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FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

Dear International Organisation of
Palaeobotany Members,

As usual, I am happy to report almost anything you, as the membership send me, and I still hope to expand regional coverage. However, I can only report what you send me. So please send whatever you think might be of interest to the membership.

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Please feel free to contact me with questions, comments, or any information you would like passed on to the Membership.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Please remember that the notice to renew your membership went out in the last newsletter. I will be working with our WebMaster Alan Spencer to verify the up-to-date rolls. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact your regional representative. It is much easier for you as an individual to make contact with your representative, than for your representative to make contact with the

dozens or hundreds of you that he or she is responsible for.

Remember, only current IOP members are eligible to stand for office, nominate people for office, and vote.

IPC XIV/IOPC X 2016

The 2016 joint meeting of the International Palynological Congress and the International Organization of Palaeobotanists will be held in Salvador, Brazil.

At this time we can only say that the meeting will be during the fall, hopefully early in October, or late in September.

I will send additional details as they are worked out, but please do keep this date in mind. 2016 will be here before we know it, and it is never too early to start thinking about symposia, travel grants, etc.

JOB OPENINGS

The Swedish Museum of Natural History Head of the Department of Palaeobiology

The Department of Palaeobiology was formed in March 2013 after the merger of the former departments of Palaeobotany and Palaeozoology. The department has extensive and valuable scientific collections in all areas of palaeontology and conducts world leading research in several fields, with emphasis on the origin and development of Cenozoic vertebrates, Palaeozoic invertebrates and seed-plants. Approximately twenty-five people work in

the department. We are seeking a dynamic academic leader with experience in collections-based palaeobiology. The candidate has the ability to develop the department's strengths in world-class, innovative research, collections management, and promotion of palaeontology to the broader public.

Duties

The position involves comprehensive planning and management, including personnel, budgetary and work environment responsibilities. Duties also include participation in management and development of the research sector within the museum, including participation in the steering committee, and implementing actions in priority areas of the museum's operations. Emphasis will be given to consolidating and developing the new department's operations. In addition to the managerial responsibilities, the position also provides opportunities within designated work time for the candidate's own original research or other duties within palaeobiology.

Qualifications

You preferably have previous experience of staff and managerial duties. You must have extensive experience in collections-based work in palaeobiology. You preferably have a PhD in palaeobiology and evidence of scientific productivity at a high international level. Documented ability to obtain external research funding is meritorious, as is experience in conservation and public promotion of fossil collections of a diverse nature. You must be creative and dynamic and have good interpersonal skills. The

ability to work in team is essential.

The Swedish Museum of Natural History can promote an employee to professor if she/he is found to have the required qualifications after an evaluation by external reviewers. The successful applicant may apply for such evaluation.

The administrative language is Swedish and the candidate must have achieved documented skills in speaking and reading Swedish within two years.

Most current departmental heads within the Swedish Museum of Natural History are men; we encourage female candidates.

The applicant should provide:

An application with CV/résumé.

Any other documents that the applicant wishes to submit focusing on administrative experience and broader contributions to the development of the field.

References to previous work.

A statement outlining the applicant's vision for the strategic development of research and collections management in the department.

The position is a full time permanent appointment with a six month probationary period.

Details are given by Per Ericson, Director of Science. Union representatives are Bodil Kajrup, SACO-S and Marianne Hamnede, ST. All can be reached at + 46 8-519 540 00.

The complete application must be submitted

to rekrytering@nrm.se or the Swedish Museum of Natural History, P. O. Box 50007, SE-104 05 STOCKHOLM. The deadline is 22 April 2014. Mark your application dnr 2.3.1-168-2014.

Swedish Museum of Natural History Researcher in Palaeobiology

The Department of Palaeobiology was formed in March 2013 after the merger of the former departments of Palaeobotany and Palaeozoology. The department has extensive and valuable scientific collections in all areas of palaeontology and conducts world leading research in several fields, with emphasis on Cenozoic vertebrates, Palaeozoic invertebrates and seed-plants origin and development. Approximately twenty-five people work in the department. We are seeking a dynamic, leading scholar with an independent research program in palaeobiology, with a special focus on collections-based studies.

Duties

Carry out independent collections-based research at a high international level in the fields of palaeozoology or pre-Quaternary palaeobotany, including obtaining external research funding, publishing in leading international journals, presenting research results at international and domestic conferences, etc. The position also includes shared responsibility for documentation and digitalization, supervision of visitors, and dissemination of scientific knowledge to the public and schools. Also, when required, teaching student groups, supervising research students and mentoring postdoctoral researchers, and participating in

other activities of the museum and department.

Qualifications

A PhD or equivalent in palaeontology is required. The successful applicant will be creative and dynamic with documented postdoctoral scientific production at a high international level. Ability to work in a team is essential, and the skills or experience to contribute to the administration and development of the research discipline are advantageous. Documented ability to obtain external research funding is meritorious, as is experience in management, practical enhancement, conservation and public promotion of fossil collections of a diverse nature.

This is an open search. Position and salary will be commensurate with the qualifications of the successful applicant. The Swedish Museum of Natural History can promote an employee to professor if she/he is found to have the required qualification after an evaluation by external reviewers. The successful applicant may apply for such an evaluation.

