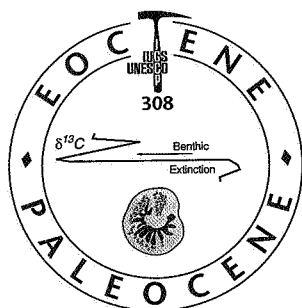


## PREFACE



The International Geological Correlation Program (IGCP) is a scientific enterprise of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) carried out in co-operation with the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS).

The project 308 : «Paleocene/Eocene Boundary Events» started in 1990.

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The objective is to delineate precisely the nature and timing of the events which occur in the marine and terrestrial records close to the Paleocene/Eocene boundary in order to construct a basic framework for global stratigraphic correlation, to link facies evolution in the terrestrial and epicontinental domains with the Late Paleocene and Early Eocene history of oceanic changes, and to study the correlative response of the biotas in the sea and on land. The ultimate goal is the designation of a stratotype for the Paleocene/Eocene boundary.

A joint Belgium Basin - Co-ordinator meeting, hosted by the Belgian Geological Survey was held in Brussels from 2 to 6 December 1991.

The objectives :

(a) to examine the Upper Paleocene-Lower Eocene biostratigraphic record in Belgium and its correlation with other basins in north-west Europe ;

(b) to review the achievements of 1991 ;

(c) to delineate the activities of the project the following years. The large number of attendees attested to the growing interest in the activities of Project 308.

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