53rd SYMPOSIUM OF VERTEBRATE PALAEONTOLOGY AND COMPARATIVE ANATOMY
&
14th SYMPOSIUM OF PALAEONTOLOGICAL PREPARATION AND CONSERVATION

SEPTEMBER 6–10 2005

First Circular

The 53rd SVPCA and the 14th SPPC are to be held this year at the Natural History Museum, London. The lecture and poster sessions will be held in the Museum; SPPC in the Demonstration Room, Department of Palaeontology and SVPCA in the Flett Lecture Theatre. Accommodation will be available from Monday evening, 5th September at Weeks Hall or Beit Hall on the main campus of Imperial College, which is five minutes walk from the Museum. Please note that there is no car parking available either at the Museum or at Imperial College, therefore you are strongly advised to travel by Public Transport. There will be the usual auction during SVPCA. A field trip may be run on Saturday 11th September pending the response to the questions on the circular. A highlight of the meeting will be the Conference Dinner, which will be held in the Central Hall of the Museum around the *Diplodocus* skeleton – especially appropriate as 2005 marks the centenary of its display in the Museum.

Outline Timetable

Monday 6th Sept.	SPPC registration	
Tuesday 7th Sept.	SPPC papers	SVPCA registration
Wednesday 8th Sept	SVPCA papers	
Thursday 9th Sept.	SVPCA papers	
Friday 10th Sept.	SVPCA papers	Conference dinner around *Diplodocus*
Saturday 11th Sept.	Provisional field trip	

Paper and poster invitation

Offers of papers should be accompanied by a short abstract of no more than 250 words. Abstracts will form the basis for decisions on whether papers are to be accepted as platform presentations or not, also be included in a symposium booklet. Abstracts should be submitted electronically as Word or .rtf documents and should include information on concrete research results: they should not be vague outlines of planned work/work in progress.

Jones-Fenleigh Memorial Fund

The fund was established in 1989 in memory of Ted Jones-Fenleigh of Invicta Plastics. It offers bursaries to help towards the accommodation costs of up to four individuals. Anyone wishing to attend the conference who is an amateur, retired or student with no source of funding, is eligible to apply. If you wish to do so, please send a brief letter of application outlining your circumstances to Dr Angela Milner by 6th May 2005.

Collections access

If intending participants are interested in access to the collections before or after the symposium, please let us know when returning your first circular. Collections access may not be possible on the meeting

days as we will all be busy running the programme and attending the lectures.

Angela Milner (on behalf of SVPCA organizing committee)
Lorraine Cornish & Adrian Doyle (SPPC organizers)

Please complete the following and return by May 16th 2005**

By post to:

Dr Angela Milner
Department of Palaeontology
The Natural History Museum
Cromwell Road
LONDON SW7 5BD

Or by e-mail to:

london2005@svpca.org.

I plan to attend the **SPPC** meeting Yes/No*

I plan to attend the **SVPCA** meeting Yes/No*

I do not plan to attend but would like to receive the 2nd circular (please tick)

I would like to present a contribution Yes/ No* to SPPC/SVPCA*

I would prefer to offer a paper**/poster*
entitled.....….

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*delete as appropriate

** We anticipate a large attendance this year. Late returns may not be allocated a slot in the programme!

I would be interested in a **field trip** on Saturday 11th September. Please tick **either** :

Eocene (London Clay) exposures on the Isle of Sheppy, Kent

or

Crystal Palace dinosaurs and other sites of historical palaeontological interest in Surrey and Sussex

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