

Thus conodonts, trilobites, graptolites, brachiopods, and other animal and plant groups must be used in carrying correlations from the defined boundary to other regions of the world where a similar lithology with a similar faunal facies is developed. The Committee has already spent a considerable amount of time in identifying such localities, and some of them are described in their reports published during the last three years in the Geological Newsletter of the IUGS.

The final report to be published by all members of the Committee will summarize once more their appreciation of the boundary in different parts of the world, thus providing 'para-stratotype sections' that may be used in the various regions for accurate correlation into other faunal and floral facies. At the same time it is hoped that a short history of the Committee's work and the reasons for its final decision can be given.

One final comment must be made. The decision emphasizes the astonishing accuracy that can be attained in intercontinental correlation using all available plant and animal groups, rather than one succession of zone fossils of a particular group. It also emphasizes the equally astonishing degree of unanimity that may be reached by scientists speaking many different languages, and, initially, with many different points of view, when problems and disagreements can be aired in an environment involving field geology and individual research directed towards a common end.

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