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We are nearly at the middle of year 2020 and so far, many things look and feel completely different from how they did in the same period of recent years that have passed by. Right now, the world is still trying to control COVID-19 pandemic that have disrupted our lives and changed the way we do things globally. As of late May, there have been approx. 5.92 million cases recorded globally and the end of the pandemic is still unclear despite the slower growth of official cases in some countries. Drastic measures were applied by the government, borders were closed and all of the sudden we were urged to stay at home for several months. Airplanes were grounded and the streets were empty. The pandemic definitely will impact the world’s economy because many businesses lost revenues and employees also lost their jobs.

The sudden drop in oil demand caused by the pandemic and production oversupply eventually drove Brent Crude price to below US$20/bbl (21st April 2020). This was a price level that had not been seen before for at least 18 years. While oil price has recovered to US$37-US$38/bbl right now, it is natural to expect that the industry will experience some “adjustments” in the near future to keep its operating cost low and postpone low profitability projects. Hopefully we all can sail through this challenging period smoothly as some of us have possibly done before in the past.

Despite the currently challenging situation, we are still able to deliver Berita Sedimentologi No. 45 to your desk and obviously we’re also very grateful to receive manuscript submission and cooperation from the authors. Their contribution to Berita Sedimentologi is truly appreciated by the editorial board.

Our plan next is to publish Berita Sedimentologi No. 46 in August this year, so we’re now inviting potential contributors to send us any manuscripts related to sedimentary geology, carbonate geology, basin analysis and petroleum geosciences. Please do contact us by email to discuss about your submission plan or to speak about anything related to Berita Sedimentologi. We’re always happy to hear from you and in the meantime, we hope you find this volume useful. Happy reading!

Minarwan
Chief Editor
About FOSI

The forum was founded in 1995 as the Indonesian Sedimentologists Forum (FOSI). This organization is a communication and discussion forum for geologists, especially for those dealing with sedimentology and sedimentary geology in Indonesia.

The forum was accepted as the sedimentological commission of the Indonesian Association of Geologists (IAGI) in 1996. About 300 members were registered in 1999, including industrial and academic fellows, as well as students.

FOSI has close international relations with the Society of Sedimentary Geology (SEPM) and the International Association of Sedimentologists (IAS).

Fellowship is open to those holding a recognized degree in geology or a cognate subject and non-graduates who have at least two years relevant experience.

FOSI has organized three international conferences in 1999, 2001 and the most recently in 2018.

Most of FOSI administrative work will be handled by the editorial team. IAGI office in Jakarta will help if necessary.

The official website of FOSI is:

http://www.iagi.or.id/fosi/

FOSI Membership

Any person who has a background in geoscience and/or is engaged in the practising or teaching of geoscience or its related business may apply for general membership. As the organization has just been restarted, we use LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com) as the main data base platform. We realize that it is not the ideal solution, and we may look for other alternative in the near future. Having said that, for the current situation, LinkedIn is fit for purpose. International members and students are welcome to join the organization.