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THE PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY EMAIL DIGEST June 18, 2010

Summer is upon us! As you head out to the field or to a meeting, don't forget to submit your GSA abstract and register for the annual meeting. This year's PS Short Course will be on Quantitative Methods in Paleobiology, organized by John Alroy and Gene Hunt. Our Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony will be like last year and will be on Saturday, October 30, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and will have hot hors d'œuvres, desserts, beer and other beverages. This is a ticketed event and students will again be subsidized to attend this event. We thank all of the topical and Pardee session organizers for their contributions to this year's program.

-----Lisa Park, Secretary, The Paleontological Society

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GSA ANNUAL MEETING

GSA Abstract Deadline and Registration

Abstract Deadline-- August 10

<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2010/techprog.htm>

Registration is now open!

<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2010/req.htm>

PS-Sponsored Sessions at National GSA Meeting, 2010.

The PS representatives on GSA's Joint Technical Program Committee for 2010 are Ellen Currano and Matthew Clapham. At this time, 15 topical sessions will have Paleontological Society sponsorship

T22. Exposing Myths and Misrepresentations of Climate Change and Evolution Science: Strategies and Case Studies for Geoscientists, Educators, Policy Makers, and the Press
Organizers: George T. Stone, Michael E. Mann, Andrew M. Buddington

T66. Geochronology of the American West: In Honor of the Careers of Bill Cobban and John Obradovich and the Roots of EARTHTIME
Organizers: S.A. Bowring, Kirk R. Johnson, Brad S. Singer

T70. Geochemistry and Mineralogy of Fossils



Organizers: Matthew J. Kohn, Dennis O. Terry, David Grandstaff

T77. Common Approaches to Investigating Patterns and Processes of Bioerosion across Substrates

Organizers: Anthony Walton, Ferran Garcia-Pichel/Elisabeth Chacon, Mark Wilson, Patrick Wyse Jackson

T111. Teaching Paleontology in the Twenty-First Century: Resources for Teaching Paleontology at the Undergraduate Level

Organizers: Margaret M. Yacobucci, Rowan Lockwood, Warren D. Allmon, Bruce J. MacFadden

T112. Paleontology, Paleobiogeography, and Stratigraphy of the Late Cretaceous North American Seas: A Tribute to Bill Cobban

Organizers: Richard A. MacKenzie, Corinne Myers

T113. Geological and Paleobiological Collections: Best Practices for Preservation, Access, and Use in a Changing World

Organizers: Ann Molineux, Tim White, Christopher Michael Holl

T114. Symbiosis as a Driver of Global Change in Ancient and Modern Earth Systems (Posters)

Organizers: Laurie Anderson, Annette Summers Engel

T115. The Precambrian-Cambrian Ecosphere (R)evolution: Insights from Chinese Microcontinents

Organizers: Christoph E. Heubeck, Maoyan Zhu, Shaoyong Jiang

T116. Links between Mesozoic Climate and Biodiversity

Organizers: Gregory D. Price, Richard J. Twitchett, Peter J. Harries

T117. Lagerstätte through Time: An Examination of Exceptional Preservational Pathways from the Terminal Proterozoic through Today

Organizers: James D. Schiffbauer, Marc Laflamme

T118. Filling the Hole: Sedimentary Geology and Paleontology of Caves and Karst

Organizers: Roy Plotnick, Ira D. Sasowsky

T121. The Western Interior Seaway Revisited (Posters)

Organizers: Dee A. Cooper, Roger W. Cooper

T143. Stratigraphic Standards: Where Have They Gone, What Should They Do, Where Should They Go?

Organizers: Arthur Donovan, Brian R. Pratt, L.E. Edwards

The PS is also listed as a sponsor for a Pardee Symposium entitled "Symbiosis as a Driver of Global Change in Ancient and Modern Earth Systems," which is tied to T114 above.

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PS Short Course

Quantitative Methods in Paleobiology. Sat., 30 Oct., 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Sponsor: *The Paleontological Society*. FREE. Limit: 400. John Alroy, Macquarie University; Gene Hunt, Smithsonian Institution.

