The Natural History Museum

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

SPPC Tuesday 6th September,
SVPCA Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th September 2005

THIRD AND FINAL CIRCULAR

Thank you for returning your conference registration form.

Accommodation

Those delegates who have booked accommodation at Beit Hall or Week's Hall on Imperial College campus should have had confirmation directly from IC's conference centre. Please refer to this link: http://www.imperial.ac.uk/conferences/index.asp?page_id=7
for directions to the halls from South Kensington Underground station (served by District, Circle and Piccadilly lines) via the subway. However, please note the following points:

- There is no longer a Science Museum shop in the subway.
- You should leave the subway at the Natural History Museum (NHM) exit if you wish to register for the conference on your way up to the halls on Tuesday afternoon.
- Princess Gardens South Side (Watts Way) is closed for rebuilding so you should continue up Exhibition Road until you reach Princess Gardens North to reach Week's Hall.

Conference Registration

The SVPCA conference registration desk will be open on Tuesday 6th September, 2..00 - 5..30 pm in the Flett Lecture Theatre Foyer on the 1st floor of the Earth Galleries building of the NHM. Enter the Museum by the Earth Galleries public entrance in Exhibition Road. You will pass this entrance on your way to the halls if you leave the subway at the NHM exit and stay on the left hand side of Exhibition Road. The registration desk will be open from 08.30 on Wednesday, 8th September and remain staffed during meeting hours.

Delegates attending SPPC as well as SVPCA will be able to collect their registration folders in the Museum on Tuesday. Details for SPPC registration and programme are being sent separately by the SPPC organisers, Lorraine Cornish and Adrian Doyle.

Go to this link for further directions on how to reach the Museum and for local maps:
http://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit-us/getting-here/index.html

Programme

The SVPCA meeting programme is being sent out with this circular. A bound volume of abstracts will be available at the meeting.

Presentations

Standard facilities will be available to speakers but note that PowerPoint is the preferred method of presentation. Presentations should be brought on CD-ROM disc, not on a laptop only. Personal

laptops will not be connected to the data projection facilities. The latest XP version of PowerPoint will available. Please make sure that you get your disc to the session organisers well before your session is due to start. A speaker-ready desktop PC will be provided in the small meeting area directly behind the lecture theatre for checking presentations and for e-mail.

Posters

Posters will be displayed in the Flett Lecture Theatre Foyer throughout the meeting and there will be a dedicated wine and poster reception on Thursday evening. Posters can be mounted on Tuesday afternoon between 2.00 and 5.30 pm or on Wednesday morning.

SVPCA Auction

The annual auction in aid of the Jones-Fenleigh Memorial Fund will be held on the Wednesday early evening in the Museum's Courtyard Rooms with a supply of cold beers to encourage bidding. Please bring books, reprints, casts, memorabilia and more – and plenty of cash or your chequebook! Items for the auction should be handed in to the reception desk no later than 2.00pm on Wednesday.

Security

It is important that you wear your conference badge visibly at all times whilst in the Museum. We thank you for your co-operation over this matter. Your badge will entitle you to a 10% discount in the Museum shops.

Field trips on Saturday 10th September

London Clay, Isle of Sheppey led by Jerry Hooker will depart at 08.00am.
Crystal Palace, and Down House led by Paul Barrett and Sandra Chapman will depart at 09.30am.
Final booking and payment may be made throughout the meeting; priority will be given to those who have already confirmed interest in the trips.

Social meeting point

Imperial College Student Union Bar in Beit Quadrangle, Prince Consort Road provides a convenient informal meeting venue each evening from Tuesday onwards.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Museum and to a stimulating and fun meeting.

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