

FIRST CIRCULAR

XVIII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE CARBONIFEROUS AND PERMIAN (ICCP 2015)



Invitation

It is our privilege and pleasure to invite you to the XVIII International Congress on the Carboniferous and Permian, to be held at the Kazan Federal University, City of Kazan, Russia, August 11 – August 15, 2015.

The Carboniferous and Permian successions of Russia have a long history of study and are renowned for excellent outcrops that occur over a vast territory, a considerable variety of depositional types, and abundant fossils. This makes Russia one of the most famous and popular locations for basinal studies, global and regional tectonic reconstructions, paleogeographical and biostratigraphic research, and upper Paleozoic fossil collecting. Carboniferous and Permian research in Russia has recently seen a marked increase in activity. National and international projects have focused on documentation of candidates for global stratotypes for stage and substage boundaries in historical and newly discovered sections, and paleotectonic reconstructions of the Uralian Ocean, leading to new interpretations of the evolution of the Paleo-Tethys. Considerable progress was made in the study of Carboniferous and Permian successions in Siberia and the Russian Far East. Exciting fossil excavations revealed new faunas in the Cis-Uralian Region, which in combination with modern geochemistry technologies has led to great advances in our understanding of the paleoclimate at the end of the Paleozoic, and new insights into the causes and consequences of Carboniferous-Permian events, especially the P-T extinction. The ICCP-XVIII Congress in Kazan will provide an important forum for discussion of the most relevant cutting-edge topics of Carboniferous-Permian geology and paleontology, and a unique opportunity to see and collect from exceptional geological localities in the European and Asian regions of Russia.

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Venue

The City of Kazan is among the most ancient cities in Russia. With a population of 1.2 million people, it is a cultural and industrial center included in the UNESCO World Heritage list, and its mosaic of Muslim and Christian architecture contributes to its unique atmosphere and scenery. Kazan is easily accessible from Europe via Frankfurt, Moscow or St. Petersburg, and its position in the center of European Russia makes it an ideal base from which to explore a wide variety of sections and outcrops located in several adjoining districts of Russia.

Schedule for 2015

August 10: Arrival to Kazan, Registration and welcome reception

August 11 – August 15: Talk and poster sessions, workshops

August 13: Mid-Congress field excursions and Congress banquet

August 16: Departure from Kazan

Travel

By air to Kazan via Moscow or St. Petersburg.

By train to Kazan via Moscow (12 hours) or St. Petersburg (14 hours).

Obtaining a visa to visit Russia: Please check to see if your visit to Russia will require a visa. <http://www.visitrussia.org.uk/visaform/not-need/> or <http://ru.vfsglobal.co.uk/> The process involves contacting the nearest Russian embassy or consulate in the country where your passport is issued. We will send an official invitation letter issued by Kazan University to delegates who need to apply for a visa. Please send us a request for a visa invitation.

Scientific Programs

Meeting Format: The meeting will consist of concurrent sessions of talks, each of 20 minutes (including questions and discussion). Talks will be grouped based on broad geological topics. There will be one poster session, which will include afternoon refreshments. Speakers will normally be limited to one presentation (talk) at the meeting. Individuals may participate as a non-presenting coauthor on additional talks. Individuals may participate in as many posters presentations as they wish. Details will follow in the Second Circular.

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Session titles

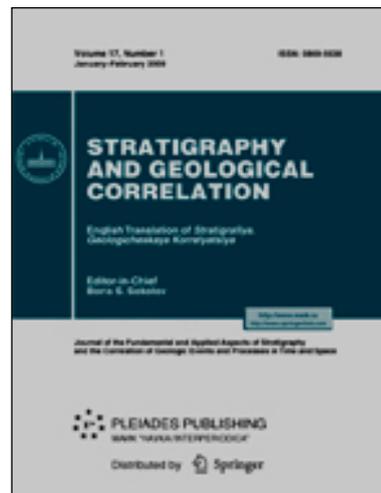
1. Carboniferous stage boundaries, stratotype sections, and GSSPs
2. Permian stage boundaries, stratotype sections, and GSSPs
3. Carboniferous and Permian high-resolution stratigraphy (multi-proxy correlations)
4. Late Paleozoic glaciations and interglacials: impact on ecosystems and sedimentation
5. Carboniferous and Permian plate tectonics and orogenies
6. Late Paleozoic marine macrofossils: systematics, biostratigraphy, and paleobiogeography
7. Late Paleozoic continental biota: systematics, ecosystems, and paleobiogeography
8. Micropaleontology: systematics, phylogeny and biostratigraphy
9. The terrestrial late Paleozoic world: paleosols, lithofacies, and environments
10. Sequence stratigraphy and cycles
11. Late Paleozoic reefs, biostromes, and carbonate mounds
12. Cold-water to tropical carbonate lithofacies and environments
13. The late Paleozoic oceans: paleoceanography
14. Latest Devonian and mid-Carboniferous extinctions and recovery
15. End-Permian mass extinction and Early Triassic recovery
16. Carboniferous and Permian coal and mineral deposits
17. Eurasian conventional and unconventional hydrocarbon systems

Call for Abstracts: Abstracts for the meeting are due on April 1, 2015. A request for abstracts will be announced in the Second Circular, which will also have instructions for electronic submission. The Abstract volume for the meeting will be edited by Alexander A. Alekseev, Galina V. Kotlyar, Svetlana V. Nikolaeva and distributed to registered delegates at the meeting.

