



Prague 2012

The 5th Conference

Trilobites and their relatives

Prague, Czech Republic, and Sardinia, Italy

1st July – 4th July 2012

First Circular

The Organising Committee warmly invites all specialists on trilobites and their relatives, including diverse groups of Arthropods to attend the **5th Conference on Trilobites and their relatives**, to be held in Prague, Czech Republic, and Sardinia, Italy.

Three days of presentations will be held in lecture rooms of the Geoscience Building of the Faculty of Science of Charles University in Prague. Field trips are scheduled for the pre-conference four days and the following x days post-conference excursions to Sardinia and/or Moravia days. They will bring participants to outcrops of Lower Palaeozoic rocks in the Czech Republic and Italy. Special attention will be focused on Cambrian to Devonian strata of the Barrandian area near Prague and in the surrounding of Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy and/or Late Palaeozoic in Moravia, eastern part of Czech Republic.

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Objectives:

The goals of the conference is to present and discuss recent progress in studies on all aspects of trilobites and their relatives (e.g. morphology, evolution, phylogeny, ecology, geography) in the fossil record, namely in the Palaeozoic and to examine major trilobite- and other arthropod-bearing outcrops of the Czech Republic and the island of Sardinia (Italy). Workshops on different aspects are welcome (e.g. Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology).

Publications and presentations:

1. Abstracts. A one page abstract for each participant will be printed.

Presentations at the meeting may be either in the form of an oral presentation (15 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions), or a poster.

Abstracts via online application available at the conference web-page.

2. Invited contributions presented at the meeting will be published as a volume in *Bulletin of Geosciences*, a peer-reviewed journal (2011, IF 1.202).

!!! Accommodations in Prague are not included in the registration fee !!!

Tentative programme:

30 th June	Registration and Icebreaker-party
1 st July	Opening ceremony, invited oral presentations, Session 1
2 nd July	Session 2, Historical Prague, guided steam-boat tour at the Vltava river
3 rd July	Session 3, Session 4
4 th July	Session 5, Session 6, closing ceremony, conference dinner

26th-29th June Pre-Conference Field Excursions

26 th June	Cambrian of the Příbram-Jince and Skryje-Týřovice basins	(accommodation in Prague – not included)
27 th June	Ordovician of the Prague Basin	(accommodation in Prague – not included)
28 th June	Silurian of the Prague Basin	(accommodation in Prague – not included)

29th June Devonian of the Prague Basin (accommodation in Prague – not included)

5th July – 9th July Post-Conference Field Excursion in Sardinia

5th July Transportation to Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy

6th July Lower and Middle Cambrian (Gonnesa and Cabitza areas, Bornemann-Rasetti Day)

7th July Canalgrande cliffs and the type locality of *Dolerolenus zoppii*, *Metadoxides armatus*, etc. (Meneghini Day)

8th July *Tariccoia arrusensis* beds and the Katian-Hirnantian trilobite beds near Fluminimaggiore (Taricco-Hammann Day)

and/or

5th July – 9th July Post-Conference Field Excursion in Moravia

Accommodations during the pre-conference excursion and during the conference in Prague are to be paid by participants separately.

Accommodation during the post-conference excursions to Sardinia and Moravia are included in the excursion fees.

Information about transportation to Sardinia will be provided as early as possible.

Registration and fee:

A registration fee of 250 EURO includes costs of the conference, abstract volume, public transportation in Prague, and all lunches and three dinners during the excursions.

Accommodations in Prague are not included in the registration fee, and must be arranged separately by each participant.

Payment:

Payments will be possible starting the year 2012 and must arrive by April 31, 2012 by **international bank transfer**.

Cheques and credit card payments are not accepted. Transfer costs must be covered by participants.

The data for bank transfer will be provided in the second circular.

Venue:

Lecture rooms at Faculty of Science of Charles University, Albertov 6, Praha 2, Czech Republic.

Dining:

Three neighbouring small cafeterias offer small menu for about 4 EUR or 5 USD equivalent. There are also various restaurants within walking distance of the Faculty having lunch menus for almost the same price.

Transportation:

Prague Airport offers direct flights from more than 100 destinations in 50 countries. Transfer from the airport is possible by taxi, shuttle minivans, or buses. Visitors can take advantage of a dense network of public transport based on trams and underground (metro).

Second circular:

The second circular with detailed programme and excursion itinerary will be distributed in January 2012.