

¡Muchas Gracias!

Nemesio Perez Rodriguez organizer of cov6 kindly invited us in late March of 2010 to prepare this review to be handed to all participants of cov6 in Tenerife - with exactly one month to do the job. Hopefully, he does not regret his invitation, a quick draft being all that could be accomplished. With an impossible schedule ahead we were extremely lucky to find Elisabeth Sillmann, brilliant designer, who did a bang-up layout job working day and night and on all weekends during the second half of April exchanging dozens of daily emails with us – remaining amiable and relaxed all the time. A wonderful cooperation. We owe her a lot. And we apologize to her little daughter who must often have missed her mother during these hectic weeks. Katinka Schütt kindly spent several days resurrecting ancient 6×6 slides by careful cleaning and scanning, many thanks Katinka. Your efforts are much appreciated. Bernhard Edmaier, famous volcano photographer, kindly let us use his magnificent shot of the 18th century Lanzarote scoria cones. Shane Cronin went over first drafts of the foreword and chapter 1 but there was no time on our side to have him go over the real chapters. We hope we can count on his expertise in handling language as soon as we have prepared a less rushed and more mature manuscript a few months from now when we are in need of a language crack to go over all chapter with a fine pen. We appreciate the help of Sebastian Krastel, Armin Freundt, Thomas Walter and Hubert Staudigel to have helped with the design of a few diagrams they have probably long forgotten about. Herr Hoffmann at Goerres Printer saw to it that the book could be printed and bound in the shortest possible time to be shipped to Tenerife in time for being handed to all participants. Prior to the list of references, we will fully acknowledge the fundamental contribution of the many students and colleagues who worked with us in the Canaries over the past 45 years and include the funding agencies without whose support we could not have carried out our work in the wonderful volcano world of the Canary Islands.