraphy has been authorized to carry out the following tasks:

1. To draw up and present a guide to stratigraphical procedure and nomenclature in Norway.
2. To give approval to existing and new terminology in Norwegian stratigraphy.
3. To establish and maintain a computer-based archive of terms and names used, including those judged as invalid. This applies to stratigraphic units in use on the Norwegian mainland, in Arctic and Antarctic land areas under Norwegian jurisdiction, and on the related continental shelves.
4. To produce and continually up-date a stratigraphic glossary for the areas mentioned under point 3. The glossary will contain an inventory of: (a) all types of stratigraphic units (including those for biostratigraphy, chronostratigraphy, litho-

ostratigraphy, lithodemy, morphostratigraphy, and tectonostratigraphy as well as major tectonic structures); (b) tables showing correlative stratigraphic units both within Norway and in other, neighbouring countries.

5. To maintain a continual control of, and provide advice on, the introduction of all new stratigraphical unit names and terms.

Composition and working routine

The Norwegian Council of Geology has appointed the members and deputy members for a four-year period, with the possibility of re-election for a further four-year period. The appointed members of the Committee for Norwegian Stratigraphy were chosen such as to provide the most comprehensive coverage of all types and ages of stratigraphy (Precambrian to Recent) within the land and shelf areas mentioned under point 3.

The Committee will deliver an annual report to the Norwegian Council of Geology on its activities and future plans. In addition, at least once a year it will make known, possibly through publication, all the approved, new, stratigraphical unit names. The Committee's secretariat and computer archive are based at the Geological Survey of Norway (NGU), Trondheim.

Advice to authors

Authors intending to introduce new names and units or redefine pre-existing names and units in manuscripts prepared for publication are encouraged to submit the proposed nomenclature to the Committee for Norwegian Stratigraphy for its ruling. Authors will be requested to provide details of each unit on forms specially devised for this purpose. These forms can be obtained from the Committee's secretariat: *Norsk Stratigrafisk Komité, Norges geologiske undersøkelse, P.O. Box 3006, N-7001 Trondheim, Norway.*