

The 1st workshop of the NECLIME working group on fossil wood (1st circular – version February 2013)

NECLIME (<http://www.neclime.de/>) is a project which tries to reconstruct the Neogene climate and vegetation of Eurasia and has several working groups. But, it is only in September 2011 in Bucharest when a special fossil wood working group was proposed. This first workshop is primarily destined to all the people who would be interested by becoming a NECLIME member and cooperating with the fossil wood working group, but **IAWA** (<http://bio.kuleuven.be/sys/iawa/>) members and other colleagues being interested are welcome as well!

Place:

Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology of Mendel University
Zemědělská 3
613 00 Brno
Czech Republic
<http://goo.gl/maps/RYN7p>

Date:

5-8 June 2013

Scientific program:

During the workshop, there will be a special emphasis on Eurasian Cenozoic fossil angiosperm wood with three main objectives: (1) to reconsider the nearest living relatives of fossil taxa, (2) to complete “taxon complexes” by adding fossil wood morphogenera and (3) to summarize the fossil wood localities suitable for Wiemann’s et al. statistical approach of palaeoclimate reconstruction. A modern room equipped with PC projector directly connected with one microscope and 25 good-quality individual microscopes as well as numerous comparative slides of modern Central European and some tropical wood will be at our disposal. Please, take with you your own fossil wood slides for effectiveness of our work!

Preliminary schedule:

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Arrival of participants to Brno in the afternoon/evening:

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Tertiary wood (partly conifers, mainly angiosperms) – systematical overview and discussion about selected types (your personal proposals will be important!)

Friday, June 7, 2013

morning: Proposal of the nearest living relatives and “taxa complexes” for several selected types by adding fossil wood record

afternoon: Possibility of application of Wiemann’s et al. statistical approach in palaeoclimate reconstruction and IPR-analysis in the reconstruction of vegetation

evening: Social evening in Moravian Karst

Saturday, June 8, 2013

Departure of participants from Brno in the morning

Workshop fees:

We decided to organize our workshop for free to make the participation easier during these hard times of financial crisis... On the other hand, we will not offer any financial support for anybody! The lunch will be possible in a nearby student restaurant for about 3-4 euros. The social event is also envisaged for Friday evening in Mendel University field centre in the Moravian Karst, and should be either for free or for a small contribution from you, depending on the final number of participants.

Accommodation:

Mendel University can offer to us a possibility of cheap accommodation in student residence, which is situated in walking distance from the conference place. There are three possible categories of rooms (1-room with TV, toilet and shower, 2-apartment with 2 rooms and 1 bathroom, 3-room with communal washroom) and breakfasts (A-without, B-continental, C-buffet style). The prices per person per night in the Czech crowns (**25 CZK = 1 Euro**) are the following: 3A=180, 3B=260, 3C=290, 2A=280, 2B=360, 2C=390, 1A=460, 1B=540, 1C=570). If you don't want to share your room with anybody, you will be asked for 70 CZK extra for another unoccupied bed. Other possibilities can be found independently on internet (e.g. via <http://www.booking.com>)

Practical information:

The city of Brno (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brno>) where the workshop will take place is a nice and historical metropolis of Moravia and the second most populated city after Prague. It is located in the eastern part of the Czech Republic, easily accessible from Prague (200 km) or Bratislava / Vienna (130 km) by bus, car or train: <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/>

So, **before the end of March 2013** we would like to know in a definitive way:

1) Whether you will come to Brno?

2) What are the types of fossil wood (families, genera or species) or special topics about which you want to discuss in Brno?

3) If you are interested by the accommodation in Mendel University student residence; if yes, what type of room?

Please, send us an e-mail - many thanks in advance!

We are looking forward to see you in Brno ☺

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