

Preface

The aim of the book is to offer all available information, largely presented at scientific conferences and meetings about the pre-Carboniferous units of the San Rafael Block, compiled after over 15 years of research in the area carried out by the working group. The opportunity to present data in the Springer Publishing enables greater visibility of all data available to an international audience. A first proposal was made in 2013, with the support and enthusiasm of Dr. Jorge Rabassa as regional editor, for the series of Springer Briefs, but we soon realized that this would not be enough in order to publish the full dataset. It was therefore requested to Springer to change to Earth Sciences Series of Books and the deadline was extended until 2016 that finally constitutes the work presented here to be available to the geological community. We hope that this book to be a review of the state of the art in the field that stimulates more discussions about the San Rafael Block's geological evolution, in the context of the proto-Andean Gondwana margin.

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