The 2nd Symposium of International Geoscience Programme Project 632

Geologic and biotic events on the continent during the Jurassic/Cretaceous transition

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Second Circular

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INVITATION
The Symposium’s Organizing Committee has the pleasure to invite you to participate in the second symposium of IGCP632, which will be hosted at the Northeastern University in Shenyang (the capital
of Liaoning Province, northeastern China), September 12-13, 2015. Its formal theme is “Geologic and biotic events on the continent during the Jurassic/Cretaceous transition”. However, the symposium will not be limited on this topic.

The symposium will include two days of scientific sessions, and a 6-day post-congress field excursion to look at the Jurassic and Cretaceous successions and fossils in western Liaoning and adjacent Inner Mongolia (including the localities yielding the well-known Daohugou Fossil Beds and Jehol Biota).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The meeting is financially supported by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), the State Key Laboratory of Palaeobiology and Stratigraphy (LPS), Key Laboratory of Economic Stratigraphy and Palaeogeography (NIGP, CAS), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), and International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) 632.

Dates:
September 11, 2015  Registration, ice breaker party
September 12, 2015  Opening ceremony, scientific sessions, and welcome dinner
September 13, 2015  Scientific sessions, business meeting
September 14-19, 2015  Post-symposium field excursion

A. Venue

The conference Venue will be in the Science Building of the Northeastern University (NEU) (Figs. 1, 2). NEU is the best University in Liaoning Province and one of the top-rank universities in China. It is situated on the north bank of the Hun He River and close to the South Lake. http://english.neu.edu.cn/college/GS.html

Fig. 1. The Science Building: Conference Venue.
Fig. 2. Map of the Main Campus of NEU. 1: NEU International Hotel; 2, Information Science and Engineering Building; 3, Natatorium; 4, Architecture Building; 5, Library; 6, Mining Building; 7, Hanqing Hall; 8, Gymnasium; 9, Business Administration Building; 11, Comprehensive Technical Building; 12, Materials and Metallurgy Building; 13, Dacheng Classroom Building; 14, Stadium; 15, Science Building (Venue).

B. About Shenyang

Shenyang is the capital of Liaoning province and unofficial capital of the northeast. Shenyang contains a true mixture of past and present, natural and historical attractions, with magnificent temples, grand places, historic tombs and landscaped botanical gardens.

The attractions including: Shenyang Imperial Palace; Zhaoling Tomb; Fuling Tomb; Benxi Water Cave National Park; Steam Engine Exhibition Center; Liaoning Provincial Museum etc.

C. Excursions

Post-symposium field excursion: US$ 600 (Including field guide book, accommodations, food and transportation during the excursion.)

Date: Sep. 14 – Sep. 19, 6 days)

Contents: In northeastern China and eastern Inner Mongolia (Fig. 3), there are preserved a series of various sized late Mesozoic terrestrial basins in which the strata commonly consist of intercalated basalts, ashes, and sediments. The sediments are mainly composed of fine laminated lenses (Fig. 4), with the Cretaceous beds commonly producing significant coal and oil. Numerous excellent preserved vertebrate and invertebrate fossils have been found from the Middle - Late Jurassic Daohugou Fossil Beds (Fig. 5) and Early Cretaceous (the Jehol
Biota) (Fig. 6) lacustrine deposits in recent years. Furthermore, in the Late Jurassic and Cretaceous, there are a number of marine intercalations transgressing from the Yunshan embayment and Tan-Lu fault system from northeastern (northwestern Paleo-Pacific) to southwest and west. During the peak transgressions, seawater flooded westwards as far as Yanji, Beipiao-Fuxin and Songliao basins, and even the Hailaer and Erlian basins. This trip will visit the sequence from Middle-Late Jurassic to the Lower Cretaceous, and three local palaeontological museums. Our trip will begin at Shenyang, and end at Shenyang.

Fig. 3. Location of western Liaoning and eastern Inner Mongolia (A); Geologic map of western Liaoning, northern Hebei and adjacent Inner Mongolia showing the main fossil localities of the Jehol Biota (B).

Fig. 4. The fine laminated sediments yielding the famous Jehol Biota.
Fig. 5. Some highlight members of the Daohugou Fossil.

Fig. 6. Some highlight members of Jehol Biota.
Schedules:
Day 1 (Sep. 14): Sheyang to Lingyuan, and stay in Lingyuan. Visit the 2 Jurassic sections yielding the Daohugou fossils in the field.
Day 2 (Sep. 15): Stay in Lingyuan, visit the classic Daohugou Fossil Beds around the Daohugou village, and the local fossil museum.
Day 3 (Sep. 16): Stay in Chaoyang, Lingyuan to Chaoyang. Visit another Jurassic section can be correlated to the Daohugou Fossil Bed. And visit the local fossil market.
Day 4 (Sep. 17): Stay in Chaoyang. Visit 4 Jurassic sections representing the Middle Jurassic to Early Cretaceous sequences, including the Beipiao Formation, Haifanggou Formation, Tiaojishan Formation (Lanqi Formation), and Tuchengzi Formation.
Day 5 (Sep. 18): Stay in Chaoyang. Visit 2 sections, representing the typical Lujiatun Fossil Bed and Jianshangou Fossil Bed (containing the typical Jehol Biota), and the Palaeontological Museum of Sihetun. Beipiao to Yixian, visit 2 localities at Yixian (Jiufotang Formation).
Day 6 (Sep. 19): Visit the Chaoyang Geological Park, and the section of the Jiufotang Formation, also yielding the Jehol Biota. Yixian to Sheyang, and delegates depart for their own destinations.

