



20th International Workshop on Plant Taphonomy

at the Senckenberg Natural History Collections in Dresden, Germany,

March 25-27, 2011

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Dear colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 20th International Workshop on Plant Taphonomy to be held in Dresden, Germany, from March 25 to 27, 2011.

In the last few decades, plant taphonomy has become essential to paleobotanical studies and integral in the reconstruction of paleovegetation, paleoenvironments, and paleoclimates. It is a multidisciplinary field where specialists from all parts of plant paleontology meet to share results, ideas, and suggestions that facilitate the accurate interpretation of ancient floras and ecosystems.

For the last 20 years, the International Workshop on Plant Taphonomy meeting series has gathered together a small but enthusiastic group of paleobotanists, palynologists, paleontologists, and other scientists in Europe for a one-day, informal and discussion-oriented workshop. The workshops have offered a variety of presentation formats that have included keynote lectures, round-table discussions, as well as talks and posters. This year, the workshop will feature two keynote lectures that will be given by Prof. David K. Ferguson (Vienna) and Prof. Harald Walther (Dresden), respectively.

Because fossil leaf floras are the main focus of paleobotanical research in Dresden, this will be the theme of the March 2011 workshop. Nevertheless, in accordance with workshop tradition, oral and poster presentations on any topic of plant taphonomy are welcome. We therefore invite you to contribute to the workshop with either an oral or poster presentation on a taphonomic topic of your choice, or to just come and participate in the lively and intellectually stimulating discussions that take place at the workshop every year.

We look forward to seeing you at the 20th International Workshop on Plant Taphonomy!

Please note the important deadlines for registration and abstract submission: February 27, 2011.

With best regards,
Lutz Kunzmann and co-organizers

General information

Organizers

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Venue

Senckenberg Natural History Collections Dresden

Postal address: Königsbrücker Landstraße 159; 01109 Dresden-Klotzsche (near airport)

Visitor address: street „Zur Wetterwarte“, A.-B.-Meyer building.

Please open the PDF / WORD file “mapDresden2011” and get detailed information how to come to the venue.

Please visit also our homepage:

http://www.senckenberg.de/root/index.php?page_id=144&standort=true&standortID=2

Preliminary program

25 March 17:00 – 22:00 Visit to the paleobotanical collections and icebreaker party

26 March **Plant Taphonomy Workshop**
07:30 – 08:30 Registration, upload PP files
08:30 – 08:35 Opening
Session 1: (chair: R. A. Gastaldo)
08:35 – 09:05 Keynote D. K. Ferguson (Vienna)
09:05 – 09:20 Discussion
09:20 – 09:35 Oral contribution (?E. Kustatscher, Bozen/Bolzano)
09:35 – 09:50 Oral contribution (H. Bosma, Leiden)
09:50 – 10:05 Oral contribution (B. Mohr, Berlin)
10:05 – 10:20 Discussion
10:20 – 10:45 Coffee break
Session 2: First scientific excavation of the Petrified Forest Chemnitz — T₀-deposits and their impact on the reconstruction of a Permian ecosystem (chair Th. Zierold)
10:45 – 10:50 Opening (Th. Zierold, Chemnitz)
10:50 – 11:05 Oral contribution (R. Rößler, Chemnitz)
11:05 – 11:20 Oral contribution (R. Kretzschmar, Chemnitz)
11:20 – 11:30 Oral contribution (V. Annacker, Chemnitz)
11:30 – 12:00 Discussion I
12:00 – 12:15 Oral contribution (S. Läbe, Bonn)
12:15 – 12:30 Oral contribution (J. Psenicka, Plzen)
12:30 – 12:45 Oral contribution (I. Van Waveren, Leiden)
12:45 – 13:00 Discussion II
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break
Session 3a: (chair: L. Kunzmann)
14:00 – 14:30 Keynote H. Walther (Dresden)
14:30 – 14:45 Discussion
14:45 – 15:00 Oral contribution (R. A. Gastaldo, Waterville)
15:00 – 15:15 Oral contribution (M. Dolezych, Dresden)

15:15 – 15:30 Oral contribution (D. Hennig, Dresden)
15:30 – 15:45 Oral contribution (W. Schneider, Hoyerswerda)
15:45 – 16:00 Discussion
16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break
Session 3b: (chair: D. K. Ferguson)
16:30 – 16:50 Oral contribution incl. material display (L. Kunzmann, Dresden)
16:50 – 17:30 General discussion

19:00 Dinner in a local restaurant in the beautiful Dresden city center.

