The 4th International Conodont Symposium
“Progress on Conodont investigation”
Jointly with: The International Subcommission on Devonian Stratigraphy
The International Subcommission on Silurian Stratigraphy

Valencia, Spain; 25-30 June 2017

2nd Circular

The Congress follows the decision of the Pander Society took in Mendoza, July 2013 to organise the next ICOS meeting in Europe. Subsequently, the International Subcommission on Devonian Stratigraphy (SDS) and the International Subcommission on Silurian Stratigraphy (ISSS) decided to hold the annual meeting in 2017 in Spain. Therefore, the congress will be open to all topics on conodonts and on Devonian and Silurian. In addition, it will serve as the venue for the Pander Society and the SDS, ISSS business meetings.

Venue and Organization

The Congress will take place on campus Burjasot of the University of Valencia (UV). It will be organized by the Botany and Geology Department (UV) in cooperation with the University of Cagliari (UC), the Institute of Geology (Czech Academy of Sciences, CAS) and the Institute of Earth Sciences (University of Graz, UG).

Chair: José Ignacio Valenzuela Ríos, Professor at the University of Valencia, chair of the Spanish National Committee for the IGCP.

Organising Committee: Teresa Liao and Carlos Martínez-Pérez (UV). Carlo Corradini (UC). Ladislav Slavík (CAS) and Thomas Suttner (UG).

Provisional Programme

Mon 20 - Sun 25 June: Pre-conference field trip in the Spanish Pyrenees.
Sun, 25 June: Evening Registration and Ice-breaker in Campus Burjasot.
Wed, 28 June: Mid conference field trip in the Iberian Range. Social day.
Fri, 30 June: Scientific Session. Business Meetings of SDS and ISSS. Closing conference by Dr. Manuel Rigo.
Sat 1 - Sun 9 July: Post conference field trip in the Barrandian and the Carnic Alps.

Scientific Sessions

• The Rise of Conodonts prior to and during the Great Ordovician Biodiversification Event. IGCP 653 project. Chairs: Ian Percival and Yong Yi Chen.
• GECKO: Global Events impacting CoNodont evolution: Chairs: Annalisa Ferretti, Alyssa Bancroft and John Repetski.
• Progress on Middle Devonian conodont investigation from 60’s to present: high resolution on bio-chronostratigraphy, regional correlation, graphic correlation and global Event Stratigraphy. Chairs: Sofie Gouwy and Teresa Liao.
• Triassic Conodont: biostratigraphy, isotopes and Geochemistry. Chair: Manuel Rigo.
• Recent advances in Conodont Palaeobiology: Chairs: Phillip C.J. Donoghue, Mark A. Purnell and Carlos Martínez-Pérez.

Besides these thematic sessions, abstracts on any topic related to the meeting are accepted.

Important dates

• Early conference registration and payment: deadline February 15, 2017
• Fieldtrip registration and payment: deadline February 15, 2017
• Abstract submission: deadline February 28, 2017
Extended Abstracts submission

Abstracts are limited to a maximum length of 3 pages (approximately 500 words per page) including references; optionally, up to 2 figures can be added. Please submit your abstract-text (as word-doc. or docx.) file using the Abstract Template. Figures shall be sent as tiff, eps or png files with a resolution 300 dpi; they should match the maximum width of either a text column (67.5 mm) or page (135 x 185 mm). Send your abstract/s directly to 4ICOSVALENCIA2017@gmail.com - with author name. Please, visit the Congress homepage is http://icos2017.blogspot.com.es/ for the instructions of authors. Deadline submission: February 28, 2017

Technical sessions

All presentations are arranged within the scientific programme on 26 to 30th June and will take place in the conference room on Campus Burjasot (UV). Oral presentations are scheduled for 15 minutes. Keynote lectures are extended to 30 minutes. Presentations are accepted in Microsoft Office 2011 (PPT 2011) or in PDF. Files are going to be uploaded before starting each session and may prepare your contribution on an external device. Poster presentation will be prepared on format A0, portrait (width: 841 mm, height: 1189 mm). Participants are encouraged to display their posters for the entire duration of the scientific sessions. The official conference language is English.

