

## ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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### László Fodor

Prof. László Fodor geologist, was born in Budapest, Hungary in 1961. He is a senior researcher at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Geological, Geophysical and Space Science Research Group affiliated to Eötvös University, Budapest. His research field is structural geology and related subjects. More specifically, his interest includes diverse topics of brittle deformation, fault geometry, stress field analysis, block rotations, and his research also involves neotectonics, geomorphology,

tectono-sedimentology, geochronology and basin analysis. The primary aim of these investigations is to understand the structural evolution and geodynamics of the Pannonian Basin system and surrounding orogens, the Eastern Alps, Carpathians and Dinarides. In addition to the circum-Pannonian area he has conducted structural geological research in Turkey and Oman. He has also performed detailed geological mapping in Hungary and Libya.



### István Fózy

Dr. István Fózy geologist and palaeontologist, was born in Zalaegerszeg, Hungary, in 1960. He received his PhD at the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. He currently is chief curator of the Department of Palaeontology and Geology of the Hungarian Natural History Museum. Previously he was in charge of the Museum's Exhibitions and Public Education. His main research interests are Jurassic and

Cretaceous marine invertebrates. The main focus of his research is the systematics of Late Jurassic and Early Cretaceous ammonites. He played a major role in numerous successful museum exhibits. His previously published books present the "Dinosaur Baron", Francis Nopcsa, and fossils of the Carpathian Basin – the latter co-authored with István Szente.



### Nico M.M. Janssen

Nico M.M. Janssen was born in Heerlen, in the southern part of the Netherlands in 1966. After graduating as a coal petrologist/palynologist, he worked during several years at the Natural History Museum in Leiden (Naturalis). Currently he is an associate-researcher there, involved with latest Jurassic–Early Cretaceous belemnites from the Tethyan Realm. On a non-professional base he focuses on stratigraphical and taxonomical issues of these belemnites.

During the last years he published several papers regarding the stratigraphical distribution of latest Berriasian to earliest Aptian belemnites, mainly based on material from the Vocontian Basin (SE of France). More recently he has been involved with István Fózy, studying belemnites in Jurassic and Early Cretaceous sediments from various Hungarian localities. For the last five years he has been employed as a part-time palynologist at TNO (Utrecht, The Netherlands).



### Guillermo Meléndez

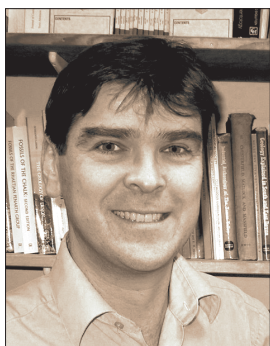
Dr. Guillermo Meléndez geologist and palaeontologist studied at the Universidad Complutense, Madrid Spain, and received his PhD in 1984. He is a Reader in Palaeontology at Zaragoza University, Spain. His research involves the investigation of Middle, and most particularly Upper Jurassic ammonites from Tethyan and surrounding provinces,

their systematic, biostratigraphy, taphonomy, biogeography and evolution, and their correlation with other Eastern Tethys and Pacific provinces. He has established a standard Oxfordian ammonite biozonation for Submediterranean and Mediterranean Provinces and collaborated with other colleagues in the setting of a similar standard scale for Subboreal



areas. In the frame of the works of ISJS he is convenor of the Callovian-Oxfordian boundary working group. He has also developed in depth studies on Geological and Paleontological Heritage, contributing to the legal definition

and protection of numerous Jurassic sites in Iberian Range. He has also developed an intense research work on Geodidactics and on teaching strategies and innovations.



## Gregory Price

Dr. Gregory Price geologist and geochemist was born in East Sussex United Kingdom, in 1966. He is a Reader in Geology at Plymouth University. His research involves the investigation of past climate and environmental change (chiefly during the Jurassic and Cretaceous) and more specifically understanding larger perturbations in the

Earth's physical and biological systems, principally involving the integration of stratigraphy, sedimentology and the use of oxygen, carbon and strontium isotopes. His research has been undertaken across globe and includes locations as diverse as Siberia, Spitsbergen, Chile, Australia and Hungary.



