

# **CARBONIFEROUS BIOSTRATIGRAPHY**

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## FOREWORD

At the "Early Carboniferous Stratigraphy" meeting held in Liège in June 1993, several lectures contributed to the definition of chronostratigraphic subdivisions of the Carboniferous System by biostratigraphic studies from a local to a regional scale.

Chronostratigraphic subdivisions are not "a purely scientific aim" but the pre-condition for all related scientific work. The choice of a GSSP (Global Stratotype Section and Point) is a scientific effort with the practical aim of providing, by definition, a generally acknowledged scale which enables the process of communication.

In this volume, all papers follow the rules and recommendations of the International Commission on Stratigraphy in providing biostratigraphical local studies for the purpose of better lateral correlation, from the late Famennian to the late Carboniferous.

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