

Report on the Annual NECLIME Meeting 2012 in Sofia, Bulgaria

The European NECLIME Meeting 2012 was held in Sofia, October 1 – 3, followed by a joint workshop of two NECLIME working groups on October 4 (Joint Workshop of the NECLIME Working Groups on Taxonomy of the Macrobotanical and Palynomorph Record), and a 2-day field trip to the Cenozoic of Southwest Bulgaria.

The NECLIME conference in Sofia, complementary to our Asian meeting in Nanjing earlier this year, focussed on climate and vegetation evolution in the Paratethys and Eastern Mediterranean realm, including Black Sea area and Turkish lacustrine basins. 26 contributions in total were presented, aiming mainly at palaeoclimate and vegetation reconstruction, including novelties in methodology and modelling approaches. Scientific program and Abstract Volume will be available for download on the NECLIME homepage soon. In the final discussion the following points were addressed:

- **Membership and website**

- Member registration
 - Email to Torsten Utescher and Andrea Kern
 - Send your homepage infos
- Visit the website at www.neclime.de for
 - Forthcoming events and workshop activities
 - List of publications and projects of members
 - Links to PANGAEA and ChoroTree, CLAMP, IPR, AIQUA websites
 - Manuals and support for using Coexistence Approach and PANGAEA

- **Forthcoming Events**

- Meeting of Working group „Digital data on plant distribution“ 16/17 December 2012 in Stratton Audley, Oxfordshire, UK [registration deadline has expired]
 - Organized by Bob Spicer
- First meeting of Working group „Fossil woods“ in June 2013, in Brno, Czech Republic
 - Organized by Jacob Sakala & Vladimir Gryc, Department of Wood Science, Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology of Mendel University – a circular will be sent early next year.
- NECLIME annual meeting 2013 in St. Petersburg, Russia
 - Beginning of October, connected to Khristofovich Lectures
 - One-day excursion to modern vegetation of the high latitudes
 - Scientific topics
 - Besides general NECLIME topics specific focus on palaeovegetation and climate of the high latitudes, evolution in Central Asia (key region Kasakhstan) and in Eastern Eurasia (key region Primorje) including the Plio/Pleistocene transition, vegetation reconstruction and quantification methods
 - The first circular will be sent early in February
- EPPC Padova, Italy, 26.08.-02.09.2014
 - NECLIME sessions: We will remind you...
 - So far considered: Modelling session (L. François); session on integrative palaeoecological reconstructions (A. Bertini; E. Martinetto)
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- **Joint publications**

- Special Issue in Palaeoworld
 - Guest-editors: Wang Wei-Ming & Li Jinggu
 - Anticipated deadline end of December 2012
 - Focus: Eastern and Central Eurasia
- New Palaeo 3 volume on vegetation reconstruction?
 - Details will be discussed in St. Petersburg

We are grateful to all participants for presenting their research, and for all the good discussions we shared.

Our special thanks go to Mitko, Daria and Vlado and colleagues for a perfectly organized conference, workshop and field trip. For NECLIME it was already the third meeting held at the Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, and so many of us could enjoy the grand hospitality and kind atmosphere for one more time. Thanks again from all of us!

Best wishes,
Angela, Volker and Torsten

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Please don't forget to contribute to our website. Everybody is welcome to submit references of his/her actual publications contributing to NECLIME and outlines of forthcoming projects. This may also serve as a platform to stimulate new projects and to find partners for planned research. Please submit references, other materials or corrections of existing entries, if any, to our webmaster, Andrea (andrea.kern@smns-bw.de).