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Dear IOP Members,

This letter is written to augment and update information that appeared in the recent IOP Newsletter (Number 82), and has been prompted by two important matters that require timely input from the membership. These are 1) forthcoming elections of a new IOP Executive, and 2) participation in IOPC VIII, which will be held in Bonn, Germany in late August and early September 2008. To assure the greatest future strength of IOP, your active participation in each of the following is urged.

2008 Election of new IOP Executive: The future of IOP rests in the hands of the membership, particularly with the ability of the membership to find, nominate, elect, and support active and efficient officers. Nominations are needed for a new IOP Executive, which will take office at the end of IOPC-VIII in Bonn at the beginning of September, 2008. Nominations are needed for the positions of President, Vice Presidents, Members-at-Large, and Secretary-Treasurer. Please send nominations to the present Secretary/Treasurer, Gar Rothwell at <rothwell@ohio.edu>. Additional information about the forthcoming elections has been posted in the most recent IOP Newsletter.

Symposia for IOP-VIII: Hans Kerp and Thomas Litt are organizing an outstanding program for IOP-VIII, to be held in Bonn next year. Up to the present, an inadequate number of symposia has been proposed to assure that the meeting becomes a vibrant scientific success. An extension of the deadline for symposium proposals was announced in IOP Newsletter 82. Hans and Thomas have extended the deadline to September 15, 2007. Please consult the IOP Website at <<http://www.palaeobotany.org>> for more details about symposium proposal format.

This is your chance to actively participate in IOP activities and meaningfully impact the future of the organization. Please take it.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gar Rothwell", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Gar Rothwell
Secretary/Treasurer

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