

The Carbonate Network - an example of global scientific networking



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The Carbonate Network (www.carbonet.net) was formed in 2003 in order to facilitate and stimulate increased exchange of knowledge and experience between people working with carbonates.

The Carbonate Network (Fig. 1) is a free and informal network for carbonate interested people from academia and industry (Fig. 2). It is run on a purely voluntary, unfunded basis and includes researchers with different geological background (geophysics, geochemistry, etc.), thus providing a wide scientific platform.

The "heart" of the network is the discussion forum (Fig. 3 and 4, www.carbonet.net/forum). Here members can join in on discussions, make contact across disciplines and institutions or comment on recent developments on various topics, get feedback from each other or post relevant information (methods, references, links, conferences, job opportunities, etc).

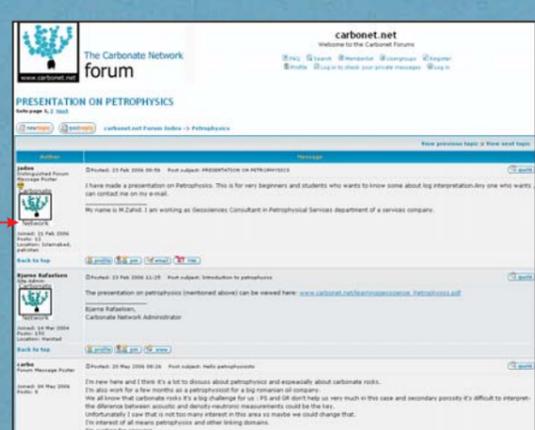
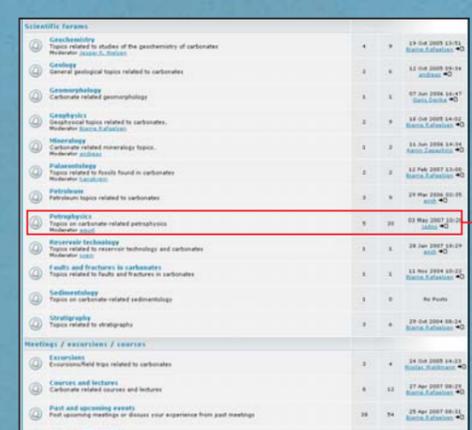
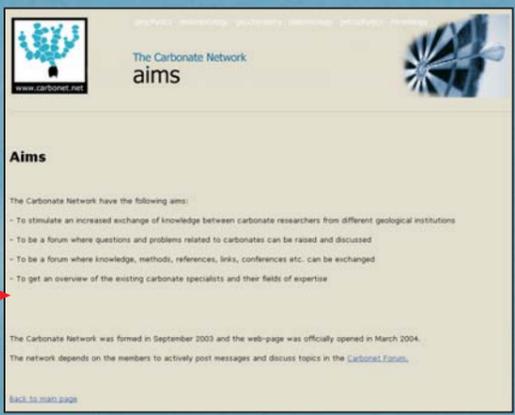
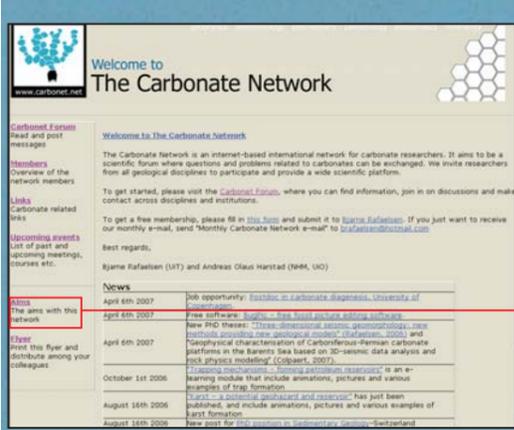


Figure 1. The Carbonate Network homepage.

Figure 2. The aims of the Carbonate Network.

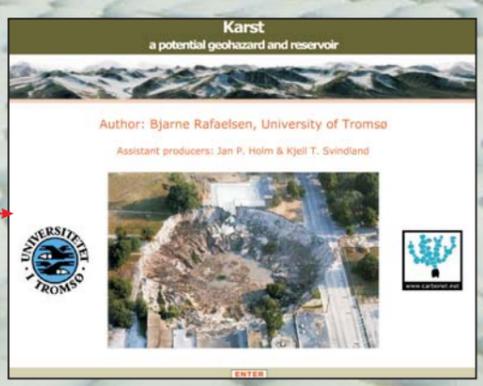
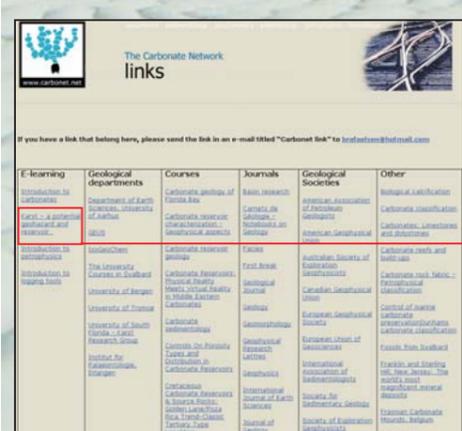
Figure 3. Part of the the Carbonate Network discussion forum.

Figure 4. An example from one of the topics in the discussion forum.

Several educational e-learning modules is available as well as carbonate-related links, homepages, a list of upcoming events, job opportunities, excursions, publications etc (Fig. 5 and 6).

A Carbonate Network e-mail containing recent carbonate related information is submitted to the members quarterly.

An overview of network members are also provided (Fig. 7), including their field of expertise, scientific interests, contact information, figures, photo etc. (Fig. 8).



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Figure 5. The Carbonate Network e-learning and link page.

Figure 6. The front page of an e-learning module.

Figure 7. The Carbonate Network member page.

Figure 8. Example of a member profile.

Invitation to The Carbonate Network

The Carbonate Network is an informal network where scientists can raise different problems related to carbonates. It is based on volunteer participation and we invite researchers with different geological aspects (sedimentology, geophysics, geochemistry, petrophysics, paleontology, etc.) to participate, and thus provide a wide scientific platform. To get a free membership, please visit our homepage at www.carbonet.net and fill in a membership form.

The Carbonate Network have the following aims:

- * To stimulate an increased exchange of knowledge between carbonate researchers from different geological institutions
- * To be a forum where questions and problems related to carbonates can be raised and discussed
- * To be a forum where knowledge, methods, references, links, conferences etc. can be exchanged
- * To get an overview of the existing carbonate specialists and their fields of expertise

At The Carbonate Network homepage www.carbonet.net you will find:

- * Carbonate related links
- * A presentation of The Carbonate Network members (including their field of expertise, scientific interests and contact information)
- * The on-line discussion forum "Carbonate Forum"

The Carbonate Forum: The Carbonate Forum is an online discussion forum where members can post excursions, meetings, links, references to publications, topics of interest and other carbonate related material. Here you can join in on discussions, make contact across disciplines and institutions or comment on recent developments on various topics. Visit www.carbonet.net/forum to discuss an read about carbonate related topics!

Contact The Carbonate Network

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- It is easy to start up a network:
- Hire a web-host and an internet domain (around 25-50 Euro per year).
 - Make a homepage and use existing software to set up a forum (around 5-40 hours, depending on how advanced you want to be)
 - Manage forum and update with relevant information and use moderators to help you (1 hour a month).
 - Send regular e-mail to members (1 hour every three months)

Please feel free to contact the author if you want more information on how to set up your own network.