

## Meeting of the African Pollen Data during the iaap/aipa symposium in Johannesburg, 17.09.1997.

1. Louis Scott opened the meeting followed by Hilaire Elenga the Data Manager who gave a short report on the state of the art.

It was reported that **71** terrestrial cores and **29** marine cores archived are in the database. The Database includes **400** radiocarbon dates and **1600** taxa.

Africa north of the equator and east Africa have a rather good coverage by now. R. Bonnefille summarized the goals of the database in three main points: gathering and preserving the data, setting up links with other databases (in particular with **NOAA** [<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/>] and **EPD** [[http://medias.obs-mip.fr/paleo/epd/epd\\_main.html](http://medias.obs-mip.fr/paleo/epd/epd_main.html)]), and compiling new data and use it for modelling. No restrictions to age or type of data are preset, but readers should refer to the **first Newsletter** of the APD for further details.

2. Request was made for preparing a newsletter. This should illustrates the progress concerning the reference list on papers dealing with the pollen data, the **PMIP** [<http://www-lsce.cea.fr/pmip/>] project related to the use of the database, and links with other databases.

Efforts will be made to distribute the cost of sending the newsletter to severals institutes.

3. Louis Scott and Anne-Marie Lézine submitted two applications to rate funding for African colleagues to attend the Johannesburg symposium that unfortunately failed. Two other applications (September 97 and December 97) have been made for funding next step of APD. One to INCO-DC (European Community) and the other to ENRICH (Global Change). The application gives priority to make available hard and software for African palynologists, salary for the Data Manager, compilation of a list of taxa including pollen photos (CD-ROM, WEB), funds for participation of Africans to workshops and software for database manipulation.

4. The next APD meeting is scheduled to take place in London during a meeting on behalf of K. Ferguson in the Kew-Garden (6-9th of july, 1998). The Executive Committee will contact **Medias-France** [<http://medias.obs-mip.fr/www/>] to help with the organization of this meeting.

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