

INTERRAD XII, FIRST CIRCULAR

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INTERRAD XII: RADIOLARIANS THROUGH TIME

(The 12th Meeting of the International Association of Radiolarian Paleontologists)

(Nanjing, China, September, 2009)



General information

INTERRAD XII (12th Meeting of the International Association of Radiolarian Paleontologists) will be held in the newly built "Nanjing Museum of Palaeontology" at Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, within walking distance from downtown Nanjing. A series of scientific sessions including plenary and special sessions, and special group meetings, in addition to pre-



post-conference and mid-conference field excursions will be organized. Social events and programs will also be arranged.



Nanjing is an economic and cultural center in the Jiangsu Province, East China and has an over 2400-years history. Since 220AD ten dynasties or regimes have made their capitals in Nanjing one after another. With its elegant natural setting and rich cultural resources, Nanjing is well known as a tourist attraction. Among hundreds of scenic spots, the most outstanding historic relics for tourism are: the Sun Yatsen Mausoleum, the Ming Emperor's Tomb, the approximately 1,400

years old Jiming Temple and the Qinhuai River Scenic zone. Two-thirds of the Ancient City Wall of Nanjing is intact, the longest and best-preserved city wall in China.

Nanjing Museum of Palaeontology, subordinate to the Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, is a modern museum of palaeontology with integrative functions in exhibition, collection, research and education, and opens to the whole public. Nanjing Museum of Palaeontology majors in invertebrate palaeontology, palaeobotany and micropalaeontology. The collections and exhibit specimens are derived mainly from the many year accumulation of Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology. Among them, the most remarkable are state treasure collections



of the Chengjiang fauna and those of the Johel biota including *Sinosauropteryx*. The multifunction report room in this museum provides a good venue for the INTERRAD XII meeting.

Sponsors

National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC)
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Department of Earth Sciences, University of Hong Kong
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Schedule

Sept. 4-13: Pre-conference field excursions

Sept. 13: Registration and welcome reception

Sept. 14-15: Conference symposia and general sessions, workshops

Sept. 16: Mid-conference excursion

Sept. 17-18: Conference symposia and general sessions, workshops

Sept. 19-24: Post- conference field excursions

Provisional symposia

Some thematic sessions and workshops are outlined below. However, we welcome further suggestions for alternative or additional themes to the formal sessions or workshops. Each formal session will invite co-conveners and chairpersons to assist in assembling an attractive program. You are welcome to recommend conveners and chairpersons for the formal sessions.

1. Modern radiolarian biology and distribution
2. Radiolarians and paleogeography, paleoclimatology and paleoecology
3. Radiolarians and significant biostratigraphic boundaries

4. Radiolarians applied to structural and tectonic problems
5. Radiolarian biostratigraphy and deep-sea sedimentary facies
6. New advances in radiolarian taxonomy, phylogenetics and systematics

Special session:

“The First Century: the taxonomic legacy of the first 100 years of radiolarian research”

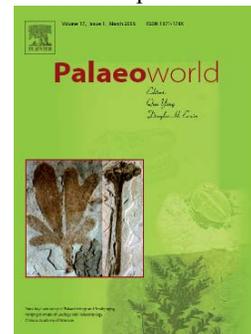
(Organisers: David Lazarus, Noritoshi Suzuki, Yoshiaki Aita, Kaoru Ogane)

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts for the meeting are due **March 31, 2009**. A request for abstracts will be announced in the Second Circular, which will also have instructions for electronic submission of abstracts.

Proceedings

Proceedings of both oral and poster presentations may be eligible for peer-reviewed publications in the journal *Palaeoworld*, an Elsevier quarterly journal dedicated to studies of palaeontology and stratigraphy. Original works on fossils and strata, comparative studies worldwide, and interdisciplinary approaches with related disciplines are encouraged. *Palaeoworld* is oriented toward a broad spectrum of geoscience researchers as well as experts and students in evolutionary biology who are interested in historical geology and biotic evolution. Author Guide for *Palaeoworld* is available at <http://ees.elsevier.com/palwor> and the journal's online version is available at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/1871174X>.



Proposed Field Excursions

1. **Pre-conference excursion:** Mesozoic-Cenozoic radiolarian-bearing strata in southern Tibet, China



Leaders: Hui Luo, Jonathan Aitchison, Ba Dengzhu and Bo Xu

10 days. Begin and end in Nanjing (Nanjing-Lhasa-Gyantse-Shigatse-Tingri-

Qomolangma (Mt. Everest)-Lhasa-Nanjing). Accommodation, transportation including return airplane tickets covered. Indicative cost 1400US\$.

This trip will mainly examine the well-preserved Triassic- Cretaceous radiolarian cherts and siliceous rocks along the Yarlung-Tsangpo suture zone, and will visit the oceanic association of pillow basalt, chert and the famous radiolarian-rich mélangé rocks. Enjoy the special Tibet cultural experience.



Because of the significant lead-time required to arrange necessary travel permission, an advance registration and payment for this trip will be required.

2. Mid-conference excursion: GSSP of the P/T boundary and Permian radiolarian outcrops in the lower Yangtze region (Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces)

Leaders: Hui Luo, Yujing Wang, Bo Xu



1 day. Nanjing-Meishan-Nanjing.
Accommodation and transportation covered.
Indicative cost 40US\$.

