



BRINGING PALAEOLOGY TO PEOPLE

with Wild Prehistory and the European Centre of Palaeontology

KRASIEJÓW, POLAND
June 30th to July 3rd 2017



It is impossible to perceive the evolutionary history of life or reconstruct long-vanished environments without a proper understanding of palaeontology and the methods it relies on.

Palaeontology is the only scientific discipline that can bring us to the deep past and show us the wonders of evolution. But it also teaches us how fragile life can be and how important it is to care about the future of our planet.

Considering the splendid power of palaeontology, it is hardly surprising that one of the main deeds of all palaeontologists is to bring this fascinating science to peoples' attention.

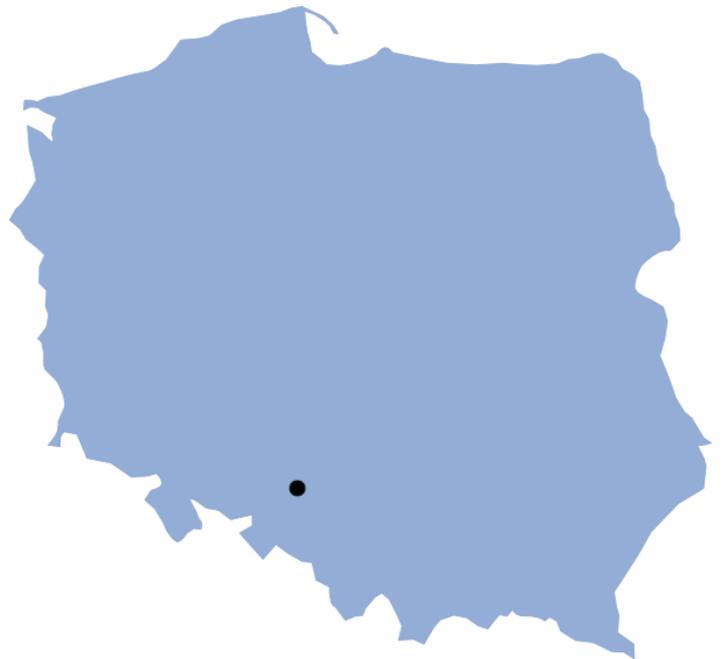
Wild Prehistory, the European Centre of Palaeontology (Opole University) and JuraPark Krasiejów wish to invite you to take part in a unique meeting that will be organised from June, 30th to July, 3rd in Krasiejów, southwest Poland.

By attending the meeting, you will be offered an excellent opportunity to meet experienced palaeontologists from different European institutions, be able to ask and learn about the methods they use and dig up fossils at one of the world's most famous Triassic sites.



Krasiejów

Krasiejów is a small village in south-western Poland, known especially for a unique fossil site that has yielded one of world's most important Late Triassic vertebrate faunas. Have you ever heard of the early dinosauromorph *Silesaurus opolensis*? And what about the crocodile-branch archosaurs *Stagonolepis olenkae* and *Polonosuchus silesiacus*, the temnospondyls *Metoposaurus krasiejowensis* and *Cyclotosaurus intermedius*, or the recently described early archosauromorph *Ozimek volans*? All these fascinating vertebrates have been unearthed at Krasiejów. And you will be allowed to dig them up too!



JuraPark

Krasiejów is known especially for its JuraPark, one of the largest European theme parks dedicated to dinosaurs. Attend the meeting and get a **free** ticket to see tens of life-sized dinosaur models!

Programme

The meeting will be held from June 30th (Friday) to July 3rd (Monday). Proposed accommodation: the hotel at the Park of Evolution; area of the JuraPark. Prices will be given later.

FRIDAY 30.06.17

We reserve the first day of the meeting for arrivals of all attendees. Once you are in Krasiejów, you may attend the opening of a new palaeoart exhibition [Prehistory in drawings], prepared by Jakub Kowalski and Piotr Janecki, and an icebreaker party.

SATURDAY 1.07.17

Prepare for a day full of experiences! We will organise a few talks for you. You will be informed about the mission of Wild Prehistory, a science website dedicated to palaeontology and related fields (presentation by Daniel Madzia, the editor-in-chief of Wild Prehistory), and the European Centre of Palaeontology, a research and education centre of palaeontology based at Opole University, Poland (presentation by the chief of ECP, Dr. hab. Elena Jagt-Yazykova, professor at Opole University).

Then, you will learn about 3D methods used in palaeontological reconstructions, which will be presented by Dr. Andrzej Boczarowski (Delta Association/University of Silesia), who is highly professional in this field. The second talk, given by Delta Association, the owners of the JuraPark at Krasiejów, will show you how to create dinosaur models – those you will see all around you!

Dr. John Jagt (Natuurhistorisch Museum, Maastricht, the Netherlands) will speak of the successful cooperation between private collectors and scientists in the Netherlands. Dr. Eric Mulder (Natura Docet Wonderryck Twente, Denekamp, the Netherlands) will teach you about the fascinating stories of the lost legs of snakes and the presentation by Dick Mol (Het Natuurhistorisch, Rotterdam, the Netherlands) will deal with mammoths. Dick will tell you where they came from, what their distribution area was and why they went extinct. You will also get a unique opportunity to hear about an expedition to the far north of Arctic Siberia and excavations of a mammoth carcass, the study of these remains and subsequent sharing of the scientific data with a professional sculptor. At the end of the presentation you will be shown the best reconstruction of a prehistoric animal ever! (Dick says so and we trust him 😊).

Later, famous Polish journalist Wojciech Mikołuszko will share with you his experiences with the popularisation of palaeontology. And who knows, he might even present his new book about palaeontology, Krasiejów and not only...

The last talk of the day, given by Kamil Gruntmejer (PhD student at Opole University), will be about the connection between science and media, including the movie bloopers that deal with dinosaurs.

Then, those who are interested may participate in a workshop on photogrammetry (3D in your smartphone) which will show you its usefulness

for palaeontology and daily life. The workshop will be led by Elżbieta Teschner, PhD student at Opole University.

The rest of the day may be spent by visiting the JuraPark (free of charge for participants) and networking.

SUNDAY

2.07.17

Your weekend full of amazing experiences continues on Sunday morning when you will be given the opportunity to do field and preparation work! But don't worry – the fossil site is just behind your accommodation and the work will be led by highly experienced palaeontologists from the European Centre of Palaeontology. We will explain the techniques so that you will be able to find a fossil from the times of the first dinosaurs! Naturally, we will be still with you so you can ask us whatever you want and whenever you want.

In the evening you may attend the closing dinner when we can discuss and share opinions altogether.

MONDAY

3.07.17

This is the last day of the meeting. We will say goodbye, in the hope that you have enjoyed the time spent with us and learnt a lot of new facts regarding palaeontology!

Attendance

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

40

Since the maximum number of attendees is limited to 40, we sincerely ask to let us know if you are interested in attending the meeting as soon as possible. The contact is provided at the end of this invitation.

PARTICIPATION PAYMENT

Early bird registration, including the conference materials, coffee breaks and icebreaker party should be paid via bank transfer.

REGULAR
15 €

STUDENT
10 €

Cash payment upon arrival at the meeting: **20 €** for all.

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“Bringing Palaeontology to People”: A monograph

The meeting may result in publication of a peer-reviewed monograph.

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