



ISJS

THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE JURASSIC SYSTEM

August 9-13, 2010

Shehong of Suining, Sichuan, China

FIRST CIRCULAR



1. INVITATION

The Chinese Organizing Committee, representing the relevant governmental agencies and scientific institutions, under the scientific sponsorship of the International Subcommittee on Jurassic Stratigraphy (ISJS), cordially invite you to participate in the

8th International Congress on the Jurassic System

to be held in Shehong of Suining, Sichuan, China from August 9-13, 2010.

This congress follows the highly successful 7th Jurassic Congress held in 2006 in Krakow, Poland, and will focus on a series of scientific sessions and symposia to discuss new research findings relating all the field of Jurassic studies, with emphasis upon the main convention theme “Marine and Non-Marine Jurassic”. This will be the first time the Jurassic congress hold its sessions in Asia.

The Congress is sponsored by the UNESCO-IUGS International Geoscience Program (IGCP), the International Subcommittee on Jurassic Stratigraphy, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Ministry of Land and Resources of PRC, and Sichuan Provincial People’s Government. The Congress will be co-organized by Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, CAS, Department of Land and Resources of Sichuan Province, the People’s Governments of Suining City and Shehong County of Sichuan Province.

This congress will mainly cover the following subjects: Jurassic lithostratigraphy, biostratigraphy, chronostratigraphy, magetostratigraphy, palaeontology, sedimentology, geochemistry, geophysics, coal and petroleum geology, isotope geology, event geology, palaeogeography and palaeoclimatology, mineral and energy resources as well as geoparks and museum education. In addition, the ISJS will have its general assembly and IGCP 506 will held its final business meeting during this congress.

Please join us in the summer of 2010 for the Jurassic congress in the beautiful Sichuan of China for a most exciting scientific gathering. We hope to see you all at the Opening Ceremony!

Sincerely,



Jingeng Sha (Chair of the Organizing Committee)

2. SPONSORS AND ORGANIZERS

Sponsors:

International Geoscience Program of UNESCO-IUGS (IGCP)
International Subcommittee on Jurassic Stratigraphy (ISJS)
Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)
Ministry of Land and Resources, People’s Republic of China
People’s Government of Sichuan Province

Organized by:

Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, CAS
Department of Land and Resources of Sichuan Province
People’s Government of Suining City
People’s Government of Shehong County

Co-organized by:

Palaeontological Society of China

Geological Society of China
China University of Geosciences
Chengdu University of Science and Technology
Institute of Petroleum Exploration and Development, PetroChina
China Geological Survey

3. LANGUAGE OF THE CONGRESS

The official language of the congress will be English.

4. SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The central theme of the congress will be “Marine and Non-marine Jurassic System”, and a variety of scientific sessions and programs will be arranged, including:

- 1) Marine and non-marine Jurassic boundaries and stratotypes;
- 2) Biostratigraphy, sequence stratigraphy, isotopic stratigraphy, magnetostratigraphy, cyclostratigraphy of the Jurassic;
- 3) Biodiversity and evolution of Jurassic life;
- 4) Depositional facies, palaeogeography, palaeoenvironment and ecosystem reconstruction;
- 5) Jurassic paleoclimate and paleo-atmospheric CO₂ circulation;
- 6) Major bio- and geological events of the Jurassic and their causes and mechanics;
- 7) Mineral and energy resources (oil, gas and coals, etc) of Jurassic deposits;
- 8) Jurassic Geoparks and museums: their roles in geological heritage protection and public education, etc.

We invite colleagues who are interested in acting as session conveners/chairs to submit further proposals for organizing scientific sessions. Please send your session proposal title and name of chairs to the congress secretary via email: ydwang@nigpas.ac.cn.

5. FIELD EXCURSIONS

Field trips will be arranged for pre-, mid- and post-congress excursions according to the responses from participants. These trips will provide opportunities to visit the classical marine and non-marine Jurassic deposits in China and adjacent regions (including Thailand), and visit famous Chinese culture heritage sites and natural parks. Field guides will be available, and detailed arrangements and expenses of excursions will be given in the second circular.