Proceedings Volume: Congress proceedings are planned for publication in two bimonthly peer-reviewed scientific journals of MAIK "Nauka/Interperiodica" publishing house.

Stratigraphy and Geological Correlation (Stratigrafiya, Geologicheskaya Korrelyatsiya) covering fundamental and applied aspects of stratigraphy and the correlation of geologic events and processes in time and space.

Paleontological Journal (Paleontologicheskii Zhurnal) is oriented toward the anatomy, morphology, and taxonomy of fossil organisms, as well as their distribution, ecology, and origin. It also publishes studies on the evolution of organisms, ecosystems, and the biosphere and provides information on global biostratigraphy.



Manuscripts for the proceedings volumes

are encouraged, and should be prepared following the Guide for Authors of MAIK "Nauka/Interperiodica" (<http://www.maik.rssi.ru/>). Contributed papers relating to the topics of ICCP are invited from registered participants. Please note that the deadline for contributions to the proceedings volume is scheduled for October 30, 2015.

Workshops: Several free workshops will be scheduled and are mainly designed for the Subcommissions on the Carboniferous and Permian stratigraphy.

Any colleagues or working groups wishing to hold a special symposium or workshop are advised to contact the organizers with their ideas no later than December 31, 2014.

Language: The official language for the scientific program and all business of the meeting is English.

Proposed Field excursions

A. Pre-congress excursions:

- A1. Lower Carboniferous of the St. Petersburg region (north-western Russia).
- A2. Moscow Basin. Stratotypes of the Serpukhovian, Moscovian, Kasimovian and Gzhelian stages.
- A3. Southern Urals. Deep water successions of the Carboniferous and Permian. Lower Permian GSSPS.
- A4. Middle Permian – Lower Triassic continental sequences in Vologda and Arkhangelsk regions (north of European Russia) and localities of flora, tetrapods, non-marine fishes and invertebrates.

B. Mid-congress excursion:

- B1. Permian deposits and historical-cultural sites along the Volga River (boat tour).
- B 2. Middle Permian paleosols in succession of the Urzhumian Stage around Kazan.

C. Post-congress excursions:

- C1. Volga and Kama Region. Middle and Upper Permian.
- C2. Middle Urals. Carboniferous and Permian marine and continental successions.
- C3. Carboniferous reference sections: potential candidates for the base of the Serpukhovian GSSP, organic buildups, Southern Urals.

Dates and payment for field excursions will be detailed in the Second Circular.

Guest Program: No formal guest program is planned at this time. However, the congress organizers can help coordinate local excursions to suit most interests. Feel free to request information, provide suggestions or share potential interests. See the Official Kazan City Guide at <http://gokazan.com/>

Accommodation: A large variety of hotels is available in the city of Kazan (see the ICCP website). Kazan Federal University will provide low cost dormitory accommodation for all students – participants of the Congress – in the 2013 Summer Universiade Games Village.

Travel insurance: Participants should have valid health insurance for the entire journey. All foreign participants are required to bring with them health insurance contracts, covering the period of the trip, from an insurance company that provides an international insurance policy.

Climate: Kazan has a continental climate with warm, often hot, dry summers. August is hot, average 21°C to 25°C, infrequently exceeding 33°C or dropping below 16°C. There is a possibility of light rain. Overall it is pleasant.

Type of clothing and weather conditions: For the field excursions, you are advised to bring sturdy field boots (rubber boots could be useful), a raincoat, and a hammer. All hotel rooms are normally air-conditioned.

REGISTRATION

Registration form will be available on the Congress website: www.ICCP2015.kpfu.ru after March 1, 2014.

Registration fees:

| | Before April 1, 2015 (Early Bird) | After April 1, 2015 |
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| Regular participant | 400 Euro, this price is inclusive of the Congress fee, the volume of Abstracts, and refreshments during session breaks | 450 Euro; this price is inclusive of the Congress fee, the volume of Abstracts, and refreshments during session breaks |
| Student | 200 Euro as above: students must show a valid student ID card | 250 Euro as above: students must show a valid student ID card |
| Accompanying person | 80 Euro, as above: with the exception of the volume of Abstracts | 100 Euro, as above: with the exception of the volume of Abstracts |

Geohost program

The organizers are trying to raise funds to support regular participants and students from countries with struggling economies. The funds will be used to waive the registration fee and to pay the accommodation during the Congress. If your participation in the Congress depends on such financial support, please fill in the application form on the Congress website: www.ICCP2015.kpfu.ru or kpfu.ru/iccp2015

Important Dates

March 1, 2014: First Circular available for distribution and online.

February 1, 2015: Second Circular available for distribution and online.

March 1, 2015: Deadline for Application form to the Geohost program.

April 1, 2015: Deadline for Early Bird payment and abstract submission.

May 1, 2015: Third Circular available for distribution and online.

October 30, 2015: Deadline for manuscript submission to the Proceedings volumes.

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