



INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS PALAEOZOIC CLIMATES August 25-29th, 2008 Lille, France



FOCUS

Climate change is currently one of the most debated and discussed scientific topics. Ancient climate changes are extremely useful to understand the global changes that we live today. The scientific meeting on Palaeozoic Climates is focused not only on ancient climate and sea-level changes (Ordovician glaciation, end-Devonian extinction, Late Palaeozoic glaciation ; greenhouse-icehouse transitions), but also on their modelisation, their understanding and their impact on the biodiversity.

The Congress will serve as Closing Meeting of the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) n° 503 'Ordovician Palaeogeography and Palaeoclimate' and is co-sponsored by the IGCP n° 497 'The Rheic Ocean : its Origin, Evolution and Correlatives' and n° 499 'Devonian land-sea interaction : evolution of ecosystems and climate'.

DATES

The congress will take place after the 33th International Geological Congress at Oslo and finish before the 12th IPC at Bonn.

August 23-24 : Pre-conference excursion : Lower Palaeozoic of Belgium and northern France (Brabant, Condroz, Ardennes)

August 25-26 : Lower Palaeozoic Climates, Sea-Levels and Biodiversity (**Closing Session IGCP 503**).

August 27 : Plenary Session : Palaeozoic Climates, with invited keynote speakers

August 28-29 : Upper Palaeozoic Climates, Sea-Levels and Biodiversity

August 30-31: Post-conference excursion : Upper Palaeozoic of Belgium and northern France (Avesnois, Meuse Valley, Ardennes)

VENUE

The meeting will take place in the city centre of Lille, scientific sessions will be organized at the *Fédération universitaire et polytechnique de Lille, FUPL*.

Lille, in northern France, can easily be reached from London (90 minutes), Paris (60 minutes) and Brussels (45 minutes) by high speed trains (Eurostar, TGV, Thalys).

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PUBLICATIONS

Several international journals and book series will serve as congress proceedings, related to the different topics addressed in the various sessions.

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