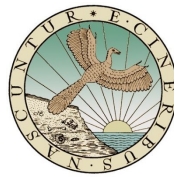




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**Joint Meeting of the Polish Paleobiologists  
and the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the  
Paläontologische Gesellschaft (Palges),  
Warsaw, September 16-21, 2024**

***“More than extinct species:  
the importance of fossils for ecology,  
evolution and conservation across borders?”***

PalGes conference meetings have a long tradition that dates back to the beginning of the 20th century - (the first edition was held in 1912!) - and today it is a prestigious scientific event gathering researchers from all over the world. PalGes is a platform for exchanging expertise and observing trends in the research field of paleobiology. The main theme of the conference is "*More than extinct species: the importance of fossils for ecology, evolution, and conservation across borders?*", which will emphasise the interdisciplinary direction that paleobiological sciences are currently taking, and the key role of information from the geological past in addressing a variety of issues in ecology, evolution and biodiversity protection that concern us today.

Joint Meeting of the Polish Paleobiologists and Paläontologische Gesellschaft - PalGes 2024 - is being held in Warsaw, the Capital and largest city of Poland. The University of Warsaw will mainly organise the meeting, and co-organise with Paläontologische Gesellschaft and the Institute of Paleobiology, Polish Academy of Sciences, the Palaeontological Section of the Polish Geological Society, and the Polish Geological Institute – National Research Institute. The official language of the meeting is English, however, associated outreach events are planned in German, English, and Polish.

Warsaw is one of the Polish capitals of palaeontology; it is home to the Museum of Evolution of the Institute of Paleobiology, Polish Academy of Sciences, the Geological Museum of the Polish Geological Institute - National Research Institute, and S.J. Thugutt Geological Museum, Faculty of Geology UW, and expert palaeontologists and paleobiologists are employed in various institutions across the city. It is the birthplace of Professor Zofia Kielan-Jaworowska; the first woman to serve on the committee of the International Union of Geological Sciences and discoverer of *Deinocheirus* and *Gallimimus*. Also, Roman Kozłowski's Park is located in the Ursynów district of Warsaw, named after the Polish palaeontologist Professor Roman Kozłowski - best known for assigning graptolites to Hemichordata and founder of the Institute of Paleobiology. The conference logo designed by Jakub Zalewski accessorizes the mermaid – the symbol of Warsaw – with a broad range of fossils highlighting that everyone into paleontology and paleobiology is welcome.

The Meeting will be held at the Faculty of Biology on the Ochota Campus at the University of Warsaw. This is one of many excellent natural science centres on-site, including the Faculty of Geology. This campus is next to Mokotów Field, one of the largest parks in Warsaw. The Campus is easily accessible by several modes of transport, including buses, trams, Metro subway, and trains. It is within a short distance of the two main Railway Stations in Warsaw (6 hours from Berlin by direct train), the Warsaw International Chopin Airport, and via an easy connection with the A2 highway. Public transport in Warsaw is affordable, reliable, convenient, and well connected to the historic city centre. All tickets are available at discounted prices for students (student card required), which can be either purchased on the vehicle of choice or through easy applications such as Jakdojade, MoBilet, and MPay.

Sessions and Workshops:

The conference will consist of four basic components (Table 1):

- Scientific symposia sessions
- Poster sessions
- Stationary workshops and the possibility of participating in additional (independent) field workshops
- Popular science session in Polish, German, and English, open to a wider audience



Table 1. Preliminary schedule of PalGes 2024 in Warsaw

<b>Monday 16.9</b>	<b>Tuesday 17.9</b>	<b>Wednesday 18.9</b>	<b>Thursday 19.9</b>	<b>Friday 20.9</b>	<b>Saturday 21.9</b>
Sessions/ Workshops/ Board Meeting	Sessions/ Workshops  Poster Session	Sessions/ Workshops	Sessions/ General Assembly/ Closing session	Optional workshops/ Field trips to: Devonian, Jurassic and Miocene outcrops (2-day at the ECEG); K/Pg border and historical city (1-day), uppermost Jurassic lagoon of "Polish Solnhofen" (1-day)	
Popular science sessions in Polish, German and English					

We propose sessions on the following topics: (1) general sessions on the **advances and novel methods in paleobiology**; (2) **integrated and evolutionary palaeontology**; (3) **evolving ecosystems** (environmental and conservation palaeontology), and (4) **open session(s)**. The rationale behind the general sessions is to have interdisciplinary sessions irrespective of taxonomic group or age and encourage integration of a broader range of expertise. General sessions will be held in the largest room, while more specialized sessions will be held in a parallel room in the same building.

We will also be offering free half-day workshops for participants which will occur before, during and after the conference meeting.

We cordially invite you to submit your proposals of topics for thematic sessions and workshops to the Organizing Committee (until the end of January 2024): [palgeswarsaw2024@uw.edu.pl](mailto:palgeswarsaw2024@uw.edu.pl). At least one additional thematic session on Advances in mollusc palaeontology has been suggested. The applicant of the proposal is responsible for the planning of the thematic session or workshop in coordination with us, but the organization will provide the necessary support and facilities for running your session.

There are several restaurants outside of campus at greater walking distance to purchase meals during the meeting. To reduce further travel and provisional costs, we are also offering lunches in the university restaurant which can be obtained for a small additional fee (vegetarian and vegan options will be made available). The prices are purposely kept low for early career researchers which are defined by us as bachelor, master or PhD students as well as early Postdocs without external funding for up to one year after their defence. For those interested, your attendance is welcomed at the Annual Conference Dinner for an additional fee.

Important dates:

Release of second circular – If you are not yet a Paläontologische Gesellschaft member, please send us a message on the email provided above to be automatically sent the second circular when it is released.

Start of online registration – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Early bird registration deadline – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Abstract submission deadline – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

<b>Proposed prices (in EUR)</b>	<b>Early</b>	<b>Late</b>
<i>Registration (non-member)</i>	220	240
<i>Registration (member)</i>	200	220
<i>Registration (young scientist)</i>	100	120
<i>Annual Dinner</i>	30	40
<i>Lunch (4-days)</i>	30	40
<i>Field trips</i>	to be announced	to be announced

Proposed field trips:

We are happy to propose three field trips. We plan a 2-day field trip to Devonian, Jurassic, and Miocene outcrops in the unique European region of the Holy Cross Mountains (one of the oldest mountain ranges in Europe and a UNESCO Global Geopark). It will be hosted by the European Centre for Geological Education (ECEG) facility (Faculty of Geology, UW) - a multi-functional research and development centre in an abandoned quarry. Additionally, a 1-day field trip to the K/Pg quarry in Nasitów is planned. The Kazimierz Dolny historical city, located nearby, will be visited too. The third proposition is a 1-day field trip to the uppermost Jurassic lagoon deposits of Owadów-Brzezinki Geopark - which is called the Polish Solnhofen. Whether these field trips go ahead is dependent on a minimum attendance condition, with at least 20 participants per field trip required.

If you have additional proposals for a field trip, the deadline for proposal submission is the end of January 2024.

Awards:

- the best poster prize by the Paläontologische Gesellschaft (material prize)
- Young scientist award by the Paläontologische Gesellschaft (500 €, 300, € and 200 €)
- additional awards to be announced

We look forward to welcoming you in Warsaw and hearing your presentations at the Joint Meeting of the Polish Paleobiologists and the 95th Annual Meeting of the Paläontologische Gesellschaft (PalGes) in the following year!