



WIT6

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*September 2 - 7, 2018
Wilhelmshaven, Germany*

6th Workshop on Ichnotaxonomy

The 6th Workshop on Ichnotaxonomy will take place in the 'Cradle of Neoichnology' – at the SENCKENBERG am Meer research institute in Wilhelmshaven, Germany, literally just few metres from the Wadden Sea of the North Sea. Furthering the long tradition of ichnological research at this site (Richter, Häntzschel, Schäfer, Reineck, Hertweck, ...), participants are invited to present their work on the ichnotaxonomy of trace fossils, with a focus on implications for ichnotaxonomical principles and nomenclature. We expect lively discussions, both at the round table and during two fieldtrips that will help fostering the value and applicability of trace fossil nomenclature and classification, as a basis for interpreting palaeoenvironments and for studies of palaeobiology and evolution. The workshop is foremost directed towards experienced ichnotaxonomists with an interest in being involved in discussion and re-evaluation of ichnotaxonomical problems in general and the validity and applicability of ichnotaxobases in particular.

Organising Committee

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Important Dates

Deadline for registration, payment, and submission of abstracts: **June 1st, 2018**

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Themes

The topics and questions to be tackled during the discussions will be based on your respective feedback on the registration form. Furthermore, it will be fuelled by the participants' presentations and subject of spontaneous development during the workshop. In addition, one session, chaired by Andy Armstrong and Dirk Knaust, will be devoted to the ongoing update of the 'Trace Fossil' volume of the 'Treatise on Invertebrate Palaeontology'. Authors involved in this project are encouraged to give an update on the progress made on the various subchapters, accordingly.

Presentations

Oral presentations are scheduled for 20 minutes, with 15 minutes for the talk and 5 minutes for discussion. The talks have to address ichnotaxonomical problems and raise questions that stimulate our debates. PowerPoint presentations are to be submitted latest the day prior to the talk. Posters are not an option.

Guideline for Abstracts

Please provide abstracts comprising the title, the list of authors with full fore- and surnames, postal, as well as e-mail addresses, and the main text of 400 words maximum.

Costs

Workshop fees: **440 €**

Fees include registration, accommodation, breakfast and lunch, icebreaker BBQ, abstract volume, WIT6 T-shirt, and expenses for the field trips. Dinners are not included, except for the joint workshop dinner.

Registration

Registration is now open. Please register until June 1st by sending the registration form via e-mail to the organising chair (max.wisshak@senckenberg.de) and making the payment of the workshop fees via international bank transfer:

To: SENCKENBERG am Meer

IBAN: DE89 2802 0050 9011 4711 00

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For logistical reasons, the number of participants is limited to a maximum of 25 – first come, first serve.

Cancellation policy: Cancellation before July 1st – full refund; Cancellation before August 1st – 50% refund; Cancellation after September 1st – no refund.

Field Trips

Field Trip I: Triassic red beds and Recent bioerosion at the island of Helgoland (one day)



Field Trip II: Neoichnology and sedimentology of the Wadden Sea (one day)



Provisional Programme

Sunday, September 2

Arrival and Registration of Participants 12:00-22:00
Icebreaker BBQ 17:00-22:00

Monday, September 3

Talks and Discussions 9:00-18:00

Tuesday, September 4

Fieldtrip I: Helgoland 8:00-19:00

Wednesday, September 5

Talks and Discussions 9:00-18:00

Thursday, September 6

Guided tour 'inside SENCKENBERG am Meer' 9:00-11:00
Fieldtrip II: Wadden Sea 11:00-18:00

Friday, September 7

Talks and Discussions 9:00-17:00
Workshop Dinner 18:00

Saturday, September 8

Departure 8:00-12:00

Accommodation

Accommodation will be arranged for you at the SENCKENBERG am Meer institute in double and single rooms at our guest house on-site. Space is somewhat limited, so we would appreciate if you, on the registration form, could please indicate whether or not, and with whom, you would like to share a double room (two beds).

Meals

Breakfast and lunch are organised as part of the workshop, as are the icebreaker BBQ on the arrival day and the joint workshop dinner on Friday, September 7th. For all other dinners, a fair amount of restaurants are in easy walking distance. Alternatively, the guest house has a well-equipped kitchen for self-service.

How to get to Wilhelmshaven

The nearest airport is Bremen Airport (BRE; <http://www.bremen-airport.com/en/nc>), about 100 km southeast of Wilhelmshaven. From there you can take the tram to the Bremen central station (German: Hauptbahnhof) and then take the train to Wilhelmshaven via Oldenburg (about 1.5 h; <https://www.bahn.com/en/view/index.shtml>). If you let us know your arrival time we can arrange a shuttle from the Wilhelmshaven central station to the SENCKENBERG am Meer institute. In case you'd like to take a taxi, please specify target address as 'SENCKENBERG am Meer, Südstrand 42, Wilhelmshaven'.

Visa Requirements and Insurance

Germany is part of the Schengen Agreement of 26 European countries among which no visa is required. Participants from other countries are advised to check their individual circumstances for entry. If you need an official letter of invitation, please contact the organising chair. All insurances are under the responsibility of the participants. The organiser is only liable for gross negligence and intent, unless for death, illness or body injury, where the organiser can be held liable for intent, gross negligence and also for ordinary negligence.
