

Preface

As convener of the IX International Congress of the Jurassic System and co-editor of this volume of Volumina Jurassica containing II and final part of the proceedings of the Congress, I feel very happy and honoured to write this foreword. Once again, I would like to sincerely thank Professor Franz T. Fürsich (Erlangen) and Dr. Matthias Alberti (Kiel) for giving all possible support in completing this overwhelming but very significant and inspiring task.

Once again I deeply thank all the participants who attended the IX International Congress of the Jurassic System held in Jaipur from January 6–9, 2014. Many of them also participated in the pre-congress fieldtrip in the Kachchh Basin and the post-congress fieldtrip to the Jaisalmer Basin.

The papers which were timely received and reviewed have been included in this in this II part. Some of them, however, will be included in the next regular issue of the Volumina Jurassica.

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