Abstract: This short course will consist of 13 presentations explaining essential parts of paleobiology's modern toolkit. It will cover both general techniques and specific methods used to analyze taxonomic, ecological, morphological, and stratigraphic data. Presenters will cover the conceptual basis of methods as well as their practical application. This course is targeted towards early graduate students and other individuals who wish to increase their proficiency with the analytical tools of modern paleobiology. There will be an accompanying printed volume available for purchase.

DETELON TOWN HALL MEETING AT IPC3-LONDON

Look for the DETELON Town Hall Meeting at IPC3 in London and learn about the initiative and how you can be involved!

Repeated Items

FUNDING FOR DISTINGUISHED LECTURE PILOT PROGRAM

At the mid-year meeting (May 1, 2010), the PS Council agreed to initiate a pilot program to help defray, in part, travel expenses for Distinguished Lecturers. Each Distinguished Lecturer will have a \$1000 available allocation from the Society. This \$1000 will be used to pay for airfare or ground transportation up to \$500/trip and it is hoped that two (or possibly three trips) could be made with this budgeted amount. The inviting college or university would have to pay for local transport to and from the airport, lodging and other comforts for the Distinguished Lecturer. These funds are to be used for transportation only and not for *per diem* costs or honoraria.

If you are interested in having a PS Distinguished Lecturer come to your institution to give a presentation, please contact the individual speaker (listed below) or Dr. Sally Walker (Councilor, Unrestricted) (email: swalker@gly.uga.edu) to coordinate a visit to your campus. Funds will be distributed *on a first come basis*.

Current PS Distinguished Lecturers are:

- Dr. Peter Wilf (The Pennsylvania State University) (email: pwilf@psu.edu)
- Dr. Kevin Peterson (Dartmouth University) (email: kevin.j.peterson@dartmouth.edu)
- Dr. Patricia Kelley (University of North Carolina, Wilmington) (email: kelleyp@uncw.edu)

Details on their presentations are available on the PS website. The Councilor-at-Large will be following up with each Distinguished Lecturer to determine how successful this pilot program, with the possibility of expanding its scope in the future.

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NAPC HOST REQUEST

The PS and ANAPS is looking for a place willing to host the next NAPC meeting! Please contact Doug Erwin, Philip Gingerich, Lisa Park, or Roy Plotnick if you are interested!

NESCENT OPPORTUNITIES

Postdoctoral Fellowships in Evolutionary Biology and Related Fields

We are now accepting proposals for Postdoctoral Fellowships at The National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCent). We are looking to fund innovative approaches to outstanding problems in evolutionary biology. Proposals are due **December 1**. For more information, please see our website at <https://www.nescent.org/science/proposals.php>.

Call for Proposals—Sabbatical Scholars and Collaborative Working Groups

Proposals for Sabbaticals and for collaborative working groups (Working Groups and Catalysis Meetings) are now being accepted at The National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCent). We are looking to fund innovative approaches to outstanding problems in evolutionary biology. In particular, proposals that have a clear interdisciplinary focus, or involve evolutionary concepts in non-traditional disciplines, are strongly encouraged, as are proposals that demonstrate international participation and a mix of senior and emerging researchers, including graduate students. Proposals for Working Groups and Catalysis Meetings are accepted twice a year, with deadlines on **June 10** and **December 1**. Proposals for Sabbaticals may be one semester to a full year (deadlines June 10 and December 1) or they may be for short-term visits (2 weeks to 3 months; deadlines on **January 1**, **April 1**, **July 1** and **September 1**). NESCent is also now seeking to include graduate traineeship to our portfolio by offering one-semester fellowships for graduate students to pursue research either with a NESCent sabbatical scholar or with a NESCent Working Group. For more information, please see our website at <https://www.nescent.org/science/proposals.php>.

As always, if you do not wish to receive these monthly updates, please email the PS Secretary, Lisa Park at lepark@uakron.edu and you will be removed from the list. If you would like to have something posted on the digest, please contact the Secretary. Note that suitability of submissions will be evaluated before posting.

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