

# The Nordic Sedimentary Research Group Newsletter

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**Dear members of the Nordic Sedimentary Research Group,**

The committee wishes to reiterate our hopes that despite the circumstances globally, everyone is doing well and that your research activities or studies have not been disrupted too severely.

This newsletter contains some key information for all our members, most notably the situation regarding the upcoming AGM on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2021. Not only is an exciting program of keynote speakers being constructed, there will also be the election of the 2021 committee and I urge anyone who is interested in contributing to the longevity of the NSRG to please get involved!



In addition, Valentin Zuchuat and Miquel Poyatos-More are in the process of developing our first workshop, focussing on geological image processing and you will find all the key details below!

Please don't forget, the NSRG is also a platform for you, the researcher or industry worker to conduct outreach for your projects and disseminate your results! Don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like us to present your papers, presentations or PhD trial lectures.

As always, we welcome any feedback that can help strengthen our organisation and we would be very grateful for any recommendations you may have.

*Gareth Lord - President 20/21*



## - 1. NSRG WORKSHOP -

### PROCESSING OF GEOLOGICAL IMAGES

The first NSRG workshop has been planned and is scheduled for **Thursday 19th November 2020**, at **4 pm, via Zoom**. The topic will focus on the processing of geological images with Python.

This technique has applications for geological maps/bathymetry data, RGB-images, thin section analyses, etc. The workshop is aimed at students or early career researchers who have some familiarity with python and are beginning to apply it to their own work.



The workshop will be run by Joe Kington, a structural geologist turned software developer in the USA. He recently taught a similar tutorial for the Transform Conference ran by Software Underground earlier this year. The workshop is free to attend, but will be limited to 50 people, so that all attendees can benefit from Joe's expertise.

The workshop will consist of two parts: during the first part, everyone will work with the same data, whereas the second part will allow participants to play around with their own data.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT](#)

For more information contact [valentin.zuchuat@geo.uio.no](mailto:valentin.zuchuat@geo.uio.no)



## - 2. NSRG AGM 2021 -

### “MAKING SEDIMENTOLOGY GREAT AGAIN”

#### General Assembly Meeting 2021, 5th January 2021

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the Norsk Geologisk Forening (NGF) has opted to run the Wintermeeting 2021 online from the 6th to the 8th January 2021.

As a responsible organisation that wishes to remain in the vicinity of the NGF as well as follow guidelines from the Norwegian Institute of Public Health, the board has decided to hold the next NSRG AGM in the afternoon of **Tuesday 5th January 2021**, as an online meeting.

The AGM will consist of a series of 6 keynotes, with intermitting coffee breaks, informal chats and activities, as well as the election of the new committee (see following page). The common theme of the AGM is “Making Sedimentology Great Again” by increasing the quantitative research in our field. The exact schedule for that afternoon will be posted online.

The confirmed keynote speakers are:

- **Elisabeth Steel**, *Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada.*
- **Christopher Jackson**, *Imperial College, London, UK.*
- **Isabella Masiero**, *Equinor, Norway.*
- **Zoltán Sylvester**, *Bureau of Economic Geology, The University of Texas, Austin, USA.*
- **Irina Pene**, *Sirius Centre, University of Oslo, Norway.*
- **Bjørn Nyberg**, *University of Bergen, Norway.*

[\*\*CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE NSRG AGM 2021!\*\*](#)





## - 3. UPCOMING ELECTION OF THE NSRG COMMITTEE -

During the founding AGM in 2019, a committee to lead the NSRG was elected for a period of 1 year, following the will of the attendees. It is therefore necessary for NSRG to elect a new committee during the upcoming AGM.

