



3rd International Meeting of Early-Staged Researchers in Palaeontology



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

FIRST CIRCULAR

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are very happy to invite you to the 3rd *International Meeting of Early-staged Researchers in Palaeontology* that will be organised by the European Centre of Palaeontology and the Faculty of Science and Technology of Opole University. The Meeting will be hosted by the JuraPark at Krasiejów.

In the already **third** Meeting, we are looking for undergraduate and/or graduate students from all over the world to participate. The idea of the conference is for participants to present their own research at an early stage in their careers and in a student-friendly environment.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Krasiejów/Opole and wish you all a productive IMERP and a memorable stay in Poland.

Hope to see you here!

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.

Host Committee

Elżbieta M. Teschner (Head of Committee)

Dorota Konietzko-Meier, Elena Jagt-Yazykova, John W.M. Jagt, Adam Bodzioch, Klaudia Kardynał, Wiktoria Wojtkiewicz, Piotr Janecki, Dawid Mazurek, Kamil Gruntmejer

Important Dates

November 25, 2017	Call for Abstracts & Registration Opens
February 15, 2018	Abstract Submission Deadline
March 31, 2018	Notices of Abstract Acceptance
April 30, 2018	Registration Closes
May 18-21, 2018	Conference

Preliminary Programme

May 18, 2018	Welcome speeches by local authorities, to be followed by Ice-breaker Party
May 19, 2018	Welcome speeches by university authorities, Oral presentations and poster session, Dino-Fire Party (;
May 20, 2018	Oral presentations, Farewell Dinner, Award Ceremony
May 21, 2018	Field Trip

Costs

Registration (incl. Ice-breaker Party, Goodie Bag, JuraPark entrance fee)	65 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).

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 a successful money transfer, please do not forget to hang on to your bank transfer receipt and send it to paleontologia@uni.opole.pl.

Registration

For registration, please fill in the registration form below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaf2H2q07X0zLYQjzxN24OcJk6-bDYDOX82l3AVp7UIwtqgg/viewform>

Keynote Speakers

To be announced in the second circular.

Abstract guidelines

The abstract should clearly describe the importance of your study to the field of palaeontology and contain purpose, results, and conclusions. It should all be written in English, font ARIAL, letter size 12, and contain no more than 250 words. **Do not** include references or figures/graphs in the text.

The title should be written in Arial Black, size 12 – it is limited to 150 characters, including spaces.

The author(s) name and affiliations should be written in Arial Narrow, size 11.

Please save the abstract under the *corresponding author's last name* (e.g., Smith.docx)*. Acceptable file types are: docx, doc and odt. While sending the final version of the abstract to paleontologia@uni.opole.pl please indicate whether you prefer a poster or an oral presentation and which session your work matches the best (i.e., vertebrate palaeontology, invertebrate palaeontology, micropalaeontology & palynology, palaeobotany, new techniques in palaeontology, popularization or other).