A. Pre-congress excursions:

A1. Non-marine Triassic and Jurassic sequences and T/J boundary in Xinjiang, NW China (August 3-7, 2010)

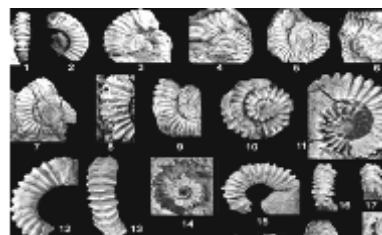
A2. Non-marine Jurassic and Cretaceous deposits and the Jehol Biota in Western Liaoning Province, NE China (August 3-7, 2010)

B. Mid-congress excursions:

B1. Excursion to National Geopark and Museum of Jurassic Petrified Forest of Shehong plus visit in Suining City (August 11, 2010)

B2. Visit the quake relics and museum of the Wenchuan magnitude 8.0 Earthquake of May 12, 2008 in Sichuan (August 11, 2010)

B3. Visits around Chengdu City for cultural and history relics (August 11, 2010)



C. Post-congress excursions:

C1. Non-marine Triassic and Jurassic in the Sichuan Basin, China (August 14-18, 2010)

C2. Marine Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous in southern Tibet (August 14-18, 2010)

C3. Marine and non-marine Jurassic deposits in Thailand (August 14-22, 2010)

Note: The excursions will be modified or cancelled due to the registration or other unexpected issues/reasons.

6. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE FOR THE CONGRESS:

August 3-7: Pre-congress field excursions

August 8: All day-Registration; Evening: Icebreaker

August 9: Opening session, plenary session and topic sessions; Evening: Welcome reception

August 10: Topic and poster sessions; Evening: cultural event

August 11: Mid-congress excursions

August 12: Topic and poster sessions; Business meetings

August 13: Scientific sessions; General Assembly of ISJS; closing ceremony; Farewell dinner

August 14-22: Post-congress field excursions

7. INVITATION AND VISA

Formal Letters of Invitation will be available upon request for participants who need them for grant or visa applications. Participants to field excursion of Thailand may also need entrance visa of Thailand. Please let us know in advance if you need such a letter.

8. CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

All participants are invited to submit abstracts regarding your research on all areas of the Jurassic and related topics. All abstracts received by the congress will be refereed and linguistically edited. They will be included in an abstract volume and get published prior to the congress and will be distributed free of charge to participants. A condition of abstract submission is that, if accepted, the paper will be presented at the congress by one of the authors. Each attendee may present a maximum of 2 oral papers and any number of posters.

The abstract is not to exceed two A4-pages in length including title, author(s), institution and corresponding details, and email address. All abstracts are encouraged to be submitted to the Jurassic congress secretary via email Jurassic@nigpas.ac.cn before **May 1, 2010**.

Details of the guide for submission of abstracts will be available in the Second Circular to be released by Dec. 1, 2009.

9. CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS & TRAVEL GRANTS

About 300-400 participants from a variety of countries are expected to join this congress, including professional members, student participants and accompanying members.

A limited travel grant will be available for those who need financial support for attending the congress, especially participants from developing countries and/or young participants and graduate students. A detailed guide for application of such grant will be available in the Second Circular.

10. CONGRESS VENUE

The 8th International Congress on the Jurassic System will be held in Shehong of Suining, Sichuan Province. Sichuan is well known as the hometown of Giant Panda and Chinese Dragons, and is a splendid land in SW China belonging to Tibet Plateau and Sichuan Basin. This province has fantastic historical culture, as well as tourist and geoscience resources, including 5 UNESCO World Culture and Natural Heritage Sites.



Suining, a city with over 2000 years' long history, and China's Outstanding Tourist City, is represented by ascendant natural environment and profound cultural relics, including the Lingquan Temple of Sui Dynasty, the Guangde Temple of the Tang Dynasty, the unique Porcelain Museum of Song Dynasty, the hometowns of the Guanying Buda and Mr. Chen Zi'ang, very famous poet of the Tang Dynasty, and the "Home of the Liquor in China" represented by the Tuopai Brand Liquor (one of the best liquors' brand in China). In particular, Suining is famous for the Jurassic studies, including the strato-sections of the Late Jurassic "Suining Formation" and "Penglaizhen Formation", the Shehong National Geopark of Jurassic Petrified Forest. The "Chinese Dead Sea", one of the most fantastic tourist attractions in Sichuan Province, was formed by high salinity of thermal spring from the Jurassic strata.

All the congress sessions and accommodations will be arranged in the Fuluowan Hotel in Shehong, a beautiful lake-side four-star hotel with modern convention facilities surrounded by the Upper Jurassic outcrops and the Fujiang River.



