Second Circular and Registration

for

The International Symposium

on

Triassic Chronostratigraphy and Biotic Recovery

23-25 May 2005 (Monday-Wednesday)

to be held in

Chaohu City, Anhui Province, The People’s Republic of China

For further information of the symposium, excursions, accommodation, travel details and payments, please contact:

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OBJECTIVE

This symposium is designed to provide a forum to all kinds of scientists who are interested in the Triassic chronostratigraphy, esp. the Lower Triassic, and the ecosystem reconstruction and biotic recovery in the early Triassic, as well as the related biotic and environmental events following the mass extinction. The symposium will take place at a city where a typical Lower Triassic sequence of good geographical and stratigraphical markers is well exposed and a GSSP candidate of the Induan-Olenekian boundary is located. The pre- and post-symposium field excursions will lead you to examine various Upper Permian-Lower Triassic sequences in different paleogeographic facies, including the famous Meishan Section, P-T sections from normal marine to terrestrial via paralic facies, a carbonate P/T sequence with microbialites, a Triassic Tubiphytes reef complex, and Lower-Middle Triassic sections with tuffaceous beds at the boundary, as well as the Guanling Fauna characterized by rich marine reptiles and fully-preserved crinoids.

SYMPOSIUM CALENDAR (2005)

31 September 2004 Deadline for submission of response to first circular
1 February 2005 Deadline for submission of abstracts for the proceedings
1 April 2005 Deadline for submission of pre-registration

21-22 May 2005 Pre-Symposium Field Excursion from Changxing to Nanjing

23-25 May 2005 Symposium in Chaohu, Anhui Province
22 May 2005 Evening: Icebreaker and Registration
23 May 2005 Morning: Scientific Sessions
   Afternoon: Scientific Sessions
   Evening: STS, IGCP-467 and IOBWG Workshops
24 May 2005 Morning: Mid-Symposium Field Excursion in Chaohu
   Afternoon: Sight-seeing Tours
   Evening: CHRONOS Workshop
25 May 2005 Morning: Scientific Sessions
   Afternoon: Scientific Sessions

26-30 May 2005 Post-Symposium Field Excursion 1 in Central and Western Guizhou
26-29 May 2005 Post-Symposium Field Excursion 2 in Southern Guizhou
26 May-1 June 2005 Post-Symposium Field Excursion 3 in Guizhou

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Themes:
The symposium will be structured into four main themes:
1. Triassic chronostratigraphy and GSSPs;
2. End-Permian mass extinction and Triassic recovery as well as related events;
3. Triassic paleontology and paleoecology;
4. Correlation between marine and continental Triassic.

Oral Presentations:
20 minutes will be allowed for each oral presentation and 30 minutes for keynote address, plus 5 minutes for questions and discussions.
A computer projector and an overhead projector will be available in the lecture hall. The presentation should be prepared in a Microsoft PowerPoint format (PPT file), but only the PC systems are used and the MacinTosh can not be recognized.

Posters:
Poster presentations are most welcome and will form an important part of the Symposium. The poster room is next to the lecture hall. The size of each display board is 2.0m high and 1.0m wide.

Abstracts:
Deadline for receipt of abstracts is 1 February 2005. The abstract to be presented should be camera-ready and it may be up to three A4 pages in length (both illustrations and references inclusive). Meanwhile, a disc or e-mail of the abstract is required. An Abstract Volume will be published and distributed to all delegates at the beginning of the Symposium.

PRE-SYMPOSIUM FIELD EXCURSION
Permain-Triassic boundary sequence in Changxing, Zhejiang Province and Lower Triassic sequence in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province
This two-day field excursion will provide you to view the famous Meishan Section, where the GSSP of the Permian-Triassic boundary, the type section of the Changhsingian Stage and a potential GSSP of the stage are located, and a Lower Triassic sequence of different facies in Nanjing, which was a transitional facies between Meishan and Chaohu. The Induan-Olenekian boundary sequence
will be examined as well at the Nanjing Section. Meanwhile, we may make a stop at the Nanjing Institute of Geology and Paleontology to visit the new-built paleontological museum if we have time.

