

Project 503 Regional Meeting and Field-trip. Zaragoza, 2007

FIRST CIRCULAR

Aims of the meeting and fieldtrip

The scientific sessions will be mainly focused on the Palaeogeography and Palaeoclimate of the northern and western margins of Gondwana during the Ordovician. Consequently, contributions dealing with south-western Europe, North Africa and South America are particularly welcome. The arrangement of the meeting immediately after the 4th European Meeting on Palaeontology and Stratigraphy of Latin-America (Madrid, September 12-15, 2007) pretends to facilitate the participation of those researchers from the other side of the ocean. After one day of scientific sessions a two-days fieldtrip to the Iberian Ranges (NE Spain) will be organized.

The Ordovician successions of the Iberian Ranges are characterized by well-exposed, continuous outcrops of Lower Ordovician to Lower Silurian beds, bearing key stratigraphic gaps. Their outcrops contain good representatives of the palaeontological record and stratigraphic events of south-western Europe. They also keep a remarkable record of the global events related to Ordovician-Silurian transition. Especially the development of temperate-water mid-Ashgill bioclastic limestones neighboured by mud-mounds, the local representatives of the Boda Event, immediately underlying the Hirnantian glaciomarine deposits. This is why the fieldtrip will be mainly devoted to the study of the Upper Ordovician and lowermost Silurian units.

Dates and places

- Sunday 16th September, 2007: arrival, welcome and reception in Zaragoza (Spain).
- Monday 17th: regional meeting at the University of Zaragoza.
- Tuesday and Wednesday 18th-19th: fieldtrip to the Ordovician-Silurian transition of the Iberian Ranges.

Arriving to Zaragoza

The Zaragoza Airport is 10 Km away from the town centre, with direct international flights from Frankfurt (with Iberia), London-Stansted and Milano-Bergamo (with Ryanair), and Paris-Orly (with Air Nostrum, Iberia). The connection from Madrid by train takes one hour and a half.

Organizers

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Excursion leaders

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Important dates

November 2006: First circular

March 2007: Second circular – Call for papers

June 2007: Deadline for Abstracts and registration

July 2007: Third circular – Programme and final arrangements.

Further information

If the number of participants to the regional meeting is sufficient, it is planned to publish the proceeding in a thematic volume.

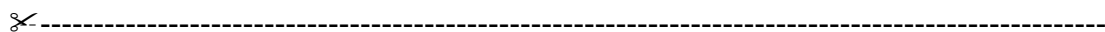
Estimation of the costs:

- Registration fee for the meeting (including ice-breaker party and meal at noon): ~ 50 €
- Registration for the fieldtrip (including meals, hotel and transport): ~ 120 €.

These data will be updated and definitively fixed in the second circular, once we can make an estimate of the number of participants.

If you have any question, please contact:

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(1) I am interested in attending the Project 503 South European Regional Meeting and fieldtrip. Zaragoza, 2007, and I will

definitely plan to attend: **yes/no**
 probably plan to attend: **yes/no**

I plan to present (or co-author)

- Talk(s)
- Poster(s)

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(2) I am interested only in attending the regional meeting (September 17, 2007)

yes/no

(3) I am interested only in attending the fieldtrip (September 18-19, 2007)

yes/no