In order to encourage and promote greater understanding and education with regard to the scientific and professional aspects of Palaeontology, the “Paläontologische Gesellschaft” (PG) and the “Palaeontological Society of China” (PSC) initiated a memorandum of understanding in 2012 on holding a joint scientific meeting.

The University of Göttingen, Germany, will host this first joint meeting of the PG and PSC on Palaeobiology & Geobiology of Fossil Lagerstätten through Earth History from September 23-27, 2013.

Organised by:
Paläontologische Gesellschaft Deutschland (PG)
Palaeontological Society of China (PSC)
Georg-August University Göttingen, Geoscience Centre (GZG)
Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (NIGPAS)
Institute of Vertebrate Palaeontology and Palaeoanthropology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IVPP)

Sponsored by:
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Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)
The National Science Foundation of China (NSFC)
China Fossil Preservation Foundation (CFPF)

Organising committee:

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Professor Dr Xiangdong Wang (NIGPAS)

Local organising committee:
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Dr Mike Reich – Vice-Chair
Gabriele Schmidt – Secretary
Ines Ringel – Secretary
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Cornelia Hundertmark – logistics, advertising
Gerhard Hundertmark – logistics, photography
Birgit Röring – logistics
Dorothea Hause-Reitner, logistics
Tanja R. Stegemann – logistics, field trips
**Language:**
The official language of the joint meeting will be English.

**Congress agenda:**

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Preliminary scientific programme:
The central topic of the congress will be "Fossil Lagerstätten". The list of keynote lectures, convenors, and invited speakers will be completed in June 2013.

There will also be two special public lectures (one in German and one in English)

(Proposed) Symposia (in parallel sessions):

1. Astrobiology & Archaean and Proterozoic world
2. Biogeochemistry & unconventional preservations
3. Molecular palaeobiology
4. Tempo and mode of the Cambrian Explosion
5. Ordovician/Silurian boundary and Mid-Palaeozoic biodiversity
6. Carboniferous biota
7. Palaeozoic palaeobotany and palynology
8. Permian/Triassic boundary and mass extinctions
9. Triassic/Jurassic transition biodiversity and palaeoenvironment
10. The Jurassic/Cretaceous terrestrial ecosystems
11. Mesozoic and Cenozoic palaeobotany and palynology
12. Cenozoic stratigraphy and vertebrate palaeontology
13. Amber, chert, diatomite, and other exceptional windows into terrestrial palaeoecosystems
14. Fossil reefs – is the past a key to the future?
15. New methods of virtual and digital palaeontology
16. Future perspectives in palaeontology
17. Palaeontological museums and collections
18. Frontiers in geobiology

Scientific committee:
The following list of scientific committee members will be completed in June 2013.

PD Dr Gernot Arp (GZG)
Dr Martin Blumenberg (GZG)
Professor Dr Tao Deng (IVPP)
Professor Dr Olaf Elicki (Freiberg University)
Professor Dr Hongzhen Feng (Nanjing University)
Professor Dr Eberhard Gischler (Frankfurt University)
Professor Dr Eberhard Gischler (Frankfurt University)
Professor Dr Qiang Ji (CAGS)
Professor Dr Hans Kerp (Münster University)
Professor Dr Jürgen Krivet (Wien University)
Dr Cornelia Kurz (Kassel Museum)
Professor Dr Hui Luo (NIGPAS)
Professor Dr Thomas Martin (Bonn University)
Professor Dr Doris Nagel (Wien University)
PD Dr Alexander Nützel (München University)
Dr Gudrun Radtke (Hesse State Office)
Dr Mike Reich (GZG)
Professor Dr Joachim Reitner (GZG)
Dr Irina Ruf (Bonn University)
PD Dr Alexander Schmidt (GZG)
Professor Dr Jörg Schneider (Freiberg University)
Dr Günther Schweigert (Stuttgart State Museum)
Professor Dr Shuzhong Shen (NIGPAS)
Professor Dr Ge Sun (SNU/JLU)
Professor Dr Volker Thiel (GZG)
Professor Dr Jinnan Tong (CUG)
Professor Dr Jun Wang (NIGPAS)
Professor Dr Weiming Wang (NIGPAS)
Professor Dr Xiangdong Wang (NIGPAS)
Professor Dr Xiaqiao Wang (CUGB)
Professor Dr Yongdong Wang (NIGPAS)
Professor Dr Yuan Wang (IVPP)
Professor Dr Yuanqing Wang (IVPP)
PD Dr Frank Wiese (GZG)
Professor Dr Gert Wörheide (München University)
Professor Dr Shucheng Xie (CUG)
Professor Dr Xing Xu (IVPP)
Professor Dr Qun Yang (NIGPAS)
Professor Dr Xunlai Yuan (NIGPAS)
Professor Dr Renbin Zhan (NIGPAS)
Professor Dr Zhonghe Zhou (IVPP)
Professor Dr Maoyan Zhu (NIGPAS)
(Proposed) **Workshops (September 27, 2013):**

A. Geobiology / Histology  
B. Public relation in palaeontology

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**Abstracts:**
- As a presenting author you can register for a maximum of three presentations (one oral and two poster presentations)
- Abstracts for normal presentations (talks & posters): max. ~ 1000 characters in the text
- Abstracts for keynote or plenary presentations: max. ~ 2000 characters in the text
- Deadline for submission: July 15, 2013
- Can be uploaded after registration via conference website

**Proceedings:**
- Will be published as special issues of the scientific journals "Paläontologische Zeitschrift" and "Palaeoworld"
- Deadline for online submission: December 31, 2013
- Details will be announced during the conference

(Proposed) **Field trips:**

All final prices depend on interest and accommodation (single or double room). After July 15, 2013, you will receive an email with the final prices. To be paid by August 01, 2013.

**Pre-conference field trips:**

1. *Jurassic Fossil Lagerstätten of Southern Germany* (Solnhofen, Möhnsheim, Holzmaden, Dotternhausen etc.; marine ecosystem, invertebrates, vertebrates, plants) – 3 days (September 21-23, 2013)  
   320 – 460 €

2. *Devonian Fossil Lagerstätten of the Rhenish Slate Mountains* (Bundenbach etc.; marine ecosystem, invertebrates, vertebrates) – 2 days (September 21-22, 2013)  
   320 – 460 €

3. *Middle Palaeozoic fossils of the Harz Mountains* (marine ecosystems, invertebrates) – 1 day (presumably September 21, 2013)  
   70 €

4. *Early Cretaceous 'Wealden' fossils of Lower Saxony* (Münchehagen, Obernkirchen, Bückeburg; brackish/limnic ecosystem, vertebrates, tracks) – 1 day (presumably September 23, 2013)  
   70 €

5. *Late Palaeozoic plant fossils of Lower Saxony* (Piesberg etc.; plants) – 1 day (presumably September 22, 2013)  
   70 €

6. *Middle Triassic fossils of Lower Saxony* (marine ecosystems) – 1 day (presumably September 23, 2013)  
   60 €
**Post-conference field trips:**

(7) „Tertiary plant Fossil Lagerstätten of Saxonia“ (terrestrial/limnic ecosystems, plants) – 3 days (September 27-29, 2013)  
320 – 460 €

(8) „Eocene and Oligocene limnic Fossil Lagerstätten of Hesse and Rhineland-Palatinate“ (Messel, Enspel, vertebrates, plants, invertebrates) – 2 days (September 28-29, 2013)  
210 – 300 €

(9) „Late Cretaceous marine fossils of Lower Saxony“ (Höver, Misburg; marine ecosystems, invertebrates, vertebrates) – 1 day (presumably September 28, 2013)  
60 €

(10) „Permian reefs of Lower Saxony and Thuringia“ (marine ecosystems; invertebrates) – 1 day (presumably September 28, 2013)  
60 €

**Social programme** (September 25, 2013 – depending on interest):

“Guided city tour” – Göttingen (~1.5 h; min. 15, max. 25 participants)  
10 €

“Guided city underground tour” – Göttingen (~1.5 h; min. 10, max. 15 participants)  
15 €

“Visit of a beer brewery (incl. tasting and transport)” – Einbeck (afternoon; min. 20 participants)  
35 €

“Visit of a schnapps distillery (incl. tasting and transport)” – Hardenberg (afternoon; min. 10 participants)  
35 €

“Visit and guided city tour” – Goslar, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (afternoon; for guided city tour min. 10 participants, max. 20 participants)  
30 €

**Conference dinner** will take place in the cellars of the ancient town hall (September 25, 2013)  
Drinks not included  
25 €