Excursion Leader: Tong Jinnan and Zhao Laishi, China University of Geosciences (Wuhan)
Dates: 21-22 May 2005 (Saturday-Sunday)
Duration: 2 days
Begins: Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province; 8:00 a.m.
Ends: Chaohu, Anhui Province; 5:30 p.m.
Participants: min. 6, max. 30
Cost: Euro€200, including excursion guidebook, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 1 night hotel accommodation (sharing a double room, for single room add Euro€20)
Remarks: This excursion will start in Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province. Please schedule your trip to Hangzhou. Hangzhou is a famous city for tourism and has a very easy travel from Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong and most major cities in China. You can also come here a few days early to make a tour of the city and its neighboring cities such as Suzhou and Shanghai.

MID-SYMPOSIUM FIELD EXCURSION
Permian-Triassic boundary and Lower Triassic sequence in Chaohu City, Anhui Province

During the symposium we will spend half a day to visit a Permian-Triassic boundary section in Chaohu, which was formed in a different facies from the Meishan Section, and some Lower Triassic sections, which are the best-studied Lower Triassic sequences in South China. The Changhsingian and Lower Triassic here were formed on deep shelf (or slope), while Meishan was on shallow shelf. The proposed GSSP of the Induan-Olenekian boundary at the West Pingdingshan Section will be closely examined.

This excursion is free to all participants and a lunch provided.

POST-SYMPOSIUM FIELD EXCURSION 1
Permian-Triassic boundary sequences across marine and continental facies in Central-Western Guizhou Province

This excursion provides you for a unique chance to trace the Permian-Triassic boundary from marine to continental via paralic facies. Many excellent marine Permian-Triassic boundary sequences have been studied in the central and southern Guizhou while the continental sections are in the western Guizhou and northeastern Yunnan. A marine, a paralic and a continental Permian-Triassic boundary sections are to be visited, respectively. The Zhejue Section, proposed as a candidate of the terrestrial Permian-Triassic boundary stratotype, will be closely examined. During the trip we will have a stay at a locality (a field museum) of the Guanling Fauna, which is a Ladinian-Carnian fossil assemblage typically composed of well-preserved marine reptiles and crinoids.

Excursion Leaders: Yang Fengqing and Yu Jianxin, China University of Geosciences (Wuhan)
Yu Youyi, Guizhou University of Technology
Dates: 26-30 May 2005 (Thursday-Monday)
Duration: 5 days
Begins: Chaohu, Anhui Province; 7:00 a.m.
Ends: Guiyang, Guizhou Province; 5:00 p.m.
Participants: min. 8, max. 25
Cost: Euro€500, including excursion guidebook, 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners, 4 nights accommodation (sharing a double room, for single room add Euro€80), and 1 air ticket from Nanjing to Guiyang (economic class)
Remarks: The excursion will end in Guiyang, Guizhou Province. Please schedule your back trip from Guiyang. There are daily flights from Guiyang to Beijing and Shanghai.
POST-SYMPOSIUM FIELD EXCURSION 2  
Permian-Triassic boundary and a Lower-Middle Triassic boundary sequence on the Great Bank of Guizhou in Southern Guizhou Province

This trip is designed to allow you to examine the record of the end-Permian extinction and pattern of biotic recovery in shallow- and deep-marine facies of an isolated carbonate platform, the Great Bank of Guizhou, in southern Guizhou province.

In shallow-marine facies of the platform interior we will examine peculiar but important PT boundary sections containing a microbialite crust deposited in the immediate aftermath of the extinction. The patterns of biotic recovery will be investigated in shallow-marine facies of Lower Triassic sections with low biodiversity, oolites and microbialites and Middle Triassic Tubiphytes reefs with greater biodiversity. We will examine the deep-marine record of recovery in the coeval basin-margin facies in a chronostratigraphically constrained Permian through Ladinian section with dated volcanic ash horizons bracketing the Olenekian-Anisian boundary. This section will form an ideal reference section to compliment the O-A GSSP to be designated at the Desli Caira, Romania. These sections are important not only for constraining the timing and environments of biotic recovery but also for providing an example of platform evolution entirely different than that of the classic Dolomites platforms of Italy.