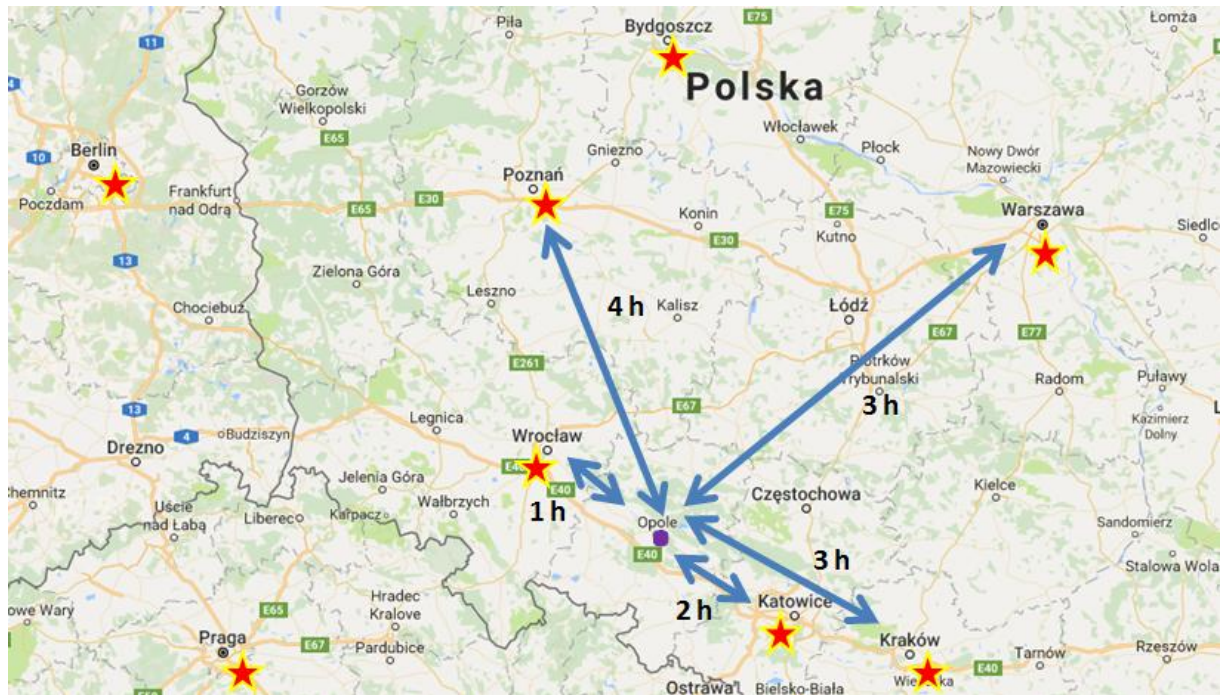
All abstracts will be peer-reviewed and since the nature of the submitted research topics will be diverse, you are kindly asked to name **three possible reviewers** for your work, in order to help with the assignment of suitable reviewers. The name of possible reviewers should also be included in the email that contains the abstract.

Field trip proposal

On the last day (May 21, 2018) we are planning a field trip to Mesozoic outcrops in Opole Voivodeship. However, it will depend on the final number of participants who wish to attend. You will also have the opportunity to be involved in excavations at the Krasiejów site (Upper Triassic) and at the Odra Nowa quarry (Upper Cretaceous). To help us organise all this, please inform us if you wish to take part. More information on the localities to be visited will be made available in the Second Circular.

Arrival

More detailed arrival tips to Krasiejów will follow with the next circular. However, we have composed a map that indicates the nearest airports (yellow-red star). The blue arrows stand for possible train connections to Opole, noting maximum travel time (NOTE: these are direct connections). Moreover, there is a direct bus departing from Berlin Main Bus Station and Berlin-Schönefeld Airport which takes around 6 hours to reach Opole.



Venue

The ice-breaker party will take place in the building of the *Old School* at Krasiejów, that nowadays holds a library and an exhibition of faunal assemblages from the fossil sites of the region with a special focus on the Late Triassic Krasiejów fauna. In addition, poster presentations will be staged in this historic building.



The oral presentations will be held in the Theatre Room of the *Park of Science and Evolution (PNiEC)* at Krasiejów.



The Farewell dinner will be organised at the JuraPark. In addition, there will be free entrance and a guided tour to the scientific exhibition as well as to the commercial part of the Park. Depending on weather conditions, you will also have the unique opportunity to visit the active excavation site of Late Triassic vertebrates and invertebrates.



T-shirts

Do you wish to purchase a T-shirt with the conference logo? By indicating size (XS-XXL) and type (female/male) in an email to us (paleontologia@uni.opole.pl), you can become the happy owner of an original (and the first) IMERP T-shirt, for a mere 10€!



Post-conference Publication

There will be an opportunity to publish the presented work in the journal *Geologos*. For more information please visit the journal's web page.

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