**Awards:**

- Poster awards
- Tilly-Edinger award of the "Paläontologische Gesellschaft"
- "Young Scientist award" (for BSc-, MSc- and PhD-students) of the presidents of the "Paläontologische Gesellschaft" and the "Palaeontological Society of China" for two young scientists (Germany and P.R. China)
- 20 travel grants for German (10) and Chinese (10) (active) students (grants based on abstract of oral/poster presentation; attendees have to be first authors)
Location:
The joint meeting will take place in the lecture halls of the Göttingen University Geoscience Centre (GZG). For more information see:
http://www.uni-goettingen.de
http://www.gzg.uni-goettingen.de
http://www.geomuseum.uni-goettingen.de

Göttingen is an old famous university town right in the centre of Germany. Please visit: http://www.goettingen-tourismus.de

Travel:
Göttingen is linked to international airports by InterCityExpress (ICE) and InterRegio (IR) trains (DB Bahn; www.bahn.de). Trains run twice every hour to and from Frankfurt International Airport, located about 250 km southwest of Göttingen. Transfer time is about 2 to 2:40 h from Frankfurt Airport. Alternatively you may fly to Hannover International Airport, located 100 km north of Göttingen. This airport is connected by S-Bahn to Hannover central station (“Hannover Hauptbahnhof”), from where the fast trains (ICE) take 0:35 h twice an hour to Göttingen, regional trains 1:15 h every hour.
For international participants the transfer between Frankfurt Airport and Göttingen will be arranged by the organisers. Please book this with your registration.

Accommodation:
(Hotel reservations are the responsibility of the attendees themselves.)
In the following please find a list of all accommodations (hotels/hostels) in Göttingen as well as bus lines to the congress center; room prices are for single rooms per night, including breakfast:

Best Western, Hotel am Papenberg
distance to congress center ~700 m
5 minutes walk to congress center
room prices from 80 € to 90 €
www.papenberg.bestwestern.de

Weender Hof
distance to congress center ~2 km
by bus: from station „Hennebergstraße“ with line number 12 to station „Goldschmidtstraße“
room prices 49 €
www.weenderhof.de

InterCity Hotel
distance to congress center ~4 km
by bus: from station „Bahnhof“ with line number 5 or number 51 to station „Tammannstraße“ or line number 10 to station „Krankenhaus Weende“
room prices from 68 € to 95 €
www.intercityhotel.de
Hotel Eden
- distance to congress center ~5 km
- by bus: from station „Neues Rathaus“ with line number 1 or number 2 to station „Weender Straße Ost“, change here for line number 5 to station „Tammannstraße“ or for line number 10 to station „Krankenhaus Weende“
- room prices from 79 € to 169 €
- [www.eden-hotel.de](http://www.eden-hotel.de)

Leine-Hotel
- distance to congress center ~5 km
- by bus: from station „Otto-Frey-Brücke“ with line number 5 to station „Tammannstraße“
- room prices from 63 € to 73 €
- [www.leinehotel-goe.de](http://www.leinehotel-goe.de)

Parkhotel Ropeter (Best Western)
- distance to congress center ~6 km
- by bus: from station „Zollstock“ with line number 5 to station „Tammannstraße“
- room prices from 91 € to 116 €
- [http://www.bestwestern.de/hotels/Goettingen/BEST-WESTERN-Parkhotel-Ropeter](http://www.bestwestern.de/hotels/Goettingen/BEST-WESTERN-Parkhotel-Ropeter)

Novostar Hotel
- distance to congress center ~6.5 km
- by bus: from station „Zollstock“ or „Gotteslager“ with line number 5 to station „Tammannstraße“
- room prices from 65 € to 80 €
- [www.novostar.de](http://www.novostar.de)

Hotel Stadt Hannover
- distance to congress center ~3.5 km
- by bus: from station „Bahnhof“ with line number 5 or number 51 to station „Tammannstraße“ or line number 10 to station „Krankenhaus Weende“
- room prices from 82 € to 102 €
- [www.hotelstadthannover.de](http://www.hotelstadthannover.de)

Hotel Beckmann
- distance to congress center ~4 km
- by bus: from station „Ulrideshuser Straße“ with line number 5 to station „Tammannstraße“
- room prices from 38 € to 54 €
- [www.hotel-beckmann.de](http://www.hotel-beckmann.de)

