CONFERENCE XV IPC - XI IOPC PRAGUE 2020

Since 2009, the world community of palynologists and palaeobotanists has met every four years to discuss the latest research, and to exchange experiences. The 15th International Palynological Congress (IPC-XV 2020) and the 11th International Organisation of Palaeobotany Conference (IOPC-XI 2020) are coming soon. This joint congress will be held in Prague, from the 12th to the 19th of September 2020, hosted by Czech palynologists and palaeobotanists. In 1820, a binomial nomenclature for fossil plants was used for the first time by the "Father of Palaeobotany" Caspar Maria Sternberg, when publishing *Flora der Vorwelt*. We are delighted to dedicate this meeting in honour of 200 years of Palaeobotany.

It will be an excellent opportunity for the Czech Republic (a country rich in plant fossil finds, palynological sites, and palynological and palaeobotanical history) to host the leading experts in various disciplines, and to promote scientific innovations. Joint symposia are planned to foster interaction and integration between palynologists and palaeobotanists, as well as plenary sessions of general interest. The meeting is promoted by the collective efforts of the International Federation of Palynological Societies (IFPS) and the International Organisation of Palaeobotany (IOP).

Please complete the pre-registration form on our website:

http://prague2020.cz/registration.php



Location

Prague is the largest city and the capital of the Czech Republic. Situated in the **heart of Europe**, it is one of the continent's most beautiful cities, and the primary Czech economic and cultural centre. It is famous for its historical monuments and sights, and has UNESCO World Heritage status. The Charles Bridge (Karlův most) across the Vltava River probably represents the city's most famous landmark. The winding course of the Vltava, with its succession of bridges and changing vistas, contrasts with the ever-present backdrop of the great castle of Hradčany (Prague Castle), which dominates the left-bank region of the city. Prague is famous for its cultural life. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart lived here, and his Prague Symphony and Don Giovanni were first performed in Prague. In addition, the lyrical music of the great Czech composers Bedřich Smetana, Antonín Dvořák, and Leoš Janáček is commemorated each year in a music festival.

Venue

The congress will be held in the **Clarion Congress Hotel** Prague, Freyova 33, Prague 9 (https://www.clarioncongresshotelprague.com/en/). This is an international four-star hotel and a state-of-the-art conference center, providing high-quality services. The hotel is 30 minutes by car from the International Václav Havel Airport and 10 minutes by metro from the historic city centre of Prague. The conference centre is directly on the metro B line, station "Vysočanská".

Facilities

The hotel offers accommodation in 559 rooms. All rooms and public areas are fully air-conditioned. Catering is provided in 3 hotel restaurants, which can seat 900 people. Conference facilities are divided into 23 halls and meeting rooms, comfortably seating up to 2500 participants. The facilities are equipped with state-of-the-art audio-visual technology.



Call for Symposia

It is our pleasure to invite proposals for symposia for IPC XV/ IOPC XI 2020, the joint meeting of the 15th International Palynological Congress and 11th International Organization of Palaeobotany Conference, to be held September 12th–19th 2020, at the Clarion Conference Hotel, Prague, Czech Republic

The deadline for proposals is extended to **October 31, 2019**. Proposed symposia could cover various disciplines such as palynology , palaeobotany, palaeoecology, palaeoclimatology, biostratigraphy, plant taxonomy , plant morphology , cell biology , aerobiology , allergology , melissopalynology and forensic palynology. We also welcome proposals involving cutting- edge techniques.

To organize a symposium, please prepare a "**pre-proposal**" that briefly describes the symposium in English. This pre-proposal should include the following:

1. a descriptive title;
2. one or two paragraphs explaining the purpose of the symposium;
3. a list of any possible speakers, their institutions or affiliations, and preliminary presentation titles.

We will accept only one symposium proposal from each individual. The length of symposium talks is 15 minutes, plus 5 minutes for discussion. Organisers of symposia may propose one invited speaker with a 25-minute long talk, plus 5 minutes for discussion. Please send the pre-proposal to the program committee (ipciopc2020@seznam.cz) and use the subject heading: IPC/IOPC 2020 Symposium proposal.

The program committee will review all proposals, and may make suggestions in view of the organization of the whole conference. For example, the committee may request merging of proposed symposia with similar topics. We also welcome workshop proposals.

More information about the IPC/IOPC 2020 is available at:

http://prague2020.cz/introduction.php

Scientific programme

This will cover all aspects of palaeo- and actuopalynology and palaeobotany including:

Taphonomy
Airborne pollen
Methods in palynology and palaeobotany
Pollen/Spore morphology
Pollination ecology
Forensic palynology
Melissopalynology
Quaternary palynology and palaeobotany
Cenozoic palynology and palaeobotany
Mesozoic palynology and palaeobotany
Palaeozoic palynology and palaeobotany
Proterozoic Palynology

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Transport access

Transfers from the International Airport are available via the hotel's limousine service, by public transport as well as Airport Transport services. A station for the Metro B line is adjacent to the hotel. Trams and buses run outside, and a train terminal is three minutes walk away.

Practical hints

Climate

September usually brings pleasant early autumnal weather with colder mornings and hot afternoons. Temperatures of around 15-18 °C can be expected.

Transportation

Arriving by plane - Václav Havel Airport is served by many international airlines. It is located 15 km from the city center and 18 km from the conference venue. Taxi from the airport to the venue is at present about



€35. A shuttle bus service operates as well. City bus No. 119 will take you from the airport to the Veleslavín metro terminal from where you can go by metro line A to Můstek, switch to line B and go to station Vysočanská.

Arriving by rail or car

Prague is easily reached by rail or car. If you arrive by train, you will find metro stations (line C) at the Central Railway Station and at the Holešovice Railway Station. From either you can go to Florenc station and switch to line B to go to Vysočanská station.

