

## Preface to the Second Edition

A second edition of this book - yes or no - or not yet? Are changes necessary or would it be enough if minor errors in the text were corrected?

So I asked for help and I got answers from friends and colleagues. I wish to thank W.Ch. Dullo (Kiel), A. Freiwald (Erlangen), H.-G. Herbig (Cologne), W. Piller (Graz), W. Schlager (Amsterdam), R. J. Stanton (Thousand Oaks, USA) for their excellent and friendly advice.

They were in agreement that not enough has changed in the scientific field of 'Microfacies of Carbonate Rocks' since 2004 when the first edition was published for a new edition to be necessary, but they all believed that an update of the references on the CD going with the volume would be useful.

Therefore, the reference section has been updated to April 2009. Most of the new references are since 2002, but a few are earlier. The reference file now contains more than 16,000 references. In connection with the keywords used throughout the book these references can help the reader locate special subjects or overviews of interest.

When Erik wrote this book during his last years, his primary goal was to provide students and all those interested in and working with microfacies a helpful and useful resource that contained many plates and figures.

Most of the pictures in this book were collected during Erik Flügel's scientific work, some are from papers that were published in the journal *Facies*, then published by the Institute of Paleontology (now Geozentrum Nordbayern), University Erlangen-Nürnberg, and last not least, some were graciously provided by colleagues.

The author had hoped to include an additional chapter with plates that would provide the reader with an expanded range of information about microfacies. This task has been accomplished by A. Munnecke (Erlangen). Chapter 20 contains plates and figures that have been used successfully in the Course on Microfacies held every year or two at the University in Erlangen.

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