Registration rates

The registration fee includes participation in the meeting, name badge, printed congress program, electronic abstract volume, ice-breaker party (Sunday, June 25), coffee-breaks and lunches (Monday, June 26 – Friday, June 30).

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All fieldtrips fees include transportation, guides books, lodging and meals.

Pre-conference Fieldtrip: Spanish Pyrenees 600
Mid-conference Fieldtrip: Iberian Range 30
Post-conference Fieldtrip: Barrandian and the Carnic Alps 1100

Payment Mode

Please transfer Conference and Field-trip fees to the following bank data:
Bank name: LABORAL KUTXA
Beneficiary’s name: 4 ICOS 2017
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Please, indicate your name when making payment as follows: “First name initial surname 4 ICOS 2017 registration”.
Example “J.Valenzuela 4ICOS2017 registration”

Fieldtrips

Pre-conference Fieldtrip: Upper Silurian-Lower Carboniferous Conodonts and Stratigraphy of the Central Pyrenees; June 20-25 (5 nights). The fee is 600 €. Number of participants is limited to 25.

Mid-conference Fieldtrip: Conodonts and Stratigraphy of the Iberian Range; Wednesday, June 28. The registration fee is 30 €.

Post-conference Fieldtrip: Silurian and Devonian Conodonts and Stratigraphy of the Prague Synform and Ordovician to Carboniferous Conodonts and Stratigraphy of the Carnic Alps, July 1-9 (8 nights).
The total fee is 1100€ including one flight from Prague to Venice, local transports, lodging and full board excluding the transfer days. Number of participants is limited to 20. The details itineraries of each fieldtrips are in the Congress homepage.

Please, make sure an earlier reservation flights to Valencia and Valencia-Prague.
The city of Valencia - Essential information

Valencia is the third largest city of Spain, located in the Mediterranean coast and is well connected by plane (with three local airports Valencia, Alicante and Castellón) and by high-speed trains with Madrid, Barcelona and Alicante. The airport is 10 km west of the city centre. Budget flights serve major European cities. The airport is connected to downtown by metro (lines 3 and 5).

If you travel by train from Madrid, Alicante or Barcelona, all fast trains use the Valencia Joaquín Sorolla new station, 800 m south of the old town. It’s linked with nearby Estación del Norte, 500 m away, by free shuttle bus. Once you are at the old station, go directly to Plaza España metro stop.

If you travel by bus from Madrid, AVANZA company operates hourly bus services (£29.75, four hours trip). ALSA company has up to 10 daily buses (£29 to £35, four to five hours trip). They end in the Bus station (close to Turia metro stop).

Campus Burjasot is located to the north-west of the city centre and is connected by metro lines 1 and 2 (from Plaza España/ À. Guimerà/ Turia to Empalme stop) and by tram line 4 (from Empalme to V. A. Estellés stop). Buy a Bonometro (about 8.20 €/10 journeys) at major stations or pay a single ticket (1.50 €).

Metro (www.metrovalencia.es)
AVE fast train (www.renfe.es)
AVANZA (www.avanzabus.com)
ALSA (www.alsa.es)

Weather information
The weather in Valencia at the beginning of the summer can be hot (in the 30s). We suggest you to protect your skin with sun protection and wear comfortable clothes and sun glasses.

Contact for visa application or any request
Participants who require a support letter for visa application, please directly contact: 4ICOSVALENCIA2017@gmail.com
Postal address: I COS 2017, Department of Botany and Geology; University of Valencia; c/ Dr. Moliner 50; E-46100 Burjasot; Spain.
The Congress homepage is http://icos2017.blogspot.com.es/

Accommodation
The hotels listed below are close to the conference place (Campus Burjasot, University of Valencia). Participants should contact hotels directly to make their reservations.

1. Hotel Trapemar.
2. Trapemar Los Silos. www.trapemar.com
5. Hostal Residencial RR. www.hostal-residencial-rr.com
9. Apartamentos Turísticos Valencia Rental. +34 963470600 or via booking
10. Hotel ILUNION VALENCIA. www.ilunionvalencia.com