



THE 50TH ANNUAL MEETING OF AASP – THE PALYNOLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MEETING HELD JOINTLY WITH
CIMP AND THE MICROPALAEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY
PALYNOLOGY GROUP

KEYWORTH, NOTTINGHAM, UK – 3rd–7th SEPTEMBER 2017

SECOND CIRCULAR

The 50th annual meeting of AASP – The Palynological Society will be held at the British Geological Survey (BGS), Keyworth, Nottingham NG12 5GG between the 3rd and 7th of September 2017. This will be the seventh time our main yearly meeting has been held in Europe, and the third occasion it has taken place in the UK.

This conference is held jointly with CIMP and The Micropalaeontological Society (TMS) Palynology Group. The team of convenors look forward to welcoming you to the headquarters of BGS for this three-day meeting with the opportunity to participate in two one-day field trips to widely geologically contrasting areas of the East Midlands of England. We hope to make this annual meeting extra special because it is the 50th such event! This is the second circular and it will be updated frequently.

The conference accommodation will be in several city centre hotels in downtown Nottingham. Delegates will be transported to BGS HQ, and returned back to the city centre each day by bus, and as part of the registration package. BGS is located in the large village of Keyworth which is ca. 7 km south of central Nottingham. Other public transport solutions are also available. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon coffee are also all included in the registration package.

If you would like to offer any workshops, offer sponsorship etc., please get in touch with any of the members of the organising committee. We hope to welcome you to Keyworth for the Golden Anniversary meeting in 2017!

1. REGISTRATION

Category	Three day price	Single day price
Professional delegate	£120 (post 01.07.17 = £160)	£60
Student delegate	£50 (post 01.07.17 = £75)	£25
Day delegate	£20	£15

Student delegate	£50 (post 01.07.17 = £75)	£25
Retired delegate	£90 (post 01.07.17 = £110)	£45

Registration comprises:

- Icebreaker at a Nottingham city centre venue on the evening of Sunday, 3rd September
- A conference pack including the abstract volume
- Return transport between Nottingham city centre and BGS, Keyworth Monday to Wednesday
- Morning coffee/tea, lunch and afternoon coffee/tea
- A drinks/nibbles reception at BGS following the first day of the conference, Monday, 4th September

Optional extras:

We are also offering delegates the opportunity to attend two field trips, the conference dinner and the AASP Business “Luncheon” – held at night. These will be charged separately to the core registration package. The costs for these are as follows:

ITEM	PRICE
Field trip to the Peak District (03.09.17)	£25
Conference dinner (05.09.17)	£30
AASP Business “Luncheon” held at night (06.09.17)	£25
Field trip to the Bradgate Park (07.09.17)	£25
All four of the above	£100

To register, please visit the AASP website (www.palynology.org) and make the payment via PayPal. Should you be unable to register via the secure website, contact the meeting organisers (jbri@bgs.ac.uk) and Rebecca Hackworth, the AASP-The Palynological Society Treasurer, (RHackworth@chevron.com) to organise direct payment.

2. CONFERENCE PLAN

Saturday, 2nd September: In the afternoon (14.00 h-18.00 h), the outgoing Board of Directors meeting of AASP – TPS will be held at a venue to be announced later. All members are welcome to attend as observers.

Sunday, 3rd September:

A one-day fieldtrip to examine key Carboniferous Stage stratotypes in the Peak District of Staffordshire led by Dr Duncan McLean (MB Stratigraphy, Sheffield). Minibuses will depart from the St James Hotel (Rutland Street, Nottingham, NG1 6EB) at 08:30 h. We will be back in Nottingham at ~18:00 h, well in time for the icebreaker. A packed lunch will be supplied. The cost of this excursion is £25, payable with the main registration.

An icebreaker event will be held from 19:30 h in a nearby trendy/funky bar in central Nottingham. Registrants will receive two free drink vouchers, and nibbles will be available.

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Tuesday, 5th September: This will be the second day of the conference. Buses will depart from the St James Hotel at 08:15 h. The same vehicles will return delegates to Nottingham.

