

Trapped Charge Dating Association (TCDA) Discussion

Discussion at DLED 2018 on the 24th November 2018, Beatenberg, Switzerland

The representatives, Tony Reimann, Grzegorz Adamiec and Sumiko Tsukamoto explained the minutes of discussion at regional meetings (UKLED, NWLED, APLED, Chinese LED) including the list of representatives for the WG. They also informed about the next steps; nomination of a chair, vice chair(s) and a secretary and plan for a working group (WG) workshop in 2019.

Nomination of representatives

The following list was presented:

DLED: Grzegorz Adamiec (Poland), Tony Reimann (The Netherlands), Sumiko Tsukamoto (Germany)

UKLED: Jan-Pieter Buylaert (Denmark), Geoff Duller (UK), Gloria Lopez (Spain)

NWLED: Sebastien Huot (USA/Canada), Andre Sawaguchi (Brazil), Joel Spencer (USA), Regina DeWitt (USA but nominated as the editor of Ancient TL)

Chinese LED: Jie Chen, Yiwei Chen, Jintang Qin, Jingran Zhang

APLED: Lee Arnold (2019)/Bo Li (2020)(Australia), P. Morthekai (India), Toru Tamura (Japan)

- Diverse opinions were raised regarding the countries nominated more than one representatives, e.g. we should write back counter arguments; because the representatives are only for the WG, just keep them as they are; nomination of 2 persons from the same institute (China Earthquake Administration) is not justified and should be avoided.
- Questions were raised: how will the WG will and whether does the number of members matter?

Membership fee

- There were different views on the membership discount for the conferences (either doable or too complicated).
- Country dependent membership fee or supports for members from less developed countries were proposed.

TCDA journal

- EGU will launch an open access journal “Geochronology” by Copernicus (Andreas Lang and Georgina King are involved in the editorial team) covering all kinds of geochronological methods but this does not fit to TCDA
- Can it be Geochronometria?
- It was pointed out that the community should establish an own journal in the first years, even if there will be no impact factor in the beginning.

Chair person

- Geoff Duller to be suggested for the chair was highly supported.

Other issues

- Legal status of the Association should be considered and the WG should search for good role models (e.g. Solid State Dosimetry community as mentioned in UKLED).
- Country where the Association is registered is important as this might pre-define its legal status of the association and possible administrative obstacles (tax issues etc.) - it was suggested that Switzerland might be a good place due to low regulation.