



3rd International Meeting of
Early-Stage Researchers in
Palaeontology



Krasiejów (Opole Voivodeship, Poland) May 18 – 21, 2018

SECOND CIRCULAR

Dear colleagues,

The Meeting is approaching very fast. We are happy to announce the news which has been included in this second circular.

We are very glad to welcome you soon in Poland at the *3rd International Meeting of Early-staged Researchers in Palaeontology* which is organised by students of the Opole University with cooperation of the European Centre of Palaeontology and the Faculty of Sciences and Technology.

Hope to see you soon!

The Organising Committee

About the Conference Logo

Logo designed by Klaudia Kardynał.

As you may know, Poland is divided into sixteen districts named voivodeships – in view of the fact that the conference will be held in the Opole region, we have decided to create a logo to reflect this, as in previous years. The logo illustrates the contours of Opole Voivodeship, filled in with the local colours, yellow and blue. In addition, it depicts the local ‘VIP’, the dinosauriform *Silesaurus opolensis* that was unearthed from Upper Triassic strata.

Important Dates

Now

February 25, 2018

March 30, 2018

April 30, 2018

May 18-21, 2018

Call for Abstracts & Registration Opens

Abstract Submission Deadline

Notices of Abstract Acceptance

Registration Closes

Conference

Costs

Registration (Accommodation, Ice-breaker, Goodie Bag, JuraPark entrance)	65 EUR
Registration (Ice-breaker, Goodie Bag, JuraPark entrance, without Accommodation)	30 EUR
Farewell Dinner	15 EUR
Field Trip	25 EUR

As during the previous Meetings, costs of overnight, breakfast and lunch will be included in the registration fee (but excluding the Farewell Dinner Party).

However, we have to make a novelization: if you are interested to book your own accommodation, we give you the opportunity to choose a reduced registration fee.

Please, transfer the money for registration, and any other activities you may wish to attend (i.e., Farewell Dinner and/or Field Trip) to the Opole University account. The bank data are as follows:

Bank account holder: Uniwersytet Opolski

IBAN: PL88 1090 2138 0000 0005 5600 0076

SWIFT: WBK PP LPP

Please make sure to add the reference **IMERP** and your full name; for example, **IMERP, Jan Smith**. Also, please use the option “free of charges for the receiver account”. After successful money transfer, please do not forget to hang on to your abstract your bank transfer receipt to send it to paleontologia@uni.opole.pl.

Poster Presentation

Poster should be prepared in a Portrait format and should not be larger than DIN A1 format. There will be a Prize for the *Best Poster Presentation*.

Registration

Do not forget to fill in the registration form. You can find it under.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaf2H2q07X0zLYQjzxN24OcJk6-bDYDOX82l3AVp7UIwtqqg/viewform>

Keynote Speakers

We are lucky to announce, that also this year we will be able to learn from the best! The variety range of this year's keynote speakers is very wide. The personalised notes of every keynote will be announced on social media (<https://www.facebook.com/3rdIMERP/>) and our official webpage (<http://ecp.uni.opole.pl/news/>). Wait for it, it is going to be spectacular!

Until now we can share the categories which the invited speakers will cover:

- Scientific communication
- Popularisation of palaeontology
- Extinctions
- Evolutionary patterns
- Dating in Stratigraphy

Preliminary Programme

May 18, 2018 – Old School Building

15:00	Free Opole city tour + local museum visit (with palaeontological exhibition)
18:30	Welcome speeches by local authorities
19:00	Keynote Speaker I (Scientific Communication)
20:00	Ice-breaker Party

May 19, 2018 – Park of Evolution and Sciences Building

9:00	Welcome speeches by university authorities
From 9:30	Oral Presentations including Keynote Speakers II and III
17–18:30	Poster Session I
19:30	JuraPark Guided Tour and Dino-Fire Party

May 20, 2018 – Park of Evolution and Sciences Building

From 9:0	Oral Presentations including Keynote Speakers IV and V
17–18:30	Poster Session II
19:30	Farewell Dinner and Award Ceremony

May 21, 2018 – Field Trips

We will offer a more detailed plan of the field trip separately, but here comes the short draft:

Starting with the Late Triassic active excavation site in Krasiejów where you can mostly find disarticulated parts of large temnospondyls, through the invertebrate fauna at *Strzelce Opolskie*, where you will be able to collect well-preserved brachiopods. Next, at the interesting not only for its geological but also to its historical importance – at *Mt. Saint Anna* where we will climb a little in a natural park. To end at a Cretaceous active quarry in the Opole city, a marvellous quarry in which you cannot find only invertebrate fauna in the form of Poland's biggest ammonites, but also mosasaurid and plesiosaurid teeth! Interested in? Register now!