City transportation

City Transportation Prague has a comprehensive network consisting of three metro lines, and trams and buses. Single tickets or travel passes can be purchased at most newspaper stands or from the coin machines at metro stations.

Car rental

Most of the major car rental companies (e.g. Avis, Sixt) have offices in Prague. Detailed information is available from the Symposium secretariat. We recommend making reservations in advance.

Parking

Clarion Congress Hotel has its own parking. Ask the guard at the entrance for the parking costs and the hotel parking area.

Currency

Official currency is the Czech Crown (Kč). The present exchange rate is 26 CZK for 1 Euro. Major credit cards are accepted in most shops, restaurants and hotels. You can buy Czech Crowns at banks and other authorized money exchange offices. ATMs accept most bank and credit cards. Travellers' cheques are only accepted by leading banks.

Visa Policy

Participants from most European countries and the USA can enter the Czech Republic without a visa. Other participants are advised to check requirements at their closest Czech Republic embassy or consulate, and make their own arrangements. Detail information can be found on https://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/information_for_aliens/general_visa_information/index.html. An official letter of invitation will be sent on request. Such a letter will not grant any financial support.

Insurance

The Organizing Committee does not accept any liability for personal injuries or loss or damage of property belonging to participants or accompanying persons. Kindly check your personal and travel insurance before you travel.

Electricity

Electricity supply is 220 V, 50 Hz.

Tips for Prague visitors

Honest Guide: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLM9_KZNJw8qEZd4MxOXfSvKszTJKLI_J2

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt7oj318jVQi7vRbc1bNjJA

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We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Best wishes

Organizing committee

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Pre-Conference Field Trip, 3 days:

Permian of Chemnitz

The field trip will present classical outcrops, ongoing excavations and leading exhibitions, which show fossil assemblages found in Permian terrestrial strata of SE Germany. Anatomically preserved plants, animals and their taphonomic pathways will be presented and discussed as modern methods of „fossil hunting" and collecting. [R. Rössler]

Mid-Conference Field Trips, 1 day:

Lower Palaeozoic of the Barrandian area

Field-trip to the Cambrian to Devonian sediments south west of Prague will give an opportunity to visit both new and classic outcrops, including the first internationally recognized GSSP of the Silurian-Devonian boundary. At all sites collection of fossils and sampling for microfossils will be possible. [O. Fatka, L. Vodička]

Late Cretaceous of the Bohemian Cretaceous Basin

A field trip to three localities: Horoušany, Vyšehořovice, Pecínov of the Czech fresh water Cenomanian will provide an overview of palaeobotany and sedimentology of the Bohemian Massif in mid-Cretaceous. At all outcrops, collecting of fossils and sampling for microfossils will be possible. [J. Kvaček]



Paleogene and Neogene of North Bohemia



Eocene to Pliocene sediments are preserved in depressions and grabens along Krušné hory Mts. Besides fresh-water coal-bearing deposits, products of volcanic activity occur in Western and Northern Bohemia, forming the eastern branch of the European Cenozoic Volcanic Alkaline Province. North Bohemian Most Basin will be visited with particular interest in loc. Roudníky (Eocene-Oligocene transition) and loc. Bílina (lower Miocene). [J. Sakala, V. Teodoridis]

Postglacial of Šumava National Park

This excursion will cover late Quaternary vegetation changes with focus on long-term dynamics of natural mountain spruce forests and their disturbances. We will visit investigated lakes of glacial origin and peat bogs, where results from sedimentary archives will be presented. [P. Kuneš]





Modern pollen deposition in relation to Holocene vegetation changes in the Krkonoše Mts.

This excursion will visit our highest mountain range in NE Bohemia. In this iconic landscape, covered in its highest part by azonal tundra accompanied by many peatbogs, a long-term pollen monitoring project has been under way since 1997. We will concentrate on pollen monitoring results in relation to Holocene development of mountain tundra and mountain forest. [H. Svitavská-Svobodová]

Late Pleistocene and the Holocene of Bohemian Paradise

Barely hour and a half away from Prague, "rocky cities" built of Cretaceous sandstones offer an opportunity to enjoy picturesque, rarely seen landscapes and to visit some classical, as well as freshly investigated Late Pleistocene and Holocene sites. Emphasis will be given on stratified archaeological sites under rock shelters and adjacent wetlands which together provided a wealth of environmental proxies. [P. Pokorný]



Post-Conference Field Trips, 2 days:

Permian of Bohemia

The Bohemian Paradise is situated about 100 km North-East from Prague. The Klenotnice Muzeum in Nová Paka with rich Permian fossil wood collection will be visited. A tour to the nearby Gothic „Pecka" Castle is planed. „Pecka" means stone (both geode and part of fruit). Fossil wood is visible in the castle courtyard. Actually, „Pecka" Castle was built on rocks containing petrified wood in the 12th century. Two localities with plant fossils of the Permian Rudník Horizons will be visited during the field trip, and there will be also a possibility to find some fragments of silicified woods in fields. [Z. Šimůnek, V. Mencl]



Miocene in the Carpathian Foredeep and Quarternary of Moravian Karst

The area of South Moravia known not only for Czech vineyards and wine cellars (Mikulov), but also for Miocene deposits of Carpathian Foredeep, several prehistorical localities (Pavlovské vrchy Hills, Pasohlávky settlement, Čejč Lake) and Moravian Karst with 15 palynologicaly evaluated caves (Kůlna Cave etc.) [N. Doláková, E. Břízová, M. Kováčová]



FIELD TRIPS

http://www.prague2020.cz/fieldtrips.php