

4 - 8 MARCH 2013

6TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON LITHOGRAPHIC LIMESTONE & PLATTENKALK

MUSEO DEL DESIERTO,
SALTILLO, MEXICO.



FIRST CIRCULAR

DEAR COLLEAGUES,

The 6th International Symposium on Lithographic Limestone and Plattenkalk will be held at the Museo del Desierto in Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico (www.museodeldesierto.org), from March 4th to 9th, 2013. Following the former editions (Lyon, 1991; Cuenca, 1995; Bergamo, 1999; Eichstätt/Solnhofen 2005; Basel, 2009), we are pleased to organise the 6th conference in Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico, where many new Plattenkalk localities were found during the last decades.

SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

The symposium will consist of three days of presentations (plenary speakers, regular sessions, and posters) from March 5th through 7th, 2013.

This multidisciplinary meeting is planned to address various aspects in the study of **lithographic limestones and plattenkalk deposits**, dealing with palaeontology (taxonomy, palaeoecology, taphonomy), geology (stratigraphy, sedimentology, palaeoenvironments), and also mineralogy and petrology of related **Fossil-Lagerstätten**.

FIELD-TRIPS

In addition to the scientific sessions, three excursions will be organised in Coahuila and Nuevo León

- **LAS AGUILAS** Monday, 4th
If you like walking with dinosaurs, the Las Aguilas locality is the right thing for you. This site preserves rich traces of the late Campanian dinosaur fauna, including tracks and skeletons in original location.
- **VALLECILLO** (Nuevo León), Friday 8th
This post-symposium fieldtrip brings you to the quarries of Vallecillo, famous for its early Turonian marine vertebrates such as fishes, turtles, basal mosasauroids and the last pliosaurs in North America.

- **CUATRO CIENEGAS** (2 days), Saturday 9th-Sunday 10th
Post-symposium excursion to an oasis in the desert, where several processes of carbonate formation and fossilization, including some comparable to Plattenkalk, can be studied during formation.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Monday 4th	Registration, excursion to Las Aguilas, Icebreaker party
Tuesday 5th	Registration, scientific sessions
Wednesday 6th	Scientific sessions
Thursday 7th	Scientific sessions, conference dinner
Friday 8th	Field-trip to Vallecillo
Saturday 9th to 10th	Field-trip to Cuatro Ciénegas

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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NOTES ON THE SAFETY IN MEXICO

Mexico has been a lot in the news during the last years. It is true, there are dangerous places nowadays, and one of them is Múzquiz. This unfortunate situation is the reason why we do not offer a fieldtrip to the many new Plattenkalk quarries in the Sierra of Múzquiz, among them the localities El Rosario and La Mula. However, crime is scattered across the country, and there are still safe places left, among them Saltillo and Cuatro Ciénegas.

All of us worked in northeastern Mexico during the last years, and we avoid danger ourselves. We learned how to plan fieldtrips safely and will let you benefit from our experiences. Please do not hesitate to ask us whenever you have questions on the security situation.

PUBLICATIONS

A symposium volume containing the abstracts of the meeting will be published. Additionally, we will publish a Special Volume for the meeting in the Revista Mexicana de Ciencias Geologicas, Mexico's most renowned journal in Geosciences and with online open access. Manuscripts must be submitted at the conference. The publication of this volume is scheduled for spring 2014.

COLLECTIONS ACCESS

Collection visits will be welcomed in the Museo del Desierto during the conference.

FEES

The conference fee will be 150 \$ (100 \$ ✕ for students and accompanying persons)

including the conference dinner. Optional features are the field trips (Las Aguilas and Vallecillo 50 \$, Cuatro Cienegas 150 \$). Registration is valid only after payment of the conference fees.

The fees can only be paid to the conference's bank account:

Bank: BBVA BANCOMER S.A.

SWIFT/ABA: BCMRMXMMPYM

Interbank code: 012078001904345741

Name: María del Rosario Gómez Núñez

In your bank transfer, please give the names of all participants, their status (regular, student or accompanying).

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

The city of Saltillo is well accessible through the international airport (SLW) from Houston, Texas or Mexico City, but more connections exist for the International Airport Monterrey (MTY), with an express bus directly to Saltillo. The city offers many possibilities for accommodations. On the conference's homepage (www.6ISLLPSaltillo.uni-hd.de) you will find additional touristic information.

The meeting's homepage will inform you on recent updates from now on. Please go to www.6ISLLPSaltillo.uni-hd.de for further information or news.

In order to refine the programme we would like to know if you are planning to attend the meeting. Please send an e-mail with the following information, preferably before August 31st, 2012. Only pre-registered will receive further information on the meeting by e-mail.

Please circulate this announcement as widely as possible.

We are looking forward to welcome you in the Museo del Desierto!

Sincerely,
The ISLLP Organising Committee

Saltillo and Heidelberg, July 2012

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Family Name _____
First Nam _____
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Address _____
Zip code _____ City _____
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Telephone _____ Fax _____
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I intend to give an oral presentation with the provisional title:

I intend to present a poster with the provisional title:

- I intend to participate without a talk or poster.
 I am an accompanying person.
 I plan to prepare a manuscript for publication in the congress volume in the Revista Mexicana de Ciencias Geologicas.
 I would be interested in attending the pre-symposium excursion to Las Aguilas.
 I would be interested in attending the post-symposium excursion to Vallecillo.
 I would be interested in attending the post-symposium excursion to Cuatro Cienegas.

Please return the registration form to:

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