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SYMPOSIUM

“the 12th ANNUAL NECLIME MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27 – 29, 2011”

Second circular

The Symposium **12th ANNUAL NECLIME MEETING** will be held in Bucharest, between 27th – 29th September 2011 in the National Geological Museum, being co-organized by **NECLIME** – the Neogene Climate Evolution in Eurasia Program and by **IGR** – the Geological Institute of Romania with the support of **RSP** – the Romanian Society of Paleontologists and **ANCS** - National Authority for Scientific Research.

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Bucharest & the Symposium Venue

Bucharest (<http://www.inyourpocket.com/romania/bucharest>) can be reached by plane, by train or by car. Henri Coandă (Bucharest - Otopeni) Airport, Romania (OTP) is close to the city centre (16.5 km) (<http://www.europe-airports.com/romania/show-flightstats.php?code=OTP>). Please send us details on your flight.

Location of Symposium is the National Geological Museum, Romania, 2nd Kiseleff Avenue, RO-011345 Bucharest ([open this](#)).

You can download a map about how to access the conference venue from the official conference hotels at the bottom of the Hotel Reservation page.

Scientific Topics & Preliminary Schedule

At the 12th annual NECLIME meeting the actual research within the network will be presented including palaeoclimate and palaeoecology research as well as corresponding modeling studies according to the NECLIME 2020 objectives. The time frame considered covers the Neogene, with the early Pleistocene included. As contributions oral and poster presentations are welcome. Aside from regional to local topics the following special focal points are proposed

- Using fossil woods in palaeoclimate reconstructions
- Into the Icehouse: changing climate and vegetation response at the Plio/Pleistocene transition
- Atmospheric CO₂
atmospheric CO₂ and Neogene climate change
implications of palaeo-altitude on CO₂ reconstructions from fossil plants
- Analysis of monsoonal patterns
quantifying monsoonal patterns by palaeobotanical proxies
identification of palaeo-elevation –the analysis of altitudinal floras
sensitivity studies with models (global and regional), analysis of tele-connections

During the final discussion everybody is strongly encouraged to take the opportunity to actively contribute to the debate on future scientific perspectives of NECLIME, defining goals and strategies for the next years.

Preliminary Schedule:

- **Tuesday, September 27**
 - Arrival
 - Registration and welcome
- **Wednesday and Thursday, September 28 to 29**
 - Scientific sessions, oral and poster presentations
- **Friday, September 30**

- Departure
- A field trip may be organized on request.

Call for Abstracts, Online Registration & Useful Links

In accordance with the traditions of the **Annual Neclime Meeting**, oral and poster presentations are welcome to introduce the latest findings and results related to the topics. Please specify the topic area which most closely corresponds to the subject of your submission.

The abstract for the Symposium Annual Neclime Meeting, Bucharest 2011, may be submitted online as the first announcement on NECLIME website specified:

- Send the [registration form](#) and your [abstract](#) directly to the address of the main organizer in Bucharest Dr. Stănilă Iamandei (iamandei@gmail.com). Please submit the abstract as a MS word file without formatting (Times New Roman, 12pt, 1.5 line spaced, max. 1 page). Authors should complete the contact information for the Presenting Author (the Corresponding Author is considered to be the Presenting Author)..
- The deadline for online registration and abstract submission is **24th of April**.
- Both oral and poster contributions are welcome. Poster dimensions should not exceed the A0 format. Oral presentations will only be accepted as PowerPoint presentation (.ppt) to run on a Windows-based computer attached to a videobeamer.
- The Conference Proceedings will be published as special volume of the Anuarul IGR (the Yearbook of the Geological Institute of Romania - <http://www.igr.ro>). For scientific papers will be recommended the Acta Palaeontologica Romaniae (<http://www.geo-paleontologica.org/page4.html>) or Carpathian Journal of Earth and Environmental Sciences (<http://www.ubm.ro/sites/CJEES/>).

Links to other scientific events in Romania or abroad:

- The 8th National Symposium of Palaeontology, September 29 – 30, 2011 Website: <http://www.geo-paleontologica.org/page11.htm>, http://www.geo-paleontologica.org/simpozioane_2010/CIRCULARA%20SPR%201.pdf
- The 14th Nannoplankton International Conference, September 2012, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Website: <http://www.geo-paleontologica.org/page11.htm>
- NECLIME workshop on taxonomy of the Neogene macrobotanical record will be held in the Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest, in May 24, 2011. Website: <http://www.neclime.de/> - events
- NECLIME working group on Taxonomy of Neogene palynomorph records will be held in Cracow, Poland, on the 14th and 15th of June. Website: <http://www.neclime.de/> - events
- 10th International Symposium on Fossil Algae, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 12 - 18 september 2011. Website: <http://www.geo-paleontologica.org/page11.htm>, <http://web.ku.edu/~ifaa/index.html>
- 2011 International Scientific Conference: NEOGENE PARK – Vertebrate Migration in the Mediterranean and Paratethys, March 1-3, 2011, Scontrone (L'Aquila), Italy. Website: <http://www.comune.scontrone.aq.it/it/conference2011.htm>
- The 21st Canadian Paleontology Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (fieldtrip to Coast Mountains and Gulf Islands on 21-22 August). Website: <http://132.156.108.208/cpc>
- WCRP (World Climate Research Program) Open Science Conference: Climate Research in Service to Society. 24 - 28 August 2011, Denver, Colorado, USA. Website: <http://www.wcrp-climate.org/conference2011/>
- World Conference on Paleontology and Stratigraphy to His Majesty the King's 84th Anniversary (WCPS 2011) , November 28th - 30th, 2011, Nakhon Ratchasima (Khorat), Thailand. Website: <http://www.khoratfossil.org/engmuseum/>

General Information

Language

- The official language of the conference will be English. No translation facilities will be available.

Insurance

- The organizers of the conference recommend that participants arrange their own insurance for health, travel and property. The organizers will not accept any liability for personal injury or for loss of, or damage to, property.

Clothing and weather

- Romania has a temperate continental climate. At the end of September the weather is usually pleasant, the maximum temperature may reach 25-30 °C. Nevertheless, showers may occur.

Bank and currency exchange

- The currency is the RON. The relation could be: 1 euro=4.2 RON; 1 USD=3.05 RON (the Romanian money is usually named Leu – Lei. Notes are in denominations of Lei 500; 200; 100; 50; 10; 5; 1. Coins are in denominations of ban-bani 50; 10; 5 and 1).
- Delegates may change foreign currency and travelers' cheques at the airport upon arrival in Bucharest, and also at many exchange bureaus, at the railway station or in most of the hotels.
- International credit cards are accepted for payment in hotels, restaurants and shops. Credit and debit cards can be used to withdraw money from ATMs.
- The organizers recommend that participants exchange money exclusively in authorized money exchange offices and retain all exchange receipts.

Electricity

- Electricity in Romania is 220 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. If you travel to Romania with a device that does not accept 220 Volts at 50 Hertz, you will need a voltage converter. European-style two-pin plugs are used.

Mobile telephone

- GSM dual band 900/1800, see GSM World Coverage Map (<http://www.worldtimezone.com/gsm.html>).
- Main network operators include Vodafone, Orange, Cosmote with coverage throughout the country.

Fee

The Registration fee of 100 Euros will be paid on-site. After having received full payment of the Registration fee on-site a receipt and a letter of confirmation will be remitted.

The Registration fee includes:

- attendance to all scientific sessions
- conference official documentation (final program & book of abstracts)
- conference bag with complete congress materials
- coffee and tea during breaks
- lunches and dinners during the conference
- Welcome Party on 27 September 2011

Registration fee does not include accommodation.

Optional program:

- By request a one day post symposium field-application will be organized (~50 Euros) in Oltenia region, a field trip in a region with lignite coals: Bucharest-Horezu-Bengesti-Motru-Tismana- Bucharest. One night more in the hotel must be considered. Much more information in the third Circular.

Information for Exhibitors (Museums) & Sponsors

Our Geological Museum (http://bucharest.romaniaexplorer.com/page_10825.html) with a Special Palaeobotanical exhibition from IGR Collections can be visited.

The Natural History Museum Antipa will be especially open for you (<http://wikimapia.org/58541/ro/Grigore-Antipa-Museum-of-Natural-History>).

The Romanian Peasant Museum, just over the road, will wait for your visit (<http://surprising-romania.blogspot.com/2009/11/romanian-peasant-museum.html>).

About sponsorship - in the next circular.

Accommodation - Hotel Reservation

Reservation should be booked separately, directly or through the organizers, and paid on-site. We recommend a hotel close to the symposium location – the National Geological Museum:

- Hotel Triumf (<http://hoteltriumf.ro/>). At this address you can do the booking. Verify the currency on <http://www.cursbnr.ro/curs-valutar-bnr>. For any problem ask the main organizer (iamandei@gmail.com).

Based on international standards, Romanian hotels usually require credit card details in order to guarantee room reservations, furthermore usually accept cash or credit cards (Check it in <http://hoteltriumf.ro/>). Those, who wish to pay the accommodation by wire transfer, are kindly requested to contact the hotel directly and agree on the conditions of wire transfer.

Note that **no shuttle service to the hotel will be provided during the conference**. The Recommended hotel close to the Geological Museum is located in the city centre ([map](#)). There is an easy access by foot.

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