The applicant should provide

- An application with CV/résumé.
- A complete list of scientific publications. Three copies each of the five most significant publications.
- An account of previous experience in research and collections work.
- An account of current research and research interest.
- Any other relevant documentation the applicant wishes to provide.

Additional information

The position is a full time permanent appointment with a six month probationary period.

The Swedish museum of Natural History strives for gender balance and ethic and cultural diversity among its staff.

Details are given by Per Ericson, Director of Science. Union representatives are Ove Johansson, SACO-S and Marianne Hamnede, ST. All can be reached at + 46 8 519 540 00.

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31st Midcontinent Paleobotanical Colloquium

Join us for a weekend symposium on fossil plants and their environments, at the peak of spring in beautiful central PA.

REGISTRATION FORM (attached to the end of this Newsletter) DUE APRIL 30, 2014

May 30 – June 1, 2014
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA

The MPC is a weekend symposium held in the spring and hosted by a different institution each year. This meeting emphasizes student participation in a relaxed and informal setting, including scientific

presentations, receptions and a banquet, a field trip, and lots of personal interactions. MPC is hosted this year by the Penn State Department of Geosciences.

Plenary Speaker:
Dr. William Stein, SUNY Binghamton

Organizers:
Dr. Peter Wilf
Karen Liddick, Staff Support
Student Committee: Mike Donovan, Lisa Merkhofer, Isabel Leon y Leon

Accommodations:
The Atherton Hotel
125 South Atherton Street
State College, PA 16801
Reservations: 800-832-0132
Special rate (double room): \$95
Group name: MPC
Deadline for reserving hotel room: April 30, 2014.

By air: use State College/University Park Airport, code SCE.

Program:
Friday evening 6:00 PM: Reception at the Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum, Deike Building

Saturday beginning at 8:30 AM: Plenary lecture, papers, posters, banquet.
Sunday (leaving Atherton Hotel at 7:45 AM): Excursion to Arboretum at Penn State followed by a field trip to the world-class Red Hill fossil site with Dr. Walter Cressler, West Chester University. Return to campus from Red Hill approximately 3:30.

Web site: <http://www.geosc.psu.edu/mpc>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Botanical Society of America Annual Meeting

Boise, Idaho, USA July 26-30 2014

Paleobotanical Section of BSA Banquet
Monday 28 July and Annual Business
Meeting Wednesday 30 July.

4th International Palaeontological Congress

The 4th International Palaeontological Congress will be held in Mendoza, Argentina, September 28 - October 3, 2014. the Congress website is already up and running: www.ipc4mendoza2014.org.ar. There you can find preliminary information on the event, with more information to come soon. This website has all of the information about the agenda and program.

9th EPPC 2014 (August 26-31, 2014, University of Padua)

Italian palaeobotanists and palynologists are enthusiastically preparing the next EPPC in Padua, or Padova as the Italian name is. We hope to meet all our European colleagues at this conference.

The present day problems of climate and floristic changes, ecosystem and landscape transformations caused by human activities, force the palaeobotanical and palynological world to study these subjects also in the past, and in this way reinforce the bridge between

past and present. These subjects will be among the topics of the 9th EPPC meeting in Padua.

Padova is a charming historic city, located at about 40 km west of Venice, in Northern Italy, with a dense network of arcaded streets, large "piazze" (squares) and many bridges crossing the various branches of the Bacchiglione river. The almost 800 years old University of Padova is famous for having had Galileo Galilei among its lecturers as well as important 19th century palaeobotanists such as Abramo Massalongo and Barone Achille de Zigno.

All scientific sessions will be held at the new Department of Geoscience. However also the famous Botanical Garden and the Museum of Palaeontology will be involved in this conference.

In order to favor the attendance of young scientists, we hope to offer University residences and special grants. Field-trips are planned in the fascinating landscapes of the Dolomites, Sardinia, Emilia-Romagna, Latium and Tuscany.

Hoping to see you all in Padova,
The EPPC 2014 organizing group

More information will be available at the homepage of the congress:
<http://www.geoscienze.unipd.it/9th-european-palaeobotany-palynology-conference>



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To be assured of inclusion in the next
newsletter, all information must be received
by 31 May 2014.

31st Midcontinent Paleobotanical Colloquium at Penn State

REGISTRATION FORM DUE APRIL 30, 2014



Name:	Name and Affiliation for Badge:
Institution:	
E-mail:	
Address:	
Telephone:	

Please check the following:

I will present a **talk**. Title: _____

I will present a **poster**. Title: _____

I will not give any presentation at this time.

I will attend the all-day field trip on Sunday (return 3-4 PM).

I will attend only the Arboretum at Penn State tour Sunday morning (no cost).

Program:

Friday evening 6:00 PM: Reception at the Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum, Deike Building

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Registration Fees	Before 4/30 2014	After 4/30 2014	Total
Professional	\$110	\$120	\$
Postdoc	\$70	\$80	\$
Student	\$45	\$55	\$
Full Field Trip (lunch and vans provided)	\$35	\$40	\$
		TOTAL:	\$

If you have any special needs (e.g., vegetarian, food allergies, etc.) please state below.

Please make check payable to The Pennsylvania State University. Note in Memo: MPC Colloquium.

Mail completed registration form and payment to:

Karen Liddick, Penn State University, Dept. of Geosciences
503 Deike Bldg, University Park, PA 16802

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