"StratTime, Intelligent Stratigraphic Converter"

Version 5.5 2022

StratTime is the new name for **Intelligent Stratigraphic Converter** (ISC)

StratTime was developed by Bruno Vrielynck a french geologist, searcher at CNRS working at ISTeP (Institut des Sciences de la Terre de Paris).

Contents of this README:

1. Installation
2. Do'nt panic !
3. Help
4. Licensing

1 – Installation.

If **StratTime** was downloaded as a zipped file, unzip the file in a directory (named i.e. StratTime). Otherwise copy the files of the source directory on your computer in a new created directory.

StratTime results from the compilation of a huge among of data. It brings with it resulting tables only. These tables are in Excel (Microsoft Office) format. The application uses VBA and Excel functions.

So to avoid the Excel confidentiality question at each run, process as following:

a) Launch Excel
b) Click on the upper left logo. The same you use to save a file.
c) Click on Options at the bottom of the menu.
d) Click on the Confidentiality Manager Center
e) Click on Approved Emplacements
f) Click on Add a new emplacement
g) Browse your directories to the one where you have unzipped or copy **StratTime** files.
h) Click Enter
j) Click the successive OK to go back.

Go now to the **StratTime** directory.

You have a file of which the name begin by "StratTime-ISC v 5_5", click on it to launch the tool.
a) The first sheet appears on the screen. It could be larger than your screen.
b) Click on the tag to open the second sheet
c) Click on the tag to open again the first sheet. (The sheet is now sized to your screen)
d) Save the work by clicking on the upper right icon [close], click on OK to save the modifications.

Now, when you reopen **StratTime** all the sheets are dimensioned according to your screen.

2 – Do'nt panic.
- If you've minimized your window to the taskbar, you may see the entire ribbon appear when you reopen it. In the top left of the screen click on the "Ribbon display option" icon and select collapse the ribbon.
- When you use the "save" function, you may see a flash of the sheet to be saved. It depends on the Excel version you are using. No worries
- To quit StartTime click on the upper right icon [close].

3 – Help.
In the unzipped files, you will find one named "Why StratTime". This file contents the help which you could reach too by clicking on the question mark logo inserted in each sheet.

4 – Licensing.
StratTime is free. You may distribute it to any geologist who needs such a tool.

Presently **StratTime** manages 1350 stratigraphic subdivision names. They are few more; but I have not found acute data to compute them. If you encounter names which are not referenced in **StratTime**, please let me know them and the references where you have found them.

"They didn't know it was impossible, so they did it." (Mark Twain)

Best Regards

Bruno Vrielynck

Mail: bjm.vrielynck@orange.fr