



Top = Transporting geologists into the field at Cadaqués, Spain (Penrose Conference on Strain Localisation)

Left = Jose Alberto, Erwin Frets and Karoly Hidas in Granada, Spain.

Crystal2Plate go Global

Conference attendance allows members of the Crystal2Plate network publicise and trial their research ideas. Following a strong presence at EGU, smaller groups then attended other international meetings. Erwin Frets represented the network in Interrelationships between Deformation and Metamorphism in Granada (23-26 May). Roberto Agrusta, Flora Bajolet Kate Higgle, Tobias Rolf and Marcel Thielmann were at the Gordon Research Conference Interior of the Earth in South Hadley, USA (5-10 June), Flora then crossed the USA to attend CIDER Summer School Dynamics of Mountain Building, Berkeley, USA (26th

June – 22nd July). Kate Higgle attended the Penrose Conference on Strain Localization, Cadaqués, Spain (29 June-5 July). Jenny Di Leo went to Piemonte, Italy for the The Nature of the Plate Interface In Subduction Zones (2-7 July).

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Upcoming conferences can be found in the previous Newsletter and material presented can be found, as always, on the Crystal2Plate project webpage.

Play Hard, Work Harder

An aspect enjoyed by all the C2P members is that of meeting new people and forging new friendships aka collaborating. From October 2009 – January 2011 a total of 6 weeks was spent in each other's company for C2P events. However, for many of us the thought of not seeing one another until January 2012 was something we couldn't contemplate. Sure, there would be other conferences (see above article), but we wanted more thus plans were made for some (un)official meet-ups

Intergroup collaborations are one of the C2P advantages. While these are normally official, this May we felt the need for some unofficial visits. Anna had some work set-up in Zurich but

managed to take advantage by visiting the area with Tobi and Diana as her local hosts. Roberto, getting cold in Montpellier, spent a long weekend in Granada to visit Erwin and some other C2P associates. Culture, beer and Tapas were the order of the day there. Marcel, Jenny and Katherine visited Kate in her parents' house in southwest England. The conclusion was made that discussing matters by the sea with cider, tea and scones was definitely a good way to enhance productivity.

For those unable to make the meet-ups you were missed and hopefully the successes will provide motivation for more in the coming year(s).

Editorial

May and June have been intense months for the Crystal2Plate network. Thanks to Nathalie, who worked non-stop at collecting all data and straightening all financial & administrative points, our First periodic report was submitted end of May to, and approved by, the EU Research Executive Agency (REA). Crystal2Plate fellows were also not at rest. While preparing the first articles on their research projects, they presented their ongoing work in all major geodynamics conferences in Europe and USA. Congratulations to all for a great job done & special distinction to Marcel for the EGU prize! This activity will continue over the summer with a strong participation of Crystal2Plate to the Mantle Dynamics workshop at Potsdam. Finally, Giuliana Donini, our project officer, proposed Crystal2Plate as a success story for Marie Curie programmes. This singling honors everyone's commitment and efforts in our Crystal2Plate network. Thanks!

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1/3 of C2P fellows in Minehead, GB



Meet the Postdocs

ER1 and ER2, Sonja Greve and Zhonghai Li. Sonja (University of Utrecht) was with us from the first meeting in La Grande Motte and Zhonghai (FAST – Paris) joined us last summer (2010). With Sonja sadly coming to the end of her contract this year and Zhonghai in the middle of his it seemed a perfect chance to get to know them better.....

Where were you before C2P?

S: Karlsruhe, Wellington, NZ (PhD)

Z: Shanghai, Nanjing (PhD). Zurich (where I finally found my calling as a modeler)

What are the best/worst parts of your new city?

S: Best = cycling

Z: Best = museums, strikes. Worst = metro smell and visa 'fun'



How do you find working within a Marie Curie Network?

S: A good opportunity to meet so many other fellows, both inside and outside the network.

Z: Marie Curie Actions stimulates young people to start their scientific careers. Also, the collaborations among several different universities/institutions are very good helping to build large group multidisciplinary cooperation. This could provide a template for other countries that do not have such systems in place, e.g. China.

Final Words....

Z: Crystal2Plate is sadly not forever. It is true, but the symbol of Crystal2plate will be always in our mind. For most of us, it is the first project and first symbol in our careers.

Crystal2Plate Up2Date

- CONGRATULATIONS to **Boris Kaus** who becomes Professor of Geophysics at the University of Mainz (D) from September 1st!
- Hats off to **Marcel Thielmann** for the **OSP award** in the Tectonics and Structural Geology division Group at EGU and **Tobias Rolf** for submitting to GRL
- Catch a number of us in Postdam (6th Mantle Dynamics Workshop 25-29th Aug) + other conferences

Spot the Crystal2Plate Member(s)



Gordon Research Seminars Interior of the Earth,



Penrose conference, 2011



Deformation and Metamorphism in Granada

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