1st International Palaeogeography Conference September 14–17, 2013 Beijing, China

First Circular

In order to promote the development and innovation of international palaeogeography and related disciplines, and to organize high academic quality papers for the *Journal of Palaeogeography* and thus develop it into a prestigious international periodical, and to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the China University of Petroleum, the 1st International Palaeogeography Conference will be held from September 14 to17, 2013 at the China University of Petroleum (Beijing).

- 1. Name:1st International Palaeogeography Conference
- 2. Time schedule: September 13, 2013: registration

September 14-17, 2013: oral presentations, posters and

mid-conference field excursion

September 18-21, 2013: post-conference field excursion

3. Venue: China University of Petroleum (Beijing), Beijing, China

4. Sponsors

China University of Petroleum (Beijing)
Editorial Committee of Journal of Palaeogeography
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Others

5. Host

China University of Petroleum (Beijing)

6. Organizing committee and scientific committee

The organizing committee is composed of representatives from all sponsors and is primarily responsible for the organization and for raising funds for the conference. Chairman: Pang Xiongqi (Vice President of the China University of Petroleum (Beijing)) General Secretaries: Liu Luofu (Secretary of the School of Geosciences, China

University of Petroleum (Beijing))

Xu Zhangyou (Director of the Periodical Office, China University of Petroleum (Beijing))

The scientific committee is composed of the members of the editorial committee of the *Journal of Palaeogeography* and some international and domestic specialists in palaeogeography. The committee is responsible for the acquisition of manuscripts, their review and their publication; the committee will also evaluate the the scientific level of the conference and the *Journal of Palaeogeography*; and discuss the development of international palaeogeography in the future.

Chairman: Feng Zengzhao (Professor of the China University of Petroleum (Beijing))

General Secretaries: Zhong-Qiang Chen (Professor of the China University of Geosciences (Wuhan))

Bao Zhidong (Professor of China University of Petroleum (Beijing))

7. Topic

Palaeogeography and Resources

- 1) Palaeogeography and Resources
- 2) Lithofacies Palaeogeography and Sedimentology
- 3) Biopalaeogeography, Palaeoichonology, Microbialites, Reefs
- 4) Tectonopalaeogeography and Palaeotectonics
- 5) Palaeoclimatology
- 6) Palaeoseismology and Seismites
- 7) Palaeokarst and Protection of Desertification in Karst Areas
- 8) Human History Palaeogeography, Past and Present Geographic Environments and Human Civilization
- 9) Others

8. Invitation and submission of papers

The conference sincerely invites those earth scientists involved in or with interest in palaeogeography to attend the conference and welcomes them to submit one or more manuscripts.

Those who wish to present a paper at the conference must submit an Abstract (in English) before March 1st, 2013; Chinese authors should also submit an Abstract (in Chinese).

Those who wish to present a paper at the conference are encouraged to submit a publishable version of their manuscript in English according to the general regulations concerning the submission of manuscripts to the *Journal of Palaeogeography* before July 1st, 2013. Chinese authors should also submit a Chinese Abstract in addition to the full text in English. (The sooner, the better).

The scientific committee of the conference will send the submitted manuscripts for review. If the manuscript will be accepted by the *Journal of Palaeogeography*, the corresponding author will be granted exemption from the conference registration fee. The accepted manuscripts will be given priority regarding presentation at the conference, and will be published in the *Journal of Palaeogeography*.

9. Awards for the best presentations by young scientists/students

The conference will award the best presentations by young scientists/students, taking into the following considerations:

- 1) Authors should submit the full texts (in English) of their manuscripts before July 1st, 2013;
- 2) Their manuscripts will be peer-reviewed;
- 3) Only the first author of a manuscript can apply this award, and he/she should be less than 40 years old;
- 4) The authors should submit 5 copies of the full texts (in English) of their manuscripts before attending the conference;
- 5) The authors should present the manuscripts at the conference orally and their manuscripts should be qualified after reviewing process.

Awards for the best presentations by young scientists/students will consist of a certificate, monographs as well as exemption from the post-conference field excursion fee.

10. Oral and poster presentations

Three days conference will be scheduled on 14th, 15th and 17th of September, 2013.

The technical programme includes oral presentations at the plenary and thematic sessions as well as poster presentations. Further details will be provided in the third circular.

The official languages at the conference will be English and Chinese.

11. Mid-conference field excursion

The mid-conference field excursion is scheduled for 16th September, 2013. The following four routes are available for selection, all are covered by conference registration fee.

- 1) Field excursion to the Xishan Mountains, Beijing, examining the Cambrian and Ordovician successions;
- 2) Field excursion to the Xishan Mountains, Beijing, examining the Proterozoic successions;
- 3) Field excursion to the National Geologic Park of Petrified Wood and visiting the Great Wall in Badaling area
- 4) One-day tour to the Tian'anmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace

12. Meetings of the Organizing Committee and the Scientific Committee

The meetings of the Organizing Committee and the Scientific Committee will be held during the conference to evaluate the scientific level of the *Journal of Palaeogeography* and the conference, discuss and determine the date, venue and host institutions of the Second International Palaeogeography Conference, and to discuss the future international development of palaeogeography.

13. Post-conference field excursions

- Mesoproterozoic of the Jixian section, Jixian County, Tianjin City (18th-20th September, about 2500 yuan)
- Coastal sediments of Qingdao and dinosaur culture of the Zhucheng area, Shandong Province (18th-21st September, about 3500 yuan)

14. Fees

- 1) Registration fee (including the conference dinner fee): 1500 yuan or 250 USD
- 2) Accommodation fee (Cuigong Guest House, China University of Petroleum (Beijing), standard room with two beds): about 240 yuan/day

15. Key dates

1) Deadline for sending back the receipt of the First Circular: before March 1st, 2013.

This receipt can be sent by post or by E-mail.

- 2) Abstract submission deadline: before March 1st, 2013.
- 3) Full text manuscript (in English) submission deadline: before July 1st, 2013.
- 4) The Second Circular will be sent in March, 2013.
- 5) The Third Circular will be sent in July, 2013.

16. Secretariat

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17. Attachment: General Regulations for the submission of manuscripts to the *Journal of Palaeogeography*

18. **Notice:** Experts receiving the first circular are kindly requested to distribute and advertise it among their colleagues. Thank you for your support.

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Correspondence address: E-mail: Tel: 2. Manuscript title

3. Manuscript abstract: including manuscript title, author's name, author's affiliation, postal address including postcode, E-mail and telephone number; about 500 words, 3-8 key words, The manuscript should preferably be sent already together with this form (deadline for submission is March1st, 2013).

4. Envisaged date of submission of the full text of a manuscript (The sooner, the better.)

5. Preferred post-conference excursion

6. Suggestions for the conference

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