

## CIMP Meeting 2015



*We cordially invite* specialists with interest in Palaeozoic palynology to the next CIMP meeting which will be held in **Bergen, Norway**, September 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

This meeting is intended to bring together specialists in Palaeozoic palynology in order to present their work and to discuss various topics that are relevant to a wide range of scientific disciplines, but that cannot always be accommodated in larger, non-specialized, general conferences.

Some of the questions that will be addressed are: What is the current taxonomic status of Paleozoic organic-walled microfossils (acritarchs, chitinozoans, spores, scolecodonts and others)? What are the recent advances in our understanding of the biological affinities of acritarchs and chitinozoans? What are the best approaches to understanding global changes of palynological assemblages? How can we raise awareness of the societal impact of our science? What are the recent advances in industrial applications of Palaeozoic palynology?

We think that this is an opportune time for the Paleozoic palynology community to reaffirm its role in the many and varied fields of modern Earth Science.

### **PROGRAM and logistics:**

All hotel and flight bookings must be done individually.

### **Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 2015**

Optional one-day excursion in the Oslo area led by Professor Hans Arne Nakrem from the Natural History Museum in Oslo. A short guide is included as a PDF.

Pick up (8:30 am)/Drop off at Gardermoen Airport (4 pm). This enables us to catch a flight around 5 pm and take part in the ice-breaker in Bergen the same evening. (Luggage can stay on the bus during the day)

- In order for people to take part in this, we recommend flying into Oslo, Gardermoen Airport Tuesday night. There are several Airport Hotels close to Gardermoen Airport.

The Ice Breaker will take place at the department of Earth Science, University of Bergen, **Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** at 8 pm.

Registration (also possible Thursday morning) .

**Thursday and Friday September 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>** are devoted to talks and posters. The Conference will be held at the University of Bergen (City campus).

The gala dinner will be on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The conference dinner (optional/additional charge) will take place on Fløyen, one of the seven mountains surrounding Bergen. A funicular will take us there (ticket included in dinner prize).

### **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

An optional, full day excursion to Finse, the highest railway station (1222 m a.s.l.) along the railway line between Bergen and Oslo. The train leaves Bergen at **07:57 am** and will arrive Finse at **10:16 am**.

Professor Atle Nesje, a specialist in Quaternary geology and the dynamics of past climate variability, will be our guide and take us to the Midtdalsbreen glacier, an outlet glacier from the Hardangerjøkulen ice cap. During the hike we will look at the local bedrock (Precambrian basement rock, Cambro-Silurian phyllite, and gneiss from the Caledonian nappe), glacially derived deposits, glacial processes, glacier-front variations, and the glacier itself. We will thus be able to see the effects of recent glaciation and use that to compare to the many Palaeozoic periods in the geological record when ice-sheets covered parts of the globe. Thus, this optional trip will combine scientific relevance with a nice hike in a gentle terrain.

The hike from Finse to the glacier front takes around 2 hrs.

We will return by train to Bergen the same evening (**departure time Finse 19:34 pm, arrival time Bergen 22:02 pm**), enabling people to plan for their return flight any time during Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please bring warm (fleece or woollen) and waterproof (goretex) clothes, warm hat, gloves, hiking boots (not sneakers) and sunglasses. We also recommend to bring some extra food (sandwiches for lunch will be provided), and something to drink.

Weather at Finse: [www.yr.no](http://www.yr.no)

About Finse: [www.finse1222.no/en/about-finse](http://www.finse1222.no/en/about-finse)

### **GENERAL**

**NB! Payment will be online, please fill in the accompanying form.**

Registration date and abstract deadline will be May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Submit abstracts for oral presentations or posters by e-mail to [Gilda.Lopes@geo.uib.no](mailto:Gilda.Lopes@geo.uib.no)

For the abstract, please use the following template:

Title of presentation or poster

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Abstract text follows here.

Abstract length: 1/2 page (A4)/ Times New Roman 11; margins: normal format; line spacing: 1.5.

When you submit abstract, please refer to if it is for poster or oral presentation.

We hope to see all of you in Bergen next September!

The Organizing Committee: Gunn Mangerud, Gilda Lopes (co-organizers), Marco Vecoli (past CIMP president), Reed Wicander (CIMP president).