

International Symposium on Triassic and later Marine Faunas,

Guanling 2010

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Guanling, Guizhou Province, China

Dear colleagues,

Since the first report on the fossil reptiles from the Late Triassic of Guanling, Guizhou Province, in China in 1999, the Triassic marine vertebrate faunas of Guizhou, including the Guanling Biota, the Panxian Fauna and the Xingyi Fauna, have been

attracting greater interests from scientists all over the world. Research on these faunas featured prominently at the 2nd IPC and at the 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th SVP meetings. To provide an opportunity to review progress of research in recent years, and to further discuss the Triassic marine vertebrates from Guizhou Province, “The International Symposium on Triassic and later Marine Faunas, Guanling” will be held in Guanling County on August 2009, sponsored by the Anshun Government, Land and Resources Department of Guizhou Province and Peking University.

The main topic of the symposium is: “Triassic marine faunas in southwestern China: The evolution, paleogeography, paleoenvironment, paleoecology and the response to the recovery of the Triassic biosphere”. This is augmented by the overview of the evolution of marine vertebrates after the Triassic. A discussion forum will be held around Triassic Paleontology and interrelated subjects such as the construction of a Geopark, the development of a museum, the organization of international cooperation and talent cultivation.

Persons interested in attending the symposium are kindly asked to fill in the FIRST CIRCULAR REPLY form online (<http://marinereptile.org>), or return it to the secretariat via email (djiang@pku.edu.cn) or fax (+86-10-62754154) before October 30, 2009. It would be helpful for the organizers to learn an approximate number of foreign attendees in case that we will apply for grants from the Guizhou local governments to cover a part of costs to support your visit.

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Date and accommodation: August 28-29, 2010, Guanling Hotel

Schedule:

August 27, 2010: Registration, Guanling Hotel, Guanling

August 28, 2010: Opening ceremony and scientific sessions

August 29, 2010: Scientific session and closing ceremony

August 30, 2010: Post-symposium excursions start

Symposium topics and Scientific communication:

A main conference hall will be set for the opening ceremony, closing ceremony and the invited lectures. Leading authorities will be invited to be the conveners (chairs) for the following symposium sessions:

1. " Triassic ichthyosaurs from Guizhou in comparison with European and American forms"
2. "Diversity evolution and paleogeography of Triassic marine reptiles "
3. "Evolution and paleogeography of Triassic fishes"
4. "Triassic marine reptile Faunas in Guizhou and their stratigraphy"

5. "Evolution of marine vertebrates after the Triassic"

Conference forum:

National geopark development and travel industry

Commemorative activities:

Production and publication of postcards, first day cover, commemorative stamps and albums

Post-symposium excursion:

We are planning to arrange four post-symposium excursions that are still under consideration. The tentative excursion routes are as follows:

Route 1: Guanling National Geological Park (recommended)

Route 2: Triassic stratigraphy and marine vertebrate fossil locations (including Huangguoshu Waterfall, Huajiang Canyon and Dragon Palace) in Guizhou Province

Route 3: Dingxiao Museum, Wusha Geopark, the Triassic stratigraphy and marine vertebrate fossil locations (including Malinghe Canyon) in Guizhou Province

Route 4: Luoping (Yunnan Province) and Panxian (Guizhou Province) Triassic stratigraphy and marine vertebrate fossil locations in Yunnan Province

Details of the post-symposium excursions will be announced in the second circular. We therefore welcome any comments and suggestions for our proposed arrangements by April 30, 2010.

Call for Abstracts:

All prospective participants are asked to submit an abstract in English (oral and poster) and an abstract book will be published before the conference. The submission deadline is May 31st, 2010. Details regarding the abstract will be announced in the second circular.

Registration:

Registration fee will be ¥800 for regular participants, ¥500 for students. The registration fee will cover the symposium documents and drinks during the conference.

Travel Arrangements:

Arrangements will be made to transport international attendees from the Guiyang Airport (KWE) to the Guanling Hotel; i.e., you do not have to worry about ground transportation. You are responsible for flying to Guiyang, the capital of Guizhou Province. It is as easy as transferring once at Beijing (PEK) or Shanghai (SHA)--you may easily purchase such tickets through online vendors, such as [Travelocity](#) and [Expedia](#). It would probably be least expensive if you go through SHA and purchase the international and Chinese tickets separately.

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Suggestions: