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## MEETING NOTICE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1993

**SPEAKER:** Dr. Monte Marshall, Professor of Geology, San Diego State University

**TOPIC:** "Russia- A Land of Old Rocks, But a People in Painful Transition"

**PLACE:** Tickled Trout-Ramada Inn  
2151 Hotel Circle South  
San Diego  
291-6500

**TIME:** 6:00-Social Hour  
7:00-Dinner  
8:00-Program

**DINNER:** Stuffed Chicken Crepes, Tossed green Salad, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Chocolate Mousse Cake, and Beverage

**COST:** \$16.00 (Please make checks payable to SDAG)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!** by noon Monday, October 18. Please phone in your reservation ASAP to **TETRA TECH, INC.**, (619) 622-2278. Leave name and number in party if no one answers. Please call Tetra Tech if you need to cancel your reservation. If you have special diet requirements (ie. vegetarian), please contact Lyne Perry (445-3928).

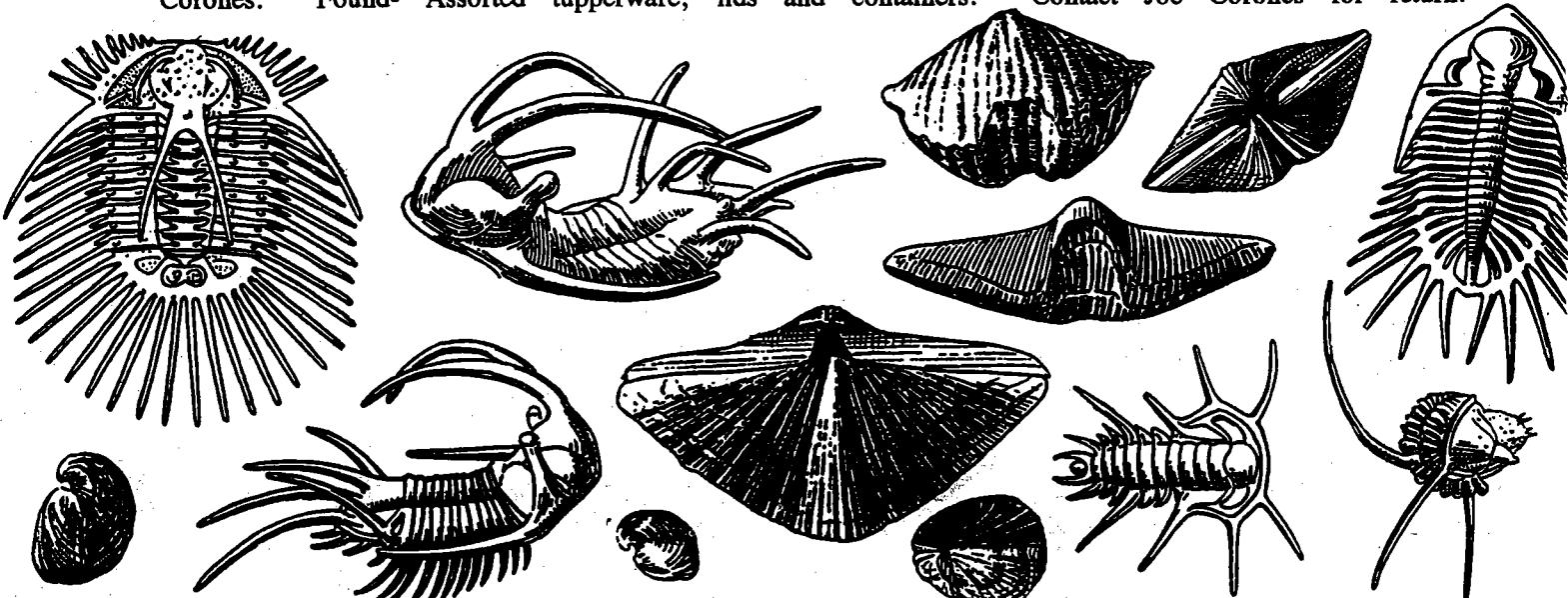
Monte will present a photo essay of some of the unique experiences he had, the friends he made, and the field trips he went on during the six months that he was visiting professor at St. Petersburg University.

Dr. Monte Marshall is a native San Diegan who obtained his B.S. in geology from SDSU and his PhD from Stanford University. He spent three years performing post-doctoral studies at the USGS in Menlo Park before returning to SDSU in 1975, where he teaches introductory geology, structural and petroleum geology, geophysics, paleo-magnetism, and plate tectonics. Monte is a world traveler who frequently delights SDAG with photo essays of his unique destinations.

