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## Preface

The 6<sup>th</sup> International Cretaceous Symposium, held from August 26<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000, at the Geocenter of the University of Vienna, was a successful meeting of earth scientists interested in all aspects of the Cretaceous. The meeting followed the tradition of the first five Cretaceous Symposia, starting in Münster (1978), followed by the meetings in Munich (1982), Tübingen (1987), Hamburg (1992) and Freiberg (1996), and it was the first Cretaceous Symposium held outside of Germany.

About 180 participants from 22 countries attended the meeting, which was organized by Heinz A. Kollmann, Herbert Summesberger (both Natural History Museum Vienna) and Michael Wagreich (Institute of Geology, University of Vienna). Many students and colleagues from the involved institutions helped in the preparation and during the meeting. Thanks are due to the Vienna Tourist Agency, the Austrian Academy of Sciences, the Austrian Geological Society, the Austrian Palaeontological Society and the Geological Survey of Austria, which financially supported the symposium.

Both the two pre-Symposium excursions to Moravia (leaders Z. Stránek & L. Svabnická) and Slovakia (leader J. Michalík) and the 4 days post-Symposium excursion through eastern Austria (leaders H. A. Kollmann, D. Sanders, H. Summesberger & M. Wagreich) were attended by a lot of participants and brought intensive and lively on site discussions on various aspects of the Cretaceous in central Europe.

This Proceedings Volume of the 6<sup>th</sup> International Cretaceous Symposium gathers together 23 contributions from authors of 15 countries. I like to thank all the people which helped during the preparation of this volume, especially my colleagues H. A. Kollmann, W. E. Piller and H. Summesberger. Publishing would have been impossible without the help of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, which is gratefully acknowledged. This Proceedings Volume thus stands in the tradition of the successful proceedings of the former Cretaceous Symposia.

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In the end we like to thank again all the people who helped in preparing the meeting and who supported the publication of this volume and wish the organizers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cretaceous Symposium 2005 in Neuchatel a successful meeting.

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