## Wolfgang Riegraf

Dr. Wolfgang Riegraf geologist and palaeontologist was born in SWGermany in 1955. He finished his study of geology at the University of Tübingen, SW Germany, in 1985 with a thesis on the Toarcian Posidonienschiefer of S-Germany and Schistes Cartons Formations of S-France. His 109 publications deal with Jurassic stratigraphy, sediments, palaeoecology, and invertebrate faunas of Central Europe and the DSDP/ODP. Since 1984 he is a member

of the German Subcommission on Jurassic Stratigraphy, was 2000-2012 editor of the Fossilium Catalogus I: Animalia (Leiden), and is since 2001 editor of the Zentralblatt für Geologie und Paläontologie Teil II (Stuttgart, Germany). Current fields of research are fossil Coleoidea, the deep water Late Cretaceous of Westphalia and fossil metal-oxidising bacteria enclosed in silicified minerals and rocks and their living counterparts.



## Armin Scherzinger

Dipl.-Ing. Armin Scherzinger, engineer was born in Tuttlingen, Southern Germany in 1972. Since 1995 he studied agriculture and landscape management in Nürtingen, where he received his diploma in 2000. He manages green projects related to urban renewal. Since his early childhood he was interested in geology and palaeontology. From 1992 onwards he acts as a volunteer at the State Museum of Natural History Stuttgart. He is the member of the International Subcommission on Jurassic Stratigraphy, Kimmeridgian and

Tithonian working groups, regular member of the German Subcommission on Jurassic Stratigraphy, the Palaeontological Society, and the Society of Natural History, Württemberg. In 2010 he was awarded the Zittel Medal of the Palaeontological Society. His main areas of work is the classification and biostratigraphy of Upper Jurassic ammonites, fossil mammals from fissure fillings and regional geology of Southern Germany. He has an extensive horizon oriented collections from the Upper Jurassic of Southern Germany.



## István Szente

Dr. István Szente geologist and palaeontologist, was born in Budapest, Hungary in 1960. After receiving his MSc at the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, he worked as a department librarian at the Palaeontological Institute of the University. Since 2003, he is on

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## Balázs Szinger

Balázs Szinger geologist and micropalaeontologist, was born in Budapest, Hungary in 1979. He received his M.S. degree (2004) in Geology at the Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest, his thesis was about Lower Cretaceous foraminifera. He started a Ph.D. research in Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest in 2004.

Since 2007 he is micropalaeontologist in the Hungarian Oil and Gas Plc., (MOL) where he is a leader of the Geological Laboratory since 2010. His major research topic is sedimentology and micropalaeontology of the Hungarian Upper Jurassic and Lower Cretaceous.



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Dr. Ottília Szíves geologist and palaeontologist was born in Pásztó, N-Hungary, in 1973. She is working at the Department of Palaeontology in the Hungarian Natural History Museum since 2001, she is the curator of the Palaeogene and the Micropalaeontology Collections. She was graduated as a geologist at the ELTE University Budapest in 1996, in 2002 received the PhD

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## Attila Vörös

Prof. Attila Vörös geologist and palaeontologist was born in Budapest Hungary, in 1944. He works for the Research Group for Palaeontology of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Hungarian Natural History Museum, where he has been a curator of invertebrate palaeontology since 1970. He graduated at the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest where he held specialist courses and was awarded with the title Professor honoris causa (2007).

He is Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences since 2004, and voting member of the Subcommission on Triassic Stratigraphy (International Commission on Stratigraphy). His main fields of scientific interest are Mesozoic palaeontology, stratigraphy and palaeogeography. He published monographs on Middle Triassic ammonoids and Jurassic brachiopods; many of his synthesizing papers appeared in international journals.

