

SECOND CIRCULAR VERSION 2.0

INTERNATIONAL SUBCOMMISSION ON EDIACARAN STRATIGRAPHY (ISES)

JOINTLY WITH

INTERNATIONAL SUBCOMMISSION ON CAMBRIAN STRATIGRAPHY (ISCS)



International Meeting

September 15–24th 2014, Ouarzazate, Morocco

An International ISES-ISCS Meeting will be hosted in the Anti-Atlas of Morocco, between September 15 and 24th, 2014. The scientific sessions in Ouarzazate will be followed by a geological field-trip to visit a selection of Ediacaran-Cambrian exposures in the Anti-Atlas. Recent discussions of Moroccan strata to select new global GSSP by the International Subcommissions on Ediacaran and Cambrian Stratigraphy have converged in the joint organization of this international meeting, in which several of these potential GSSPs will be visited.

Schedule deadlines

- May 1st 2014: Deadline - Registration Payment (registration information to: *Sebastien.Clausen@univ-lille1.fr*)
- 1st June: Abstract Submission to *lea_devaere@hotmail.fr*
- 15th June: Reception of Third Circular and last arrangements
- September 15th morning: Arrival at Marrakech-Menara Airport
- September 15th **at 14 h**: Departure by bus from Marrakech to Ouarzazate crossing the High Atlas
- September 15th at 20h: Registration and Ice Breaker in Ouarzazate
- September 16-18th noon: Scientific sessions in Ouarzazate
- September 18th afternoon- 23rd: Fieldtrip following the road that links Taroudant – Ouarzazate – Anif, ending in Ouarzazate

- September 24th morning: Departure at 7 h from Ouarzazate to Marrakech; departure by plane, **after 16 h**, at airport Marrakech-Menara
- 31st October 2014: Article submission to Annales de Paléontologie

Venue

The conference will take place in Ouarzazate, nicknamed *the door of the desert*, a major tourist destination due to the location of the Atlas film Studios, and a base for excursions across the Drâa valley and into the desert (erg). Scientific sessions in Ouarzazate will be followed by a regional trip to visit Ediacaran and Cambrian localities in the Anti-Atlas crossing the Ouaouafengha, Siroua, Zenaga, Bou Azzer-El Graara and Saghro inliers. The localities to be visited include well-exposed Ediacaran volcanosedimentary complexes with lacustrine carbonates (Ouarzazate Group) and Cambrian carbonate stromatolite and microbial-archaeocyathan reef complexes (Adoudou, Lie-de-vin, Igoudine and Amouslek formations) and fossiliferous carbonate-siliciclastic units, such as the Issafen and Jbel Wawrmast formations.

The scientific sessions will take place in the “Saint Exupéry” hall of the Azhgor Hotel (see map on conference website). Poster sessions will be in nearby rooms of the same building. There will be modern presentation equipment, WiFi access, etc.

For more information about the hotel see

<http://www.kenzi-hotels.com/kenziazghor/default-fr.html>

Fees and payment options

Regular conference fee Covers formal registration, 3-days in Azhgor hotel (2 persons per double room), abstract volume, ice breaker, conference meals and dinners, and all coffee and meant tea breaks	EUR 400
Post-conference excursion Includes transport, printed guidebook, accommodation on hotels and all meals, including field lunches. THE NUMBER OF PLACES IS LIMITED.	EUR 600
Bus coach: Ouarzazate-Marrakech and Marrakech-Ouarzazate	EUR 50

Cancellation

Refunds of 50% of the conference and excursion fees will be paid if the cancellation is received before September 1st, 2014. No refunds are possible after this date.

Registration confirmation and payment

Before 1st May, please paste the following text into an e-mail, indicate “yes” or “no” after each heading, and send it to *Sebastien.Clausen@univ-lille1.fr*

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Your name and complete address (including email)

Attend to scientific sessions in Ouarzazate: YES / NO

Attend conference fieldtrip: YES / NO

Submit Abstract(s) to Abstract Volume: YES / NO

If YES: Preliminary Title(s) and select talk/poster presentation

Submit thematic paper to *Annales de Paléontologie*: YES / NO

If YES: Preliminary Title

I will bring accompanying person: YES / NO

How are you going to pay the fees: CREDIT CARD/BANK TRANSFER

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Information for payment will be sent to you after receiving this registration confirmation via *Sebastien.Clausen@univ-lille1.fr*. Please note that the number of places is limited: the places will be booked in the order of payment date and kept only for those who pay the fees before 1st May.

Travel

About the Anti-Atlas, Morocco

The Ouarzazate airport receives direct flights from Paris and Casablanca, the latter serving as connection to any airport in the world. Participants will be required to arrange their arrival on their own.

No visa is required for European Union nationals or those from Switzerland and Canada. Passport is however needed.

For more information, please visit the website of the Moroccan National Tourist Office at: <http://www.visitmorocco.com/index.php/eng/Accueil>

Publications

Abstracts

The abstract volume will be distributed at the conference. The length of abstracts (title, authors, addresses, text and references) is limited to less than 500 words. Please use 11 pt Times New Roman, single-spacing and 2.5 cm margins; no illustrations. The text should be written in correct English and submitted by e-mail to lea_devaere@hotmail.fr. The Scientific Committee will review the abstracts reserving the right to accept or refuse any submission. Please note that your paper can be included in the program only if your conference fee is paid in due time. Official language is English.

