

5^a Reunión de Tafonomía y Fosilización

3rd Meeting on Taphonomy and Fossilization,

Taphos'08

After the last meeting on Taphonomy held in Barcelona (Taphos'05), it was decided to organize the next event in Granada. In Barcelona, it was also decided to establish a periodicity of three years to have the succeeding Taphos meetings. This time interval has a twofold objective: to give enough time to have new results worth to be presented to the scientific community; and to avoid a lapse of time to large to forget the Taphos meetings. In short, in Barcelona, it was decided to keep a specific regularity for these scientific events. Following this general idea, the next Taphos, TAPHOS'08, will be held in Granada, 12-14 June 2008. The congress will take place in the Facultad de Ciencias of the Granada University.

Objectives

The major goals of the Meeting on Taphonomy are:

1. To favour and encourage the investigation in this fruitful field of the Palaeontology, such as Taphonomy.
2. To foster joint research projects among delegates belonging to different universities or other centres (museums, research centres, etc.).
3. To bring in contact scientists from different parts of the world in a common forum where present their major results and conclusions on any topic related with Taphonomy.
4. To popularize the importance of Taphonomy to understand the keys of the fossilization processes.
5. Lastly, to offer this forum to young researchers to present their investigations on Taphonomy. We have to keep in mind that young scientists are the future of our Science.

Topics

In the Meeting on Taphonomy, any subject related with the fossilization processes are well come. We propose the following possible topics (any other related topic is also well come).

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| 1. Exceptional conservation | 9. Taphonomy and sequence analysis |
| 2. Biostratigraphic processes | 10. Taphonomy and palaeoenvironments |
| 3. Fossilization | 11. Geochemical analyses in taphonomy |
| 4. Taphonomy of vertebrates | 12. Megabiases |
| 5. Taphonomy of invertebrates | 13. The fossil record through time |
| 6. Taphonomy of plants | 14. Fossilization and evolution |
| 7. Taphonomy and Archaeology | 15. Tropical vs temperate settings |
| 8. Taphofacies | |

Scientific programme

The Taphonomy meeting will consist of two days, 12-13 June, for oral and poster presentations and one day, 14 June, for field excursions. During the two days for communications, there will be two invited talks. One of these talks will be given by Dr. Carles Martín-Closas (Universidad Autónoma of Barcelona). The topic of this talk is to present recent advances in the research on plant taphonomy. The second invited talk is still to be confirmed.

In relation with the field excursions, it will be two alternative field trips. One of the excursions is dedicated to study the Plio-Pleistocene site with vertebrates in Fonelas (Guadix Basin, Granada, S Spain). This field trip will be coordinated by Dr. Alfonso Arribas (Instituto Geológico y Minero de España) and by Dr. César Viseras (Universidad de Granada). The second excursion will be focused on the lower Pliocene marine deposits of the Almería-Níjar Basin (Almería, SE Spain) and will be addressed by Drs. Julio Aguirre, Antonio P. Jiménez and Pascual Rivas (Universidad de Granada).

The detailed scientific programme will be distributed by e-mail to the delegates and will be announced in the following web page: <http://www.ugr.es/local/tafonomia>.

Social programme

It is also planned to offer some social activities, which will be announced in future e-mails.

Registration and fees

The deadline for registration and for the payment of the fees is **29 February 2008**. After this deadline, the prices will increase 20%. Payment of fees should be made by bank transfer to the following bank account:

BANK: Caja Granada

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 2031 0007 2501 1614 7600

IBAN (International Banking Account Number): ES64

BIC-SWIFT CODE: CECAESMM031

For the subscription, please fill in the attached document and send it back by e-mail to Julio Aguirre (jaguirre@ugr.es) or to the secretary of the meeting (taphos08@ugr.es). Apart from this first circular, further information will be announced to all the attendants exclusively by e-mail and through a web page dedicated to the meeting: <http://www.ugr.es/local/tafonomia>. We encourage attendants to avoid sending letters.