As of today, the committee and their intentions are as follows:

**President:** Gareth Lord, UNIS, will present himself for the upcoming election.

**Vice president:** Miquel Poyatos-Moré, UiO, will not present himself for the upcoming election.

**Treasurer:** Lina Hedvig Line, UiO, will present herself for the upcoming election.

**Secretary:** Valentin Zuchuat, UiO, will not present himself for the upcoming election.

**Outreach officer:** Camilla Louise Würtzen, UiO, will not present herself for the upcoming election.

**Early career representative:** Bonita Barrett, Equinor, will present herself for the upcoming election.

**Industry representative 1:** Tor Oftedal Sømme, Equinor, will present himself for the upcoming election.

**Industry representative 2:** Paul Spencer, Vår Energi, will present himself for the upcoming election.

The committee is therefore proprietarily looking for a **Vice President**, a **Secretary** and an **Outreach Officer**. It is crucial to note, however, that everyone is welcome and encouraged to send a candidacy for any of the committee position, even for those currently occupied or where existing committee members wish to represent themselves.

Please visit [www.nordicsrg.com](http://www.nordicsrg.com) to enquire more about each of the committee's positions rights and duties. NSRG would like to remember its members that the committee "shall be gender and minority balanced" (NSRG constitution, 4.1.c).

**Following the constitution, the nominations period will close 7 days prior to the start of the AGM. Any candidacy should therefore be sent to [contact@nordicsrg.com](mailto:contact@nordicsrg.com) no later than the 29th December 2020.**

**Please provide your name, institution and the position you wish to apply for.**



## - 4. PRESENT YOUR PAPER -

### DID YOU MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT YOUR RESEARCH AT A CONFERENCE? OR DO YOU HAVE A VIDEO PRESENTATION OF A PUBLICATION?

We invite you to make a video (length of your choice) or a self-explanatory PDF-presentation, send it to us at the [contact@nordicsrg.com](mailto:contact@nordicsrg.com) email address, and the video will be uploaded on the NSRG website. We hope that this approach will facilitate people to watch these presentations on their own schedule. If you desire to organise a webinar, NSRG will gladly help scheduling it with our SedsOnline partners.

If your project requires outreach, or simply because you have an incredible story to tell, do not hesitate to write a blog-like text, with beautiful photos, which will then be published on the website.

Finally, the NSRG also has an Instagram page ([@nordicsrg](https://www.instagram.com/nordicsrg)) where we would love to share visuals of your sedimentological adventures. Please send us an email to [contact@nordicsrg.com](mailto:contact@nordicsrg.com) if you would like to share such content and we will forward you an easy template to fill in.



## Does your organisation have any research or industry vacancies?

As well as being a promoting platform for your research, NSRG want to help advertise job opportunities in Nordic countries. Please send an email to [contact@nordicsrg.com](mailto:contact@nordicsrg.com) to inform us of your job openings with a link to your advertisements. These links will then be posted on social media and on the [website](#).





## - 5. DISSEMINATION OF TRIAL LECTURES -

**PhD defences** - In Norway, part of the PhD-defence is the requirement to pass a trial lecture. Some of these lectures, often stored on university webpages are great teaching material, and should be shared to a wider community. If the authors of the lectures agree, NSRG would like to share them to its members by posting the video or the link to the video online.

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In order to do so, we would appreciate it if: 1) the author of the trial lecture could send us the title of the trial lecture and the video, and 2) the institutions themselves could update NSRG regularly with trial-lecture videos that deal with sedimentology in its widest sense (geochemistry, glacial geology, oceanography, basin dynamic, etc.).

We would appreciate your insight into the PhD defence processes in other countries, so we can share similar content.

**We hope you have enjoyed receiving this newsletter!**

**If you have any comments, ideas, suggestions, please get in touch with us, by email, or through social media. The NSRG will move forward with your help and your valuable contributions.**

**On behalf of the committee, I sincerely thank you for your support and I really look forward to hearing from you soon,**

**All the best,**

**Valentin Zuchuat - NSRG Secretary**



**Is your organisation or institute interested in supporting the NSRG?**

**If so, please get in touch via email to [contact@nordicsrg.com](mailto:contact@nordicsrg.com)**

