BOUMA II CONFERENCE: SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Turbidites and Mixed Depositional Systems: Unraveling the Complexity of Deep-Marine Sedimentary Processes

Dates: October 25–27, 2027 | **Location:** Fes, Morocco | **Organizer:** SEPM & Partner Institutions

A) OBJECTIVES AND BENEFITS OF THE BOUMA II CONFERENCE

The **Bouma II Conference** serves as a premier international deepwater geoscience assembly targeting energy exploration professionals, subsurface specialists, research institutions, universities and geological surveys. Grounded in the legacy of Dr. Arnold Bouma, the conference advances deep-marine sedimentology by integrating cutting-edge research, world-class outcrop analogs and modern 3D seismic datasets.

Core Scientific Objectives

- **Paradigm Evolution:** Address limitations of classical deep-marine models by integrating modern advances in deep-water research and exploration. More specifically, the complex interactions between gravity-driven currents, bottom-currents, and oceanographic processes.
- **Process Sedimentology:** Unravel hydrodynamic mechanisms and their effect on sediment transport, erosion, deposition and seafloor morphology.
- **Outcrop & Subsurface Integration:** Link high-resolution seismic stratigraphy with world-class Upper Miocene outcrop exposures in Morocco's Taza-Guercif and Saiss Basins to better understand subsurface play systems.

Sponsor Benefits & Value Proposition

- **Targeted Industry Access:** Engage directly with 100–150+ international deepwater geoscientists and students, early career professionals, industry and governmental specialists.
- **Global Brand Prominence:** Achieve high-impact exposure across SEPM official platforms, field guides, technical programs, and venue banners.
- **Exhibition & Registrations:** Scaled packages include complimentary delegate passes and dedicated exhibit spaces at the official conference center in Fes, Morocco.
- **Supporting Next-Gen Talent:** Funds directly support travel costs for student & early-career researchers

B) TABLE OF SPONSORSHIP LEVELS & TIERS

Sponsorship Tier	Contribution ($ USD)	Exhibit Space	Free Passes	Branding & Visibility Highlights
Diamond Sponsor	$20,000 or more	Included	3 Passes	Premier venue signage, full-page technical booklet feature, website logo placement, and dedicated press & opening ceremony recognition.
Platinum Sponsor	$15,000 – $19,999	Included	2 Passes	Major venue signage placement, half-page technical booklet feature, prominent website logo display, and promotional material distribution.
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Patron	< $1,000	Extra Cost*	0 Passes	Individual or organizational recognition on the official conference website.

**Exhibit space for Silver, Bronze, and Patron tiers is subject to venue capacity and layout configurations at the Fes University - conference facility, Morocco.*



C) CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS AND AFFILIATIONS

The Bouma II Conference is led by an international committee of renowned deepwater experts combining academic research, governmental exploration and management, and industry experience:

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D) KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND AFFILIATIONS

Four distinguished global experts will deliver plenary keynote talks covering sedimentary processes and deep-marine systems, seafloor flow monitoring, mixed down- and along-slope interactions, and new perspectives on 3D seismic reservoir characterization.

Dr. Jeff Peakall — Chair in Process Sedimentology, University of Leeds, UK
Experimental Lead, Leeds Institute of Fluid Dynamics | Flume modeling & submarine channel mechanics pioneer

Dr. Matthieu Cartigny — Royal Society Research Fellow & Associate Professor, Durham University, UK
Seafloor flow monitoring pioneer | Direct turbidity current velocity measurements & bedform dynamics

Dr. Sara Rodrigues — Postdoctoral Researcher, IACT-CSIC & The Drifters Research Group, Spain
Mixed deep-water systems expert | Contourite drift evolution & turbidite-contourite interactions

Dr. Christophe Serié — Principal Geoscientist, Vår Energi, Oslo, Norway
3D seismic exploration & innovation specialist | Advanced subsurface deepwater depositional system analysis

E) CONFERENCE FIELD TRIPS

Field Excursion 1 (2 Days)

- **Location:** Taza-Guercif Basin (NE Morocco)
- **Geological Setting:** U. Miocene (Tortonian) Channel-levee systems
- **Outcrop Exposures:** Distal sand lobes, channel-levee complexes, mass transport deposits (slumps)
- **Primary Focus:** Observe spatio-temporal variations in the depositional style and architectural elements, from up slope to deepwater, providing useful insights for discussions on the system's evolution, depositional mechanisms and main controlling factors

Field Excursion 2 (2–3 Days)

- **Location:** Saiss Basin (Southern Rifian Corridor, Morocco)
- **Geological Setting:** U. Miocene Sandy Contourite Channel System
- **Outcrop Exposures:** Seismic scale exposures of sandy contourite channels, contourite drifts, erosional elements, and gravity-driven deposits
- **Primary Focus:** Stimulate discussions about the processes, geometries and stacking patterns of erosive and depositional elements of bottom current dominated depositional environments

SPONSORSHIP CONTACT & PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Organizing & Supporting Institutions: SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology, USA), ONHYM (Office National des Hydrocarbures et des Mines, Morocco), The Drifters Research Group - IACT-CSIC (Granada, Spain), Università degli Studi di Milano (UNIMI, Italy), Université Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah (Fes, Morocco), RTB Geoscience (USA), and the SEPM Foundation Arnold & Lieneke Bouma Endowment Fund.

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