D. Registration

Participants who have not yet registered are kindly requested to fill in the registration form (the last page of this circular or attached doc file) and return it to the Organizing Secretaires via e-mail as soon as possible. Full payment must accompany registration.

1. Registration Fees. (Including admission to the poster and oral presentation sessions and abstract volume, refreshments, three meals of whole day, icebreaker, welcome dinner.)

Payment in RMB according to the current exchange rate.

2. Bank transfer (Remittance)
Account name: HUANG WENTAO (黄文韬)
Account: 6217 5804 0000 2063 398
Swift code: BKCHCNBJ82A
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Address: NO.219 QINGNIAN STREET, SHENHE DISTRICT, SHENYANG, CHINA
Please write “2015 IGCP632 Shen Yang” and the participant’s name in the “Message” section of the transfer form. Be sure to pay your bank’s service charges for the bank transfer.

3. Cancellation policy
A 40 US $ administration fee will be withheld for cancellations received in writing prior to June 15, 2015. No refunds will be issued after this date.
A 50% refund on field trips will be given if cancelled prior to June 15, 2015. There will be no refunds on field trips after this date.

E. Accommodation and Rates

All delegates are advised to stay in the Northeastern University International Hotel (Fig. 7) during the meeting (from Sep. 11 to Sep. 13, 3 days). The NEU International Hotel is standing in the campus of the university, neighboring Wenti West Road to the south, Saohao Street business community to the east (Fig. 1), and having a distance of 25-minute driving from Taoxian International Airport, and of 20-minute driving from Shenyang Railway Station. The facilities are corresponding to a four-star hotel with internet connection in guest rooms.

Rates in the NEU International Hotel:
Executive King Room  65$  
Executive Twin Room  80$


Fig. 7. The NEU International Hotel

Hotel Reservation

To make a hotel reservation, registrants are kindly requested to fill in the Form for Hotel Reservation. Please be sure to include all information required. If you wish to share a room with another registrant of the Symposium, please give his/her name. Do not forget to include the dates of your arrival and departure. Reservation will be made upon receiving your Registration Form. Preferential room rate will be guaranteed in this hotel only for those who have made reservation through the Symposium Secretariat. Considering that September is the busy season for tourism when hotels are usually fully booked, earlier reservation of hotel room is strongly encouraged.
Remittance of Hotel Fees
Please pay your room fees and other expenses occurring in the hotel directly to the hotel when you check out. VISA, MASTER CARD and American Express credit cards are acceptable.

F. Confirmation Letter
A Confirmation letter will be sent to the registrants to confirm their registration of the Symposium, reservation of hotel rooms and post-Congress field trips.

G. Scientific Program
The official language of the symposium is English. The scientific session venue will be provided with computers and an LCD projector. The formal theme is “Geologic and biotic events on the continent during the Jurassic/Cretaceous transition”.

1, Main Topics and Sessions
Session a: Coevolution of organisms and environments
Session b: Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimate, and Palaeoecology
Session c: Integrated palaeontology and stratigraphy
Session d: Museums: public education

2, Abstracts
Abstracts of both oral & poster presentations, not more than 2000 words, typed in double space in Times New Roman, 12 point font mentioning the title, name(s) of the author(s) with their affiliation(s) and e-mail ids should be sent to igcp632@nigpas.ac.cn, before June 15, 2015. Participants are requested to mention the name of the delegate (in multi-authored papers) who wishes to make an oral presentation.

3, Presentation
Oral presentations will be delivered in sessions according to the main topics of the Symposium. Each keynote speaker will be allocated 35 minutes for his or her oral keynote speech plus 5 minutes for questions. Each oral presentation will be limited to 20 minutes (15 min talk + 5 min for Q & A). Slides should be prepared in MS PowerPoint (.ppt, .pptx), or Portable document format (.pdf).
Posters should be prepared no larger than 85 cm wide and 120 cm high (DIN A0 format). A wide room will be available for poster presentations. Posters will be displayed throughout the Scientific Sessions.

4, Symposium Proceedings
A special issue of Palaeoworld will be published after the meeting. You are all welcome to submit a paper for this special issue. The deadline is Oct. 30, 2015. It will be appreciated if you could submit your manuscript during the symposium.
Full instructions for authors are found on: http://www.elsevier.com/journals/palaeoworld/1871-174X/guide-for-authors

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I. Important Dates
October 24, 2014 Distribution of First Circular
February 1, 2015 Reply to First Circular
April 15, 2015 Distribution of Second Circular
June 15, 2015 Deadline for submission of abstracts
July 15, 2015 Notification of acceptance and mode of presentation
August 10, 2015 Distribution of Final Circular to potential participants

Website: All up-to-date information will be provided on http://igcp632.org.cn/

J. Travel and Visa

Registrants who are not entitled to visa exemption by agreement between China and the country concerned should hold valid passports and contact their travel agent or the Chinese Embassy, Consulate or other representative agency in their country or region regarding the need for visas to enter the People’s Republic of China.

1. Visa Application

Letters of Invitation to attend the symposium will be provided upon request from delegates who intend to participate and have already submitted the registration form. This letter, however, does not constitute any obligation of the organizing Committee to cover expenses, fees, etc., associated with participation in the conference.

2. Travel Insurance

The Symposium organizer cannot hold responsible for any accident or injury that may happen to the participants during the symposium and other activities. Therefore, participants are strongly recommended to buy personal travel insurance before leaving home.
Registration Form

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Please complete and return before February 1, 2015

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Surname:                     First name:
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Affiliation:
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Title of the presentation:

I am registering for the post-symposium field excursion (Yes/No):

Hotel reservation (Yes/No):
Type of room:
Share a room with:

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letter accordingly.