First announcement of the ILP joint Task Forces meeting
in Ensenada (Baja California)
September 21-26, 2008

Organizing committee and venue

One of the outcomes of last June ILP meeting in Potsdam was to organize in 2008 a joint workshop in Ensenada (Baja California, Mexico), involving various Tadk Forces dealing with sedimentary basins, mantle, volcanics and paleostress.

Dr. Luis Delgado-Argote (ldelgado@cicese.mx, CICESE, Ensenada), and Dr. Felipe Ortuño-Arzate (fortuno@imp.mx, IMP, Mexican Petroleum Institute, Mexico DF) are coordinating this event. Luis is the past President of the Mexican Geophysical Union (Union Geofisica Mexicana, UGM), and Felipe in charge of the basin modeling group of IMP.

The conference will be held from September 21-26 at the Corall Hotel in Ensenada, facing the Ocean, 200 m away from the Earth Science building of CICESE. At this stage, we have booked the venue, comprising 3 meeting rooms, and scheduled a 2 days pre-conference field trip (September 22-23).

Task Forces and call for abstracts

The objective is to save half a day for a plenary session involving all the Tasks Forces (with no wall between the 3 rooms, in order to convene in a single large room), and then, 2 or 3 groups meeting independently with their own sessions (a mobile wall then separating the 3 rooms).

Sessions from the Task Force VI on Sedimentary Basins will address the architecture and evolution of the Gulf of Mexico and other Mexican basins, as well as sub-Andean basins and Circum-Pacific margins.

Two sessions from Task Force II (New tectonic causes of volcano failure and possible premonitory signals) will focus on:

- Volcanism and geodynamics: insights from studies of eroded volcanic systems (convenors: Alessandro Tibaldi, Italy, and Derek Rust, UK);
- Long-term evolution of volcanoes and volcanic systems recording lithospheric processes (convenors: Edgardo Canon-Tapia, Mexico, and Alexandru Szakacs, Romania.

At this stage, other sessions are expected also from Task Force III (Lithosphere-astenosphere interactions), Task Force VII (Temporal and spatial changes of stress and strain), and Task Force VIII on Baby plumes.

First circular and call for abstract will be available on line on the web sites of the Mexican Geophysical Union (www.ugm.org.mx), with a dead line for submission of

abstract on **May 30th**. Registration process will also be organized on line via the same UGM website. Abstracts will be edited in the same format as GEOS, the journal of the UGM.

Field trip is planned and will be announced soon.

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