	Before 29/02/2008	From 29/02/2008 to 1/06/2008
Meeting fees	100 €	120 €
Students	50 €	60 €
Field trip	30 €	36 €

Abstracts

Abstracts should be submitted to the secretary of the meeting in electronic format: taphos08@ugr.es. The deadline for abstract submission is 15 April 2008. A scientific committee will evaluate the abstracts. Abstracts should be informative, presenting clearly the main objectives, the most significant results and a discussion. Abstracts have to be exclusively written in English, thus, authors whose native language is not English are strongly recommended to seek the advice of a person who has English as his/her first language before submitting their Abstracts.

Abstracts should be two A4 pages at maximum with three centimetres for each margin. Abstracts should be written with the following format:

Title: Times New Roman; 14 points; bold letters; lower cases; centred.

Author(s): Full author(s) name(s) will follow the title after one free space; Times New Roman 12 points; plain text; centred.

Address(es) and affiliation(s): Full address(es) and affiliation(s) will follow the author(s) name(s); Times New Roman 10 points; plain text; left justified.

Main text: Times New Roman 12 points; plain text after one free space; text justified at both margins.

Bibliography: If references are used, please follow the format of *Journal of Taphonomy* (www.juornaltaphonomy.com). Times New Roman 10 points.

Figures-tables: Any table or figure should be included in the text at the publication size and in their corresponding place of the text. The caption should be in Times New Roman 10 points; text centred in relation with the document and with the figure-table.

We encourage authors submitting abstract that please follow these instructions to facilitate the edition of the Abstract Volume.

Presentations

Oral presentation should follow a standard PowerPoint format. Slide projectors and overhead projectors will be also available (we ask for to attendants requiring any of these projectors, please, let us know in advance). Posters will be 1 x 1.20 m format at maximum. We recommend that poster will be presented in vertical format, but not in landscape, because the area for displaying them will be vertical orientations.

Publication of manuscripts

Manuscripts of the abstracts will be published in *Journal of Taphonomy*. The details on the deadline for the submission and the format of papers (length, plates, etc.) will be announced. Publication of the manuscripts will follow the policy and the standards of the peer reviewed articles adopted by the Editorial Committee of the journal. All papers will be revised by two external reviewers and their comments and suggestions will determine the final decision on the possible publication.

Official language

Since the Taphonomy meeting is of international scope, we strongly recommend to use the English as the official language for the presentations of communications. The Spanish could be used as secondary language.

Accommodation

Granada is a especially tourist city, therefore, there are a wealth of possible accommodations. There are student lodge, hostels and hotels up to five stars. More information can be obtained through the web page: <http://www.grnadainfo.com>. A list of hotels close to the Facultad de Ciencias, the place where the meeting will be held, with their contact addresses and other details will be provided in the next future. Further, a map of the city centre with the location of the hotels and the Facultad de Ciencias will be also distributed before the meeting.

Dates of general interest

29 February 2008: Deadline for registration and payment of the fees.

15 April 2008: Deadline for abstracts submission.

1 June 2008: Last option for payment of the fees with prices increased.

12-14 June 2008: 5ª Reunión de Tafonomía y Fosilización - 3rd *Meeting on Taphonomy and Fossilization, Taphos '08*

Contact

Any information related with the 5ª Reunión de Tafonomía, Taphos'08, should be sent to the following e-mail: taphos08@ugr.es.

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REGISTRATION FORM

First name:
Family name:
Title/Position:
Organization:
Address:
Zip/Postal code; City:
Country:
Phone:
Fax:
E-mail:

Regular attending member:
Student:

I will attend the Fonelas (Guadix Basin) field trip: YES POSSIBLY
I will attend the Almería-Níjar Basin field trip: YES POSSIBLY

My contribution(s) will be presented as: Oral communication(s) Poster(s)

Title (provisional): _____

I will need overhead projector: and/or slide projector:

Please, fill in this Registration Form and return it to Julio Aguirre (jaguirre@ugr.es) or to the secretary of the meeting (taphos08@ugr.es). If there are any queries or problems please do not hesitate to contact the organizers using the indicated e-mails.