

# **The Peri-Tethys Programme: main achievements.**

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The Peri-Tethys Programme is now completed. It involved several hundreds scientists from more than 25 countries over a time span of 5 years and it was sponsored by oil companies and research institutes.

The basic idea was to analyse how the continental platforms bordering the Tethys reacted and evolved because of the Tethys evolution. The area of study is from Atlantic to Urals and Aral Sea to the north and from the Atlantic to the Gulf in the south, over a time span of 300 MA, from Late Carboniferous to the Pleistocene. 24 palaeogeographic maps at the scale 1:10.000.000 were produced, including palaeoenvironments, facies, tectonics and palaeostress. 3 maps are concerned with the late Palaeozoic, 14 with the Mesozoic and the others with the Coenozoic. Basin analysis for 8 selected basins was also performed. 13 special volumes of memoirs and notes are issued or presently in press, whilst several hundred papers were published on international journals, with financial support from the Peri-Tethys Programme.