This trip will visit the GSSPs for the Permian-Triassic boundary and the base-Changhsingian in Meishan, Zhejiang Province, including the Changhsingian thin-bedded radiolarian-bearing limestone and siliceous limestone.

3. Post-conference Excursion: Late Paleozoic radiolarian-bearing strata in the Guangxi Autonomous Region, southwest China

Leaders: Hui Luo, Yujing Wang, Bo Xu and Guodun Kuang

6 days. Nanjing-Nanning-Qinzhou-Guilin.



Begin in Nanjing and end in Guilin. Accommodation, transportation including Nanjing to Nanning one-way airplane ticket covered. Indicative cost 800US\$.



This trip will visit Devonian, Carboniferous and Permian radiolarian-rich cherts and siliceous rocks, and visit the International Auxiliary Stratotype Section of the D/C Boundary -Nanbiancun Section or the GSSP for the Tournaisian-Visean Boundary (Lower Carboniferous) -the Penchong Section. Enjoy the

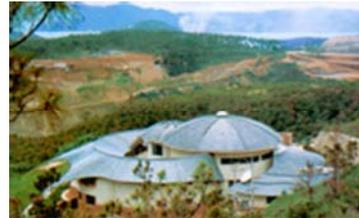


charming Guilin karst topography along the Li River.

4. Post-conference Excursion : Yunnan Devonian to Triassic radiolarian-bearing strata in west Yunnan, southwest China

Leader: Qinglai Feng

6 days. Nanjing-Kunming-Dali-Zhongdian-Kunming. Begin in Nanjing and end in Kunming. Accommodations, transportation including Nanjing to Kunming one-way airplane ticket covered. Indicative cost 900US\$



This trip will observe the Devonian-Permian and Triassic radiolarian-bearing strata in the west margin of Yangtze Platform, Garze-Litang Belt and Jinshajiang Belt, west Yunnan, including a visit to the Chengjiang Field Station (the well-known Chengjiang Biota) and famous towns: Dali, Lijiang and Shangri-la.



Accommodation

Hotel:



Special conference accommodation rates have been arranged in the [Liuyuan Hotel](#), close to the conference venue (only 5-10 minutes' walk from the Nanjing Museum of Palaeontology) for the convenience of our participants. This hotel offers a wide range of reasonably-priced suites, standard single or double rooms with central air-conditioning, satellite television, broad-band internet, direct domestic and international phone call. The discounted prices (including breakfast) will range from about 35US\$ to 50US\$ per night for a standard single or double room. In addition, the hotel has a convenience store, business center, ticket service center, coffee room, karaoke hall, gymnasium, chess and cards room and so on.

Restaurants and Daily Meals:

Daily meals are served buffet style in the hotel with the exception of the banquet dinner.

Obtaining a visa to China:

Please check to see if your visit to China will require a visa. Participants from countries not included in the visa waiver program are required to obtain a visiting or travel visa. The process involves contacting the nearest Chinese embassy or consulate in the country where your passport is issued. We will send an official invitation letter issued by Chinese Academy of Sciences to participants who need to apply for a visiting visa.

Travel

- By air to Nanjing transferring at Beijing, Guangzhou, Xi'an, Hong Kong, Macau or other large cities within China; or from Incheon (Seoul), Osaka, or Singapore. Participants may take the Nanjing airport taxi to the Liuyuan Hotel (cost approx. 20US\$). (Strongly recommended)
- By train or shuttle via Shanghai to Nanjing: Participants who fly into Shanghai Pudong International Airport may either take the airport bus/taxi to Shanghai railway station and then the train (3 hours) to Nanjing or chose the airport shuttle directly to Nanjing (4 hours) using the express highway.

Weather conditions:

Nanjing is one of China's most beautiful places with distinctive seasons. According to the city government's website, the best weather of the year occurs from September to November. Daytime

highs in Nanjing for the meeting dates historically average 27-29 °C with lows of 18-20 °C; Autumn clothing is appropriate. All hotel rooms and conference halls are air-conditioned. Those who participate in excursions to Tibet will need a jacket.



Language: The official language for the scientific program and all business of the meeting is English.

Registration

Registration Fees

Professional participant: 350US\$

Student: 180US\$

Accompanying person: 180US\$

(The registration fees cover expenses of meeting resources and support, abstract volume, conference bag, T-shirt, and all meals from Sept. 14th to Sept. 18th, as well as icebreaker reception and conference dinner).

Note:

1. Extra 50US\$ registration fee and extra 50US\$ fee for either pre- or post- conference excursions will be charged after March 31, 2009.
2. Registrations fees are subject to modification depending on the exchange rate change between the Chinese Yuan RMB and US\$. The rate of exchange on July 31, 2008 was 100US\$ = 684.37RMB Yuan.)
3. Payment: A down payment for the meeting and field trips will be requested in the Second Circular. The balance will be due at the time of the meeting, payable in US\$.
4. Participants from developing countries may apply for limited financial support, depending on resources available.

Important Dates

August 30, 2008: First Circular available on line and distribution

October 31, 2008: Deadline for returning the Reply Form from the 1st Circular

December 31, 2008: Second Circular available online and distribution

March 31, 2009: Deadline for pre-registration and abstract submission

July 1, 2009: Third Circular available online and distribution

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I am interested in participating excursion(s), number (or/and).			
Other suggestions:			