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To: Prof. W. Zachariasse
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Dear Prof. Zachariasse,

Here is a report on activities of the Russian Neogene Commission for 2001.

The Interdepartmental Stratigraphic Committee of Russia has approved the new Neogene stratigraphic schemes for West Siberia submitted by the Neogene Commission at its meeting in February, Saint Petersburg. The schemes (11 regional schemes and the explanatory note) were published in July.

A conference on Neogene stratigraphy of Russia was held in April, Moscow. It was attended by 65 specialists. The conference discussed some variants of Neogene stratigraphic schemes for Pontian-Caspian region. After some modifications are made, the schemes will be submitted for approval.

In June-August, field works were carried out to study Neogene sections of the Ciscaucasia, southern Russian platform, Arctic, and Kamchatka. Special attention was paid to the European Arctic. A group of Japanese specialists (K. Ogasawara and others) examined the North Kamchatka sections.

A series of articles devoted to the Russian Neogene has been published. They deal with mollusks, foraminifers, radiolarians and diatoms of Kamchatka and Sakhalin, paleogeography of the Pontian-Caspian region and Siberia, and others. A large monograph on the Sakhalin Cenozoic is in press.

Sincerely yours,

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