

The Nordic Sedimentary Research Group Newsletter

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Dear members of the Nordic Sedimentary Research Group,

The committee hopes that everyone is doing well given the global circumstances. Despite being a Nordic oriented organisation, our members come from around the globe, therefore we urge you to reach out to your colleagues, family and your friends to ensure sure they are well during this time.

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, we in the committee are working hard to lay the foundations of what we hope will be a thriving organisation for the future. The NSRG has been registered with the “Brønnoysundregistret” and is now a legal entity with the organisation number 924 501 308.



Furthermore, the NSRG has increased its online presence with the creation of a website and integrated social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We hope that you will contribute to and enjoy the content we share.

Through these newsletters, we hope to bring you interesting news and updates in the field of sedimentology and stratigraphy as well as keeping you up to date with the activities of the NSRG and its members. We hope you find them interesting and we welcome any feedback you may have!

Gareth Lord - President 20/21



The NSRG wishes to reinforce its commitment to diversity

Equality for all - Following a now-infamous interview of the AAPG President, the NSRG would like to reiterate its support to all the incredible women of geosciences and STEM! Thank you for the great and important work that you are all doing!

The committee wants to remind all that NSRG respects and welcomes everyone, irrespective of age, nationality and ethnicity, disability, gender, marriage and civil partnership status, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. This is enshrined in our constitution and will not change.

Do not hesitate to invite your friends and co-workers to join us. Consequently, we would love for our female members to send us photos of fieldwork or lab work, with a short story accompanying them. With your agreement, we want to share these stories on our social media accounts.

The NSRG Committee 20/21

New paper presentations - In order to grow, the NSRG needs your help, given the difficulty in organising physical meetings, workshops, and fieldtrips at present.

As stated in its constitution, one of the goals of NSRG is “to promote and enhance sedimentological and stratigraphic research both within Nordic countries and internationally”.

For this, we invite you to send your abstract accepted for publication with DOI to contact@nordicsrg.com, which will then be shared on our social media accounts.

Together with your abstract, we encourage you to attach a short video (5-15 mins), in which you present your paper. The video will then be then uploaded on the NSRG website. If you do not want to make a video, a few slides with a little explanatory text would still be gratefully received (similar to the EGU2020 format).

As inspiration see Valentin Zuchuat present his work from a shallow drilling campaign in Svalbard.



Video Presentation: Valentin Zuchuat presents results from a shallow drilling campaign in Svalbard

[- WATCH THE VIDEO -](#)

A new high-resolution stratigraphic and palaeo-environmental record spanning the End-Permian Mass Extinction and its aftermath in central Spitsbergen, Svalbard

V. Zuchuat, A.R.N. Sleveland, R.J. Twitchett, H.H. Svensen, H. Turner, L.E. Augland, M.T. Jones, Ø. Hammer, B.T. Hauksson, H. Hafliðason, I. Midtkandal & S. Planke



Does your organisation have any research or industry vacancies?

Job advertisements - 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 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](#).



Online seminars - NSRG asked its members a few weeks ago whether it should organise conference-like sessions. As there seems to be a lot of long online meetings at the moment, the committee decided to propose something slightly different.

We would like anyone who is interested in sharing their research or results that was originally intended to be presented at a conference to contact us by email directly.

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 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. Monthly meetings can then be organised, in which it will be possible to ask questions directly to the various authors/speakers/presenters. 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) where we would love to share visuals of your sedimentological adventures. Please send us an email to contact@nordicsrg.com if you would like to share such content and we will forward you an easy template to fill in.





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