Excursion Leaders: Daniel Lehrmann, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh  
Yu Youyi, Guizhou University of Technology  
Dates: 26-29 May 2005 (Thursday-Sunday)  
Duration: 4 days  
Begin: Chaohu, Anhui Province; 7:00 a.m.  
End: Guiyang, Guizhou Province; 5:00 p.m.  
Participants: min. 8, max. 25  
Cost: Euro€450, including excursion guidebook, 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners, 3 nights accommodation (sharing a double room, for single room add Euro€60), and 1 air ticket from Nanjing to Guiyang (economic class)  
Remarks: The excursion will end in Guiyang, Guizhou Province. Please schedule your back trip from Guiyang. There are daily flights from Guiyang to Beijing and Shanghai.
**POST-SYMPOSIUM FIELD EXCURSION 3**

This field excursion is composed of the Post-Symposium Field Excursion 1 and Excursion 2. The first five days it goes the same route as the Excursion 1 to view the various Permian-Triassic boundary sequences and the Guanling Fauna while the last two days we will follow the route of the Excursion 2 to visit the Great Bank of Guizhou.

Excursion Leaders: Yang Fengqing and Yu Jianxin, China University of Geosciences (Wuhan)
Yu Youyi, Guizhou University of Technology
Daniel Lehrmann, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Dates: 26 May-1 June 2005 (Thursday-Wednesday)
Duration: 7 days
Begins: Chaohu, Anhui Province; 7:00 a.m.
Ends: Guiyang, Guizhou Province; 5:00 p.m.
Participants: min. 8, max. 25
Cost: Euro€650, including excursion guidebook, 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners, 6 nights accommodation (sharing a double room, for single room add Euro€120), and 1 air ticket from Nanjing to Guiyang (economic class)
Remarks: The excursion will end in Guiyang, Guizhou Province. Please schedule your back trip from Guiyang. There are daily flights from Guiyang to Beijing and Shanghai.

**LANGUAGE**

English is the official language of the Symposium.
All presentations, including registration forms, oral reports, posters, and abstracts should be in English.

**ICEBREAKER PARTY AND PRE-SYMPOSIUM RECEPTION**

The get-together “Icebreaker Party” is planned in the Linhu Hotel, Chaohu on 22 May, starting at 19:00 h. You can register at the same time. There will be a buffet with beverages and food.

**REGISTRATION**

The registration, including the symposium and excursions, should be made to the registration form attached on this circular. All fees are in Euro dollars and all payments must be made in this currency. Payment can be made by

**Bank Transfer:**
Bank: Bank of China, Wuhan City, Guanggu Sub-branch
Reference: Tong Jinnan
Account No.: 4662102-0188-012796-0

Registration fees:
Before 1 April 2005: Euro€200; After 1 April 2005: Euro€230
The registration fees include: symposium material and activities, icebreaker, morning and afternoon teas, 3 lunches and 3 dinners, the Mid-Symposium Field Excursion, and the Sightseeing Tours on 24 May 2005.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION:**

Several hotels in the downtown of Chaohu City are arranged for participants. But participants are suggested to reside in the Linhu Hotel (Lakeside Hotel), where most Symposium activities will be held. You can also stay in the Wanhu Hotel next to the Linhu Hotel. Both Linhu Hotel and Wanhu Hotel are three-stars hotels. The hotels will provide a preferential price for the participants of the Symposium. One night costs:
Euro€20-30 for a standard double room or a standard single room
Euro€40-50 for a luxurious suite
No deposit is needed for booking the room, but FCFS (First Come, First Served) will be followed.