**DUE TO NUMEROUS REQUESTS BY OUR MEMBERS, SMOKING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE MEETING ROOM. YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. SDAG wishes to extend a special thanks to Catlin Engineering for preparing the SDAG Membership Directory. SDAG also wishes to thank Group Delta Consultants, Daryl Streiff, Hargis+ Associates, PSI, Inc., Gallagher Drilling, Converse Consultants West, Southland Geotechnical Consultants, Bill Elliott, TEG, John Minch and Associates, Allied Geotechnical Engineers, Pacific Soils, Tony V. Sawyer, GeoTech Imagery, IT Corporation, and Robertson Geotechnical for 1993 Corporate Sponsorships. SDAG is still looking for other corporate sponsors to help in our yearly expenses. Corporate contributions are used to sponsor students at our monthly meetings and to upgrade our equipment, etc. If you or your company would like to become a corporate sponsor and be recognized in our SDAG newsletter, directory, and at the following month's meeting, send a minimum \$100 contribution to SDAG c/o Phil Rosenberg.
2. **Call for Papers-**The 1993 San Diego Association of Geologists annual **Field Trip** is scheduled for **November 6 and 7**, and will visit the Colorado Desert/Salton Trough area. If you are interested in submitting a paper regarding the geology or natural history in or adjacent to the field trip area please contact the SDAG field trip coordinator, Joe Coronas at the City of San Diego Waste Management Department, 4950 Murphy Canyon Road, Suite 101, San Diego, CA 92123-4325, phone: (day) 619-492-5034/(night) 619-484-3582. A notice regarding the field trip is included with this newsletter.
3. **Deadline for announcements to be included in the November Newsletter is October 25.** Please submit your items to Phil Rosenberg at Tetra Tech, FAX (619) 450-0626.
4. The November meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 17** at the **Old Spaghetti Factory**. Student, Professor and Consultant posters will be exhibited. If you are interested in presenting a poster or slides, please contact Lyne Perry.
5. **Nominations for the 1994 SDAG Executive Officers** will commence at the November meeting. If you are interested in running for an office (ie. treasurer), please talk to one of the current executive committee.
6. If you are **GEOTECHNICALLY** inclined we would like to hear from you! The San Diego County Site Assessment and Mitigation Division (S/AM) is seeking geotechnical data pertaining to formational/lithologic units in San Diego County. We are seeking laboratory data for: soil moisture contents, specific gravity, hydraulic conductivity, hydraulic infiltration rates, grain size analyses, and Atterburg Limits. The data should be correlated to a specific lithology/formational unit and a general location (need not be site specific) within the County. S/AM is hoping to compile these data into a database "**real**" soil parameters which will be available to those wishing to perform contaminant fate and transport modeling in San Diego County. If you have soil data that you would like to contribute, please contact John Odermatt (338-2313) or John Menatti (338-2246) at Site Assessment and Mitigation Division, P.O. Box 85261, San Diego, Ca 92186-5261.
7. **Lost and Found at the Picnic:** Lost- Small, chartreuse Gerber LST pocket knife. If found, please return to Joe Coronas. Found- Assorted tupperware, lids and containers. Contact Joe Coronas for return.



## IN MEMORY

*The San Diego Association of Geologists was saddened by the passing of Andy Farkas on October 8, 1993. Andy suffered a heart attack at his home and spent several months in intensive care and rehabilitation before finally succumbing due to complications. He will be remembered for the great enthusiasm he brought to his work and his great sense of humor. Andrei, as he was known when he arrived from Romania with his family about 1978, had a Master's Degree in geology and was about one year shy of obtaining his Ph.D. from a university in Romania. With his wife Smaranda and son Serban, he escaped the repressive communist regime of Romania and gained a sponsor in San Diego after spending months in a refugee camp in western Europe. His first job in San Diego, he was proud to say, was cleaning restrooms at a motel on Shelter Island. Somehow he ran into Ann Terry who brought him to a S.D.A.G. meeting. Although he could barely speak English at the time, his great love of geology and fine character had shown through at that first meeting, and he was offered an entry level job at Geocon that eventually led to a Senior Project Geologist position.*

*One of his greatest desires as a child, then as a geology student in Romania, was to see the Grand Canyon. He got his wish and even managed to send photos back to his old professor in Bucharest. He also loved the California desert and often told of how he tricked Smaranda into travelling to a particular desert National Monument. It seems that Smaranda did not care much for the desert but loved the forested alpine areas that reminded her of home. All Andy did was to tell her that they were going to Joshua Tree National Monument. The trouble did not begin until they arrived.*

*Andy left Geocon approximately two years ago to enter private practice. As many of you may know, any kind of insurance is difficult and expensive to obtain for consultants and Smaranda is left with many expenses. Those wishing to make a contribution to help out Andy's family could do so by sending a check directly to:*

*Smaranda Farkas  
3559 Curlew Street  
San Diego, California 92103*