Transportation: The congress venue, Shehong of Suining City is very close to the Chengdu International Airport - one of the four biggest airports in China and the largest airport hub in western China. Participants from Europe, North and South America, Asia and Australia, can easily reach Chengdu International Airport by taking a variety of flights. The Chengdu Intl' Airport has over 500 weekly international flights (direct and code-share flights) to and from Amsterdam, London, Paris, Frankfurt, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Vancouver, Sidney, Melbourne, New Deli, Bangkok, Signore, Hong Kong, Macao, Seoul, Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Fukuoka, Hiroshima, Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur. There are plenty of daily fights to other cities in China, including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Nanjing, Lhasa (Tibet), Urumqi (Xinjiang), etc. During the 8th Jurassic Congress, the free airport shuttle bus services to and from Chengdu International Airport will be arranged for participants.



Weather: August is a hot season in the Sichuan Basin. The temperature varies approximately from 25°C to 35°C with occasional rains. The summer clothes and umbrella are recommended during the congress sessions. Autumn clothes are recommended for those who will participate the field excursions in Xinjiang, Liaoning and Tibet.

11. SOCIAL PROGRAMS

During the congress, a variety of selected social events will be organized for participants and accompanying members to discover and explore the historical culture, fantastic natural resources as well as colorful life of the



minority nationalities in Sichuan Province.

The major social events may include:

- 1). The Jiuzhai and Huanglong Valleys tour in northern Sichuan (UNESCO World Natural Heritages)
- 2). Discovering the Tibetan culture and Temples, high Mts. and glaciers in western Sichuan
- 3). The historical Dujiangyan Construction Dam and Qingcheng Hill (UNESCO World Cultural Heritages)
- 4). The Wuhou Temple, Dufu Temple and the Chengdu Zoo (for the Giant Panda), the Sanxingdui and Jinsha ancient relics in Chengdu city
- 5). Leshan Giant Buda in Leshan and Emei Mt. in Emei City (UNESCO World Natural & Cultural Heritages)
- 6). The Jinhushan Taoist Temple, Pinganzhai Scenic Spot and Longgeng Vally in Shehong
- 7). The “China Dead Sea” and the Porcelain Museum of Song Dynasty in Suining City
- 8). Enjoying the spicy and hot Sichuan Food and the Sichuan Opera and shopping in center of Chengdu
- 9). Visit the Eco-Park and headquarters of Tuopai Yeast Liquor, one of the ten famous liquors in China
- 10). Visit Dinosaur Museum and Ancient Salt Well Museum in Zigong City

12. REGISTRATION FEES

Before May 1st, 2010:

Regular participant: 300 US\$, student: 150 UD\$, accompanying member: 100 US\$;

After May 1st, 2010:

Regular participant: 350 US\$, student: 200 UD\$, accompanying member: 150 US\$;

13. IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 15th, 2009: First Circular release via e-mail
- Sept. 20th, 2009: Congress website open
- Nov. 30th, 2009: Returning the 1st Circular Reply Form
- Jan. 1st, 2010: Second Circular distribution
- May 1st, 2010: Abstract submission deadline
- June 1st, 2010: Third and Final Circular distribution.

14. WEBSITE A web site of the 8th Jurassic congress (www.jurassic2010.cn) will be available by Sept. 20th, 2009. Update news and symposium information will be announced in this website.

15. REPLY FORM Please fill in the attached reply form and send it back to Jurassic Congress Secretariat before Nov. 30th, 2009 by E-mail to: jurassic@nigpas.ac.cn

16. CONTACT

If you have any questions and requests regarding to this congress, please feel free to contact us by e-mail or fax to:

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 Web: www.jurassic2010.cn (will be active by Sept.20th, 2009)

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REGISTRATION AND REPLY FORM

FAMILY NAME (last name): _____ FIRST NAME (s): _____

TITLE OR POSITION: _____ NATIONALITY: _____

MALE () FEMALE ()

INSTITUTION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City: _____ Post Cord: _____ Country: _____

E-mail: _____ Tel: _____ Fax: _____

■ I plan to register as: Formal Participant () Accompany () Student ()

■ I am interested in giving a:

Oral presentation with full title, session preferred:

Poster presentation with full title:

■ I am interested in participating excursion(s), number (or/and).

■ My suggestions and comments of scientific sessions and excursions are:

Other suggestion(s): _____

Date and Signature

Plases send this form before Nov. 30th, 2009 to:
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