2nd Circular

BIOEVENTS: THEIR STRATIGRAPHIC RECORDS, PATTERNS AND CAUSES

Caravaca de la Cruz, June 3rd - 8th, 2003

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the international conference on Bioevents: their stratigraphic records, patterns and causes to be held in Caravaca de la Cruz, Spain, from Tuesday June 3rd, to Sunday June 8th, 2003.

The Barranco del Gredero have became a main reference in the worldwide literature, even more important after publication of the meteorite impact hypothesis which presents a unifying theory to explain the cause of the mass extinction event at the close of the Cretaceous. The international meeting in Caravaca de la Cruz will discuss our current state of knowledge on bioevents:

— Fossil record, stable isotopes, biomarkers, other geochemical and mineralogical markers.
— Extinction-radiation, innovation and dispersal events, catastrophic events, periodicity of events, selectivity of events (geographical or environmental).
— Cosmic, telluric, or biotic causes. Multicausal events.

Scientific activities will take place over four days, and will include: invited talks (English or Spanish, with simultaneous translation), visit to Barranco del Gredero for both K/T and P/E boundary sections, poster sessions, and other activities.

Organizer: Caravaca de la Cruz Council

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This international conferences is organized under the auspices of:
International Paleontological Association, Sociedad Española de Paleontología, Spanish National Committee, IGCP, and Universidad de Murcia.

Registration fees
* Conference participants: 120 euros (member of collaborating organizations 75 euros)
* Students and scholarship recipients: 80 euros (member of collaborating organizations 50 euros)
** Accompanying guest: 50 euros
Pre-conference field-trip, June 3rd: 21 euros (lunch included)
Post-conference field-trip, June 8th: 18 euros (lunch included)

(*) These fees include costs of attendance at all scientific sessions, the Barranco del Gredero field-trip, social events, and meeting documents.
(**) These fees include the cost of attendance at the social events only.
Student Grant Awards

— A number of accommodation grants will be available for Graduate students, and young PhD’s (no more than 35 years old) who have contribution(s) accepted for presentation at the meeting. These grants will be offered on a first come first serve basis.
— A number of free registration awards will also be available for Undergraduate students majoring in a field of the Earth sciences, and who are in their last year of study. These awards will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

This grant programme is sponsored by the Dirección General de Cultura, of the Consejería de Educación y Cultura, Regional Government of Murcia.

Important dates

— Deadline for registration and submission of abstract: March 10th, 2003
— Payment of fees: April 10th, 2003
— 3rd and last Circular: May, 2003

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