Hotel Astoria
- distance to congress center ~2 km
- by bus: from station „Lutteranger“ with line number 12 to station „Goldschmidtstraße“
- room prices from 50 € to 110 €
- [www.astoria-goettingen.de](http://www.astoria-goettingen.de)

Hotel Garni Gräfin von Holtzendorff
- distance to congress center ~5 km
- by bus: from station „Rudolf-Winkel-Straße“ or „Florenz-Sartorius-Straße“ with line number 13 to station „Bahnhof“, change here for line number 12 to station „Goldschmidtstraße“ or for line number 10 to station „Krankenhaus Weende“
- room prices from 35 € to 45 €
- [www.graefinhotelgarni.de](http://www.graefinhotelgarni.de)
Hotel Rennschuh
distance to congress center ~7 km
by bus: from station „Siekhöhe/Kauf Park“ with line number 5 to station „Tammanstraße“
room prices from 49 € to 55 €
www.rennschuh.de

Hotel Schiffer
distance to congress center ~5 km
by bus: from station „Otto-Frey-Brücke“ with line number 5 to station „Tammanstraße“
room prices from 65 € to 75 €
www.schiffer-hotel.com

Hotel Freizeit Inn
distance to congress center ~9.5 km
by bus: from station „Dransfelder Straße“ with line number 5 to station „Tammanstraße“
room prices from 103 € to 364 €
www.freizeit-in.de

Adesso Hotel Schweizer Hof
distance to congress center ~7 km
by bus: from station „Siekhöhe/Kauf Park“ with line number 5 to station „Tammanstraße“
room prices from 50 € to 155 €
www.adessohotel.de

Romantik Hotel Gebhards
distance to congress center ~3.5 km
by bus: from station „Bahnhof“ with line number 5 or number 51 to station „Tammanstraße“ or line number 10 to station „Krankenhaus Weende“
room prices from 119.70 € to 126 €
www.gebhardshotel.de

Hotel Central
distance to congress center ~4 km
by bus: from station „Jüdenstraße“ with line number 5 to station „Tammanstraße“ or line number 10 to station „Krankenhaus Weende“
room prices from 69 € to 150 €
www.hotel-central.com

Onkel Tom's Hütte
distance to congress center ~7 km
by bus: from station „Treuhenhagen“ with line number 1 to station „Weender Straße Ost“, change here for line number 5 to station „Tammanstraße“ or for line number 10 to station „Krankenhaus Weende“
room prices 53 €
http://onkel-toms-huette.homepage.t-online.de/

Hotel zum Stresemann
distance to congress center ~5 km
by bus: from station „Rudolf-Winkel-Straße“ with line number 13 to station „Bahnhof“, change here for line number 12 to station „Goldschmidtstraße“ or for line number 10 to station „Krankenhaus Weende“
room prices from 60 € to 120 €
www.hotel-stresemann.de
Hostel 37
distance to congress center ~6 km
by bus: from station „Bahnhof“ with line number 5 or number 51 to station „Tammannstraße“ or line number 10 to station „Krankenhaus Weende“
room prices 32 €
www.hostel37.de

Youth Hostel Göttingen
distance to congress center ~3.5 km
by bus: from station „Jugendherberge“ with line number 9 to station „Auditorium“, change here for line number 5 to station „Tammannstraße“ or for line number 10 to station „Krankenhaus Weende“
room prices from 24.60 € to 30.60 €
http://goettingen.jugendherberge.de/Portraet

Registration & Fees:
Members of the “Paläontologische Gesellschaft” and/or “Palaeontological Society of China” 80 €
Non-members of both societies 120 €
Student members of the “Paläontologische Gesellschaft” and/or “Palaeontological Society of China” 40 €
Student non-members of both societies 60 €
Additional fee for paying after July 15, 2013 50 €

Optional Fees:
City bus card (one week) 15 €
Canteen card (one week) 40 €
Airport transfer (Frankfurt – Göttingen; September 20, 2013 or September 23, 2013) 90 €
Airport transfer (Göttingen – Frankfurt; September 27, 2013 or September 30, 2013) 90 €

Deadlines & important dates:
- Second circular distribution: May 15, 2013
- Third circular distribution: July 15, 2013
- Abstract submission: July 15, 2013
- Early bird registration and payment: July 15, 2013
- Payment of excursion fees: August 01, 2013
- Last deadline for registration and payment: September 01, 2013
- Fourth and final circular distribution: September 15, 2013
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