

Foreword

These Proceedings are the result of many months of labour on the part of the editors. Due to the high cost of type-setting it was decided to type the papers ourselves. As some papers were not submitted until 18 months after the Conference this proved a lengthy and laborious job.

On top of these problems, the small budget with which we were forced to work barely enabled us to offset print and bind the completed Proceedings.

With these points in mind I wish to strongly suggest to the A.S.F. that all papers presented at future conferences be submitted to the journal "Helictite" for publication as a single issue Proceedings or as the editors see fit. I'm certain that authors, with the knowledge of where their paper is to be published, will submit manuscripts that are befitting of the aforementioned journal.

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I hope that all those who read these Proceedings are encouraged by what they read and that speleologists in Australasia continue to work on the many facets of speleology, only some of which are included in these Proceedings.

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