In the evening, we will hold a conference dinner at a venue to be announced. The cost of this will be £30, payable with the main registration. We hope to book the Long Room at the legendary Trent Bridge cricket ground immediately south of Nottingham. Trent Bridge is widely held to be the most beautiful of all our cricket stadia, and has witnessed many famous tussles between England and our distinguished pantheon of cricketing adversaries from around the world. We are investigating possible guest speaker(s).

Wednesday, 6th September: This will be the second day of the conference. Buses will depart from the St James Hotel at 08:15 h. The same vehicles will return delegates to Nottingham.

In the evening, we will hold the AASP Business “Luncheon” held at night at (yet) another very funky downtown Nottingham venue (to be announced). The cost of this will be £25, payable with the main registration.

Thursday, 7th September: A one-day fieldtrip to examine the Precambrian, Triassic and Quaternary geology of Bradgate Park, Charnwood Forest, Leicestershire led by Jim Riding. You will have the opportunity to hunt for (but not collect!) Ediacaran fossils. You will see the site where the very first representative of this world famous biota was discovered in Precambrian metasediments during the early 1960s. Minibuses will depart the St James Hotel at 08:30 h. We will be back in Nottingham at ~18:00 h. A packed lunch will be supplied. The cost of this excursion is £25, payable with the main registration.

3. TRAVELLING TO NOTTINGHAM (AND BACK)

All UK residents will be fully aware that the fair city of Nottingham is one of the most accessible in the country, being situated in the centre of England and slap bang on major road and rail links. See <http://www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/nottingham>.

Overseas visitors can fly to Birmingham, East Midlands, London or Manchester airports. Any of the several London airports are absolutely fine. All these airports allow for efficient rail travel to Nottingham except for the most local one, East Midlands (EMA). If you go to EMA, take a cab/taxi or bus (Nottingham Skylink; see <https://www.trentbarton.co.uk/services/skylinknottingham/welcome>) to Nottingham.

Long haul travellers are most likely to arrive at Heathrow or Gatwick airports in London. In this case, simply take the rail shuttle (Heathrow or Gatwick Express) to central London and head on the metro/underground for St Pancras mainline station (this is at Kings Cross/St Pancras metro/underground station). From St Pancras, frequent and fast trains will whizz you to Nottingham in just a couple of hours. If you have any questions about travel to Nottingham, email Jim (jbri@bgs.ac.uk).

4. ACCOMMODATION

We recommend that you use either the St James Hotel, Rutland Street, Nottingham, NG1 6EB (<http://www.stjames-hotel.com/>) or the Premier Inn Nottingham City (Chapel Bar), 7 Chapel Quarter, Maid Marian Way, Nottingham NG1 6JS (Tel: 0871 527 9658; or see <http://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/nottinghamshire/nottingham/nottingham-city-centre-chapel-bar.html>). These are “nice but not too pricey” city centre hotels very close to great bars, historic sites, restaurants etc. They are both reasonably priced.

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However, other accommodation is of course available; there are many hotels and apartments in the city including representatives of the major well-known chains such as Ibis, Jurys Inn, Park Plaza, Premier Inn, Ramada, Strathdon, Travelodge etc. Check out the respective websites.

5. LOCAL TRAVEL

Travel between central Nottingham to BGS is provided, but we appreciate you might need to go your own way. The village of Keyworth is located around seven miles (~10 km) south of central Nottingham. A cab/taxi will cost around £15 one way. Other public travel solutions are also available. From Nottingham, you can catch a bus to Keyworth, the *Keyworth Connection* (<https://www.trentbarton.co.uk/services/keyworthconnection/maps-and-times>), which runs from the Broadmarsh Bus Station in central Nottingham. This bus route travels via Nottingham railway station, through the suburb of West Bridgford and on to Keyworth. A single journey costs around £3 and takes about 25 minutes, depending on traffic.

6. THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Delegates may submit abstracts from now. The deadline is Monday, 10th July 2017. You may submit oral presentations (15–20 minutes) or present a poster. Please email abstracts to jbri@bgs.ac.uk and janh@bgs.ac.uk. Please use Times New Roman 12 point font, single-spaced, left justified, no more than ~1000 words, include keywords, and also provide your affiliation, address and email.

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