



## 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**

### 1st 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 Organisation

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

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. Several bus lines are also available from the main cities.

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

Organising Committee: Jau-Chyn Liao and Carlos Martínez-Pérez (University of Valencia). Carlo Corradini (University of Cagliari). Ladislav Slavík (Czech Academy of Sciences) and Thomas Suttner (University of Graz).

### Provisional Programme

June 20-25	Pre-conference field trip in the Spanish Pyrenees
June 25	Ice-breaking party in late afternoon in Valencia
June 26-30	Scientific sessions in Valencia
June 28	Mid conference field trips in the Iberian Range
July 1-9	Post conference field trip in the Barrandian and the Carnic Alps

### Fieldtrips

Four fieldtrips are planned to be organised.

Preconference Fieldtrip: Upper Silurian-Lower Carboniferous Conodonts and Stratigraphy of the Central Pyrenees; **June 20-25** (5 nights).

June 20. Departure from Valencia to the Pyrenees. In the afternoon visit to Silurian-Devonian outcrops of the Benasque Valley. Overnight at Laspaules (Huesca).

June 21: Lower Devonian of the Baliera Valley. Visit to the section Baliera 6 (Pragian/Emsian boundary, both official and redefined). Visit to the Geopark “Conca de Tremp-Montsec”. Overnight at Fonda Farré, Baró (Lérida).

June 22: Lower-Upper Devonian sequences from the Villech Area. Lower Carboniferous in the vicinity of Bellver. Overnight at Fonda Farré, Baró (Lérida).

June 23: Several sections showing Silurian and Lower Devonian sequences in the Segre Valley. Overnight at Fonda Farré, Baró (Lérida).

June 24: Several Devonian sequences in the Noguera Pallaresa Valley. Overnight at Fonda Farré, Baró (Lérida).

June 25, Leave in the morning with a stop to see Silurian outcrops in the Noguera Pallaresa Valley. Arriving in Valencia on time for hotels check-in and ice-breaking party. Approximate cost: **600 €**. Number of participants is limited to 25.

Mid-conference Fieldtrips: Two simultaneous fieldtrips will be hold on Wednesday , **June 28**: 1) Triassic Conodonts and Stratigraphy of the Iberian Range; 2) Devonian Conodonts and Stratigraphy of the Iberian Range. 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).

July 1: Arrival in Prague. Flight Valencia-Prague is **NOT** included in the registration fee. All nights in Prague at Pension-hotel JaS.

July 2: Ludlow to Lower Devonian at Požáry section, including Přídolí GSSP. Emsian/Eifelian strata – Choteč Event (Prastav Quarry).

July 3: Lower Devonian successions around the Vltava river (Pod Barrandovem section), the GSSP of the Lochkovian/Pragian boundary and the auxiliary stratotype (Kosoř - Černá rokle section). Several Silurian/Devonian sections will also be visited.

July 4: visit of several localities in the Koněprusy area with the famous Pragian skeletal (reef) complex. Silurian volcano-sedimentary succession in the Kosov Quarry near Beroun city. The excursion will end near the GSSP of the Silurian/Devonian boundary at Klonek.

July 5: Departure from Prague to Venice (fare included in the registration fee). Transfer to Passo del Cason di Lanza. Overnight at Cason di Lanza.

July 6: visit of several sections from Katian to Famennian in Cason di Lanza area: Overnight at Cason di Lanza.

July 7: Travel from Lanza to Malga Pramasio, to visit Upper Devonian sections in Pramasio area. Lunch in Malga Pramasio. In early afternoon transfer to the Visitor centre of the Carnic Alps Geopark in Dellach. Night in Mauthen at Hotel Edelweiss.

July 8: Morning at Cellon section (Katian to Lochkovian). Then, if weather permits two options are planned. One party will visit the Grüne Schneid section (D/C boundary). Along the path all the "transitional sequence" is exposed (Pragian to Frasnian), up to a few Famennian section in the Pal Grande Fm. This excursion is physical demanding (about 1000 m climbing on good paths, at place exposed).

The rest of the group (everybody in case of bad weather) will visit Katian to Devonian sections in the Oberbuchach area. Night in Mauthen at Hotel Edelweiss.

July 9: Leave in the morning to Venice. The field trip will end at Venice International Airport around lunchtime.

The total fee is estimated with **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.

#### Important dates

- Proposals for any scientific session and workshop on conodonts, Silurian and Devonian matters: **deadline December 1, 2016**.
- Pre-registration for the fieldtrips: **deadline December 15, 2016**.
- Early conference registration and payment: **deadline February 15, 2017**.

- Fieldtrip registration and payment: **deadline February 15, 2017**

- Abstract submission: **deadline February 28, 2017**

#### Registration rates

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

	Early Registration until 15 Feb 2017	Standard Registration from 16 Feb 2017	On site Registration
Regular Participants	300	400	500
Students	180	200	250
Accompanying persons	100	150	150

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

More detailed information, including the conference dinner, the bank account and abstract submission instructions and template will be provided in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circular. The Congress homepage is coming soon.

Participants will be responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements. In the homepage a wide selection of hotels, B&Bs and youth hotels will be posted.

#### Contact for any request

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#### Visa application

Participants who require a support letter for visa application, please directly contact: [4ICOSVALENCIA2017@gmail.com](mailto:4ICOSVALENCIA2017@gmail.com)