



FIRST CIRCULAR

Dear colleagues and NECLIME members,
we are pleased to invite you
to the **2nd joint Workshop of the NECLIME Working Groups**
on (3rd meeting) Taxonomy of the Neogene macrobotanical record of Eurasia
and (8th meeting) Taxonomy of Neogene palynomorphs
which will be held at the **Institute of Geological Sciences,**
Masaryk University Brno, Czech Republic,
November 16-17th, 2017

We hope that this meeting will provide an ideal environment to discuss all the relevant topics and meet the friends from abroad in a relaxing atmosphere.

For the presentations and round-table discussion the following preliminary topics are proposed:

1. The application of TLM/SEM on fossil spore/pollen flora as a specific focus.
2. Improvement of the identification and taxonomy of palynomorph taxa with respect to vegetation reconstruction and climatic evaluation. New achievements and advances.
3. Reference palynological, carpological and leaves collections – news and updates, online resources for identification.
4. Taxonomic diversity throughout the Neogene (Cenozoic).
5. The Central European pollen and macroremains record – taxonomy, palaeoecology.
6. Plant Functional Type (PFT) approach in Cenozoic vegetation reconstruction, its advantages and flaws. Good practices.
7. The Palaeoclimate database of NECLIME – recent advances of the working group on digital plant distribution
8. In the frame of the given regional focus we invite contributions on vegetation and climate dynamics, development of environments, and climate variability in time and space – e.g. vegetation reconstruction during the Mid-Miocene Climatic Optimum (MMCO) and Mid-Miocene Climatic Transition (MMCT).

PLEASE feel free to propose to us more topics according to your preference. They will be included and announced in the second circular.

The Venue

The NECLIME workshop will be held at the **Masaryk University in Brno, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Institute of Geological Sciences, Kotlářská 2, Brno, Czech Republic.**

Registration

Please register for the workshop (please communicate the title of your contribution) by sending e-mail including **registration form** to Nela Doláková (nela@csi.muni.cz), until **September 15th, 2017**, at the latest.

The second circular will be sent to registered participants by **October 15th, 2017**.

Oral presentations

Facilities in the lecture room will include data projector plus PC.

Optical laboratory for palynology and palaeobotany will be available, including the microscopes with camera and available online visual presentation on screen.

Suggestion by Dimiter Ivanov: If someone would need reference slides from the palynological collection in Sofia, Bulgaria, he will bring the slides to Brno. Please contact him for details and availability of taxa.

Conference fee

A conference fee of 50 EUR will be payable on arrival at the registration desk.

Travel and accommodation

There are possibilities to fly directly to the international airports in Brno, Vienna, Prague or Bratislava, and then change (to train or bus). Both, main railway and main bus stations in Brno are next to the city centre, and you can continue by public transport to the workshop venue.

There are several hotels nearby the University, and there is the possibility to book accommodation in the University hostel: In the case you prefer UNI hostel accommodation you are asked to contact Nela Doláková.

More accommodation and transport details will be announced in the second circular.

Organizing committee

Nela Doláková, Dimiter Ivanov, Boglárka Erdei, Torsten Utescher, Marianna Kováčová, Šárka Hladilová.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Brno.