WEATHER
The May is the best time for working in Chaohu. The weather is warm but not hot and cool but not cold. The temperature is usually between 10 and 20°C, or slightly over 20°C. The weather for the excursions is also very welcome and comfortable, but it might be a little sunny in field. The excursions are by bus or minibus and only involve short walks. Some quarries and paths may be muddy after rain. Please wear good walking boots.

TRANSPORTATION
Chaohu is situated in the middle part of the Anhui Province. It is a mid-size city in the southeastern China with very good traffic access, 50 km from Hefei, the capital of the province, and is served by railway and freeway, about an hour to Hefei City by bus. Moreover, it is only 100 km from Chaohu to Nanjing, the capital of the Jiangsu Province. Both freeway and railway connect Chaohu City and Changxing County, where the GSSP of the Permian-Triassic boundary is located; the drive is about three hours.

Some students will meet you in Hefei at the airport or railway station if you let us know your exact arriving time in Hefei. The Hefei Airport has daily flights from Beijing, Shanghai and some other cities in China. The train and bus systems are also very convenient from most cities to Hefei. Also, we will arrange a minibus to meet the participants arriving at the Nanjing Airport on 22 May, but the last bus will leave by 5:00 p.m. The participants of the Pre-Symposium Field Excursion will be gathered in Hangzhou. Hangzhou is a famous tour city and has very good connections with most cities in China by airplane, train and bus. The express train and express bus from Shanghai to Hangzhou are about two hours.
Meanwhile, the Nanjing Institute of Geology and Paleontology and China University of Geosciences would like to provide logistic help for those who intend to visit the institute and the university before or after the symposium.

**INSURANCE**

The Symposium organizers cannot be held responsible for any accident of injury or loss or damage of property that may happen to the participants in the Symposium and Excursions. Please make your own insurance arrangements.

**LETTERS OF INVITATION**

A letter of invitation will be sent on request. This letter, however, does not constitute any obligation of the organizing Committee to cover expenses, fees, etc., associated with participation in the Symposium. We will ask the Administration of the Hubei Province to send an official letter or a fax to the Chinese Embassy or Consulate in your country, if requested and necessary, to help you to get your Chinese visa.

If you need an official invitation letter for the visa, please send us your personal data, including your full name (which occurs in your passport), occupation and title, institution, birth date, passport no., a brief experience, etc.

**ABSTRACT**

The abstract must be in English and may be up to three pages in length.

Please follow instructions below:

*Heading*: Left justified, bold, 12pts Times New Roman

*List of authors*: Left justified, 10pts Times New Roman, with first name, then initials and family name, marked by superscripts to identify addresses

*List of addresses*: Left justified, italics, 10pts Times New Roman, superscripted to correspond to the list of authors, including the e-mail account of the corresponding author, if possible

*Please skip one line before the text*

*Text*: 10pts Times New Roman, left justified, single-spaced. Please indent the first line of each paragraph

*Reference list*: Including only key citations in the text, in alphabetical order

*Figures*: Line drawings only. Halftone or color photographs are not acceptable. Hand-drawn line figures should be prepared to a professional standard on good quality drafting film or while paper. You are encouraged to send figures in digital versions (CorelDraw and TIFF files only). Please ensure that electronic artwork is prepared such that, after reduction, all lettering will be clear and easy to read.

To help us quickly and accurately process your abstract, please note:

Your abstract should be Camera-Ready. Basically, there will be no editions and corrections. Your abstract should be each paper only within a space of 16×24 cm. If the abstract exceeds the required format, it might be rejected.

Indent the first line of each paragraph and lines must be single-spaced.

The text should be sent on a 3.5″ diskette or by e-mail in MS Word or RTF format, together with a hard copy of the paper.

The deadline for submission of Abstracts is 1 February 2005.
Town map of the Chaohu City

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Title(s): □ Ms. □ Mr. □ Dr. □ Prof. Sex (M/F): □ Female □ Male
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□ Euro€500 Post-Symposium Field Excursion 1
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Linhu Hotel: □ Single Room □ Double Room □ Suite
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Station: Flight/Train No.: Date: Time:
Remarks:

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