27 March 09:45 – 11:30 Visit to the current Senckenberg special exhibition called the “Deep Sea”, the Japanese Palace, the beautiful Dresden city center. (guide: D. Hennig)

(For participants who are interested in an individual visit to the Dresden castle’s treasury museum known as the “Grünes Gewölbe” – the Green Vault: please book your personal admission ticket in advance online [<http://www.skd.museum/en/museums-institutions/residenzschloss/gruenes-gewoelbe/index.html>] webpage in German and English]. This is advisable because the number of visitors who can be admitted each day is limited due to conservational reasons.)

Abstracts

All participants presenting a scientific contribution are kindly requested to submit a one-page abstract to the organizers by e-mail together with their registration.

Guidelines for abstract submission:

All Abstracts must be written in English and submitted as word-file by following this scheme:

- Title
- Last name, I.; Last name, I. & Last name, I.
- Institution, Address, E-mail.
- Text
- Font: Times 12 pt, max. 2500 characters (incl. title, authors, affiliation, and blanks)
- NO figures, tables, references.

Oral presentations

The time allocated to each talk will be at most 15 minutes (keynotes: 30 min.). As we want keep the character of a workshop you should therefore prepare a 10-12 minutes talk to allow short interpolated questions. Time for questions will generally be given after a block of 3-4 talks. The presenter should bring a PowerPoint file to the meeting on a USB storage device or CD. Please load presentations onto the computer during the registration in the morning. We support only PC (PP versions 2007/2003). Please try to keep your file size reasonable and do not include highly specific tools in your presentation. We will allow the use of your own portable computer only under very special circumstances, but in this case we insist you contact us beforehand.

Poster presentations

The maximum poster size is A0 in portrait setting. It is of course no problem if your poster slightly exceeds these limits. We will provide a limited amount of adhesive materials or rails.

Domestic and international travel options

As Dresden is a destination for international airlines and low-cost carriers, it is easy to fly into Dresden, and the airport is located only about one kilometer from the Senckenberg institute building in Dresden-Klotzsche. Direct flights to Dresden are available from London-Heathrow, Frankfurt, Munich, Düsseldorf, Stuttgart, and Hamburg with Lufthansa/Star Alliance; from Cologne/Bonn with Germanwings; from Vienna with Austrian Airlines; from Zurich with Cirrus; and from Moscow with Aeroflot.

The main train station in Dresden is located in the city center just a 30-minute tram ride from the meeting venue. Dresden has Eurocity connections to Prague, Vienna, Budapest, as well as Intercity Express (ICE) and Intercity connections.

Dresden has good international and national highway connections: the A17 Dresden-Prague, the A4 Dresden-Görlitz-Wroclaw (Poland), and the A13 Dresden-Berlin.

Accommodations

There are several hotels and pensions in the proximity of the meeting venue (see map).

Recommended are:

- Point Airport - City non-smoking hotel (www.pointhotel.de)
- Hotel Kurhaus Klotzsche (www.hotel-kurhaus.de)
- Hotel-Pension Königswald (www.pension-koenigswald.de)
- Hotel Dresdner Heide (www.hotel-dresdner-heide.de)

We request that you make your own hotel reservation, for instance, via the online portals hrs.de (<http://www.hrs.de/hotel/de/sachsen/dresden/>) or hotel.de

(http://www.hotel.de/de.hotels/Dresden_32761/hotels.aspx). An overview of all accommodations in Dresden is available at <http://www.dresden.de/dtg/de/uebernachtung.php> .

Registration fee

The organizers will try to keep the registration fee as low as possible, which is traditionally 20€ or less. This fee covers the icebreaker party on Friday evening, the two coffee breaks and a light lunch on the day of workshop, the abstract volume, and the visit to the *Deep Sea* special exhibition. The dinner on Saturday evening (March 26) is not included in the registration fee. The fee will be paid onsite.

Accompanying persons

Accompanying persons are welcome to the social activities of the workshop (icebreaker, evening dinner, guided exhibition tour, coffee breaks and light lunch during the workshop). They are kindly requested to fill in their own registration forms. The reduced registration fee will be at most 10€. The fee will be paid onsite.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Please note that the **deadline** for registration and abstract submission is **February 27, 2011**. A third circular with a detailed program will be distributed in March 2011 to those who have registered.

Last name:

First name(s):

Affiliation:

Address:

Zip/postal code:

City:

Country:

E-mail:

Tel.:

Fax:

I will give the following presentation:

- oral
- poster
- discussion topic for a round-table session
- keynote

Title of presentation:

I am an accompanying person:

Social activities

- I will participate in the reception/icebreaker (March 25, 17:00-22:00).
- I will participate in the group dinner (March 26, cost not included in fee).
- I will attend a guided tour in the Senckenberg exhibition *Deep Sea* (March 27).

Please send the completed registration form as an E-mail attachment to:

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