Thematic issue of *Annales de Paléontologie*

A thematic conference volume of short papers exclusively focused on Palaeontological Topics will be published in 2015 as an issue of *Annales de Paléontologie* (Paris), guest edited by Clausen & Álvaro. The journal is an international indexed geosciences journal. See <http://www.elsevier.com/journals/annales-de-paleontologie> for more information about the journal and instructions for authors. All manuscripts for the thematic volume will be subject to regular peer-review and need to follow the journal's style. The deadline for manuscripts is October 31st, 2014. If you intend to submit a paper to this volume, please indicate that in the registration form.

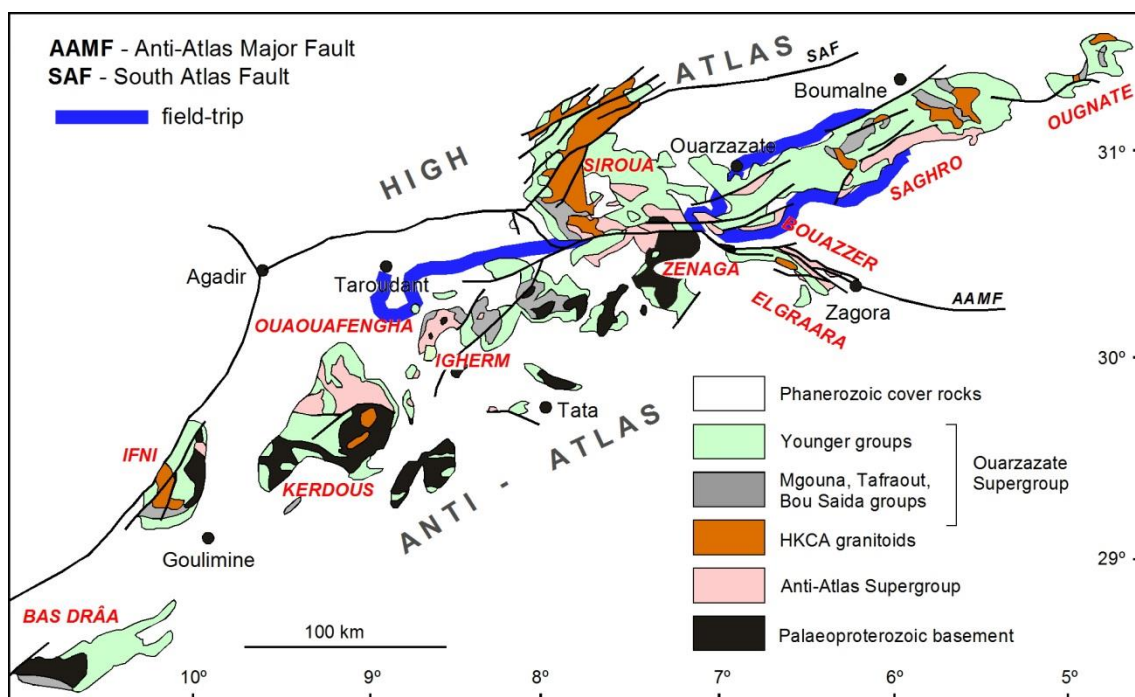
Field-trip

One post-meeting excursion is planned to show the Ediacaran-Cambrian sections in the Anti-Atlas. See the figure for excursion stops.

Excursion following the road Taroudant – Ouarzazate – Alnif (*preliminary, from West to East*)

- Top of Taguedit Bed (Tabia Member, Adoudou Formation) at Walkadi (northern Iggherm inlier) and Im-n-Tal'at (southern Ouaouafengha inlier).
- The Igoudine-Amouslek transition and the oldest immigration of shelly fossils in the Anti-Atlas (Tiout: lower Cambrian stromatolitic/peritidal-dominated to microbial-archaeocyathan reef-complex development).

- Issafen Formation at Amagour open quarry: lower Cambrian mud-mound complex of “rouge d’Agadir-style marbre”
- Tizi n’Taghatine exposure of two angular discordances (Pan-African Lkest-Taghdout/Ouarzazate contact and Ouarzazate/Adoudou contact)
- Ediacaran Dadès Formation in southern Sirwa inlier
- Ediacaran Tiddiline Formation in Bou Azzer-El Graara inlier
- Ediacaran, alkaline lake with stromatolites from the Ouarzazate Supergroup at Amane, western Saghro inlier
- Oued Da’ra caldera complex of the Ouarzazate Supergroup, western Saghro inlier
- Adoudou and Tislit formations, western Saghro inlier
- Ourika Wawrmast stratotype (basal middle Cambrian): Asrir and Jbel Wawrmast formations
- Bab n’Ali volcano: mapping the angular discordance that marks the base of the Brèche à Micmacca in the western Saghro inlier
- NE Alnif: open quarry yielding giant trilobites, characterization of the traditional “lower-middle Cambrian boundary interval” in Morocco (Telesto level) and hotspot of echinoderms
- NE Alnif: second open quarry yielding giant trilobites of the lowermost middle Cambrian in Morocco (Briaerius level) and hotspot of echinoderms



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