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EGGS & BABIES
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Welcome!

It is with pleasure that the Organizing Committee announces the Sixth Symposium on Dinosaur Eggs and Babies (DinoE&B 2017), to be held in Caparica, Portugal, 3rd–8th October 2017.

The Symposium on Dinosaur eggs and babies is the world's most important meeting focused on paleology, the science of fossil eggs, and in dinosaur development and ontogeny. Started in 1999, it has been hosted every 3 to 4 years ever since, always representing a significant impulse to the science of paleology.



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Venue

The VI Symposium on Dinosaur Eggs and Babies will take place in the Campus da Caparica, in Monte da Caparica, a parish separated from Lisbon by the Tagus River, and connected to the Lisbon Metropolitan area by metro, train, bus and ship. Lisbon itself is a friendly, old, historical city, with a mild climate. It is an ideal tourist destination and it offers various attractions, including outstanding social and cultural experiences. Lisbon was identified by the 2009 World Travel Awards as Europe's Leading Destination and Europe's Leading City Break Destination. Lisbon will be the 2017 Ibero-American Capital of Culture, with a significant increase in the already vast cultural offer of the city.

Portugal is one of the global references for Late Jurassic nests, eggs, and embryos. Since the late 1990s, discoveries around Lourinhã have attracted constant attention of vertebrate palaeontologists from all over the world. The presence of nests containing embryonic remains of two different theropod species, *Torvosaurus* and *Lourinhanosaurus*, is unique. even more considering the rarity of Upper Jurassic eggs and eggshells, known only from a handful of localities on the globe. Specialists from all over the world have come to visit the specimens hold in the Museu da Lourinhã, serving as an indicator of the importance of these findings.

Organisation

The congress is being organised within the Department of Earth Sciences and the Research Centre in Geological Science and Engineering of the Faculty of Science and Technology, Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

The organizational framework for the congress is as follows.

Scientific Committee:

We are currently working in making a selection of scientists that will form the core of the Scientific Committee, including all the Chairs of sessions. Prof. David Varricchio (Montana State University, USA) will act as head of the Scientific committee. A complete list of members will soon be available on the congress website.

Host committee:

Octávio Mateus and Miguel Moreno Azanza (Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal), Bruno Pereira (GEAL, Museu da Lourinhã, Portugal)

Student committee

Francisco Costa, João Marinho, Marco Marzola, João Muchagata Duarte, João Russo, André Saleiro, Darío Estraviz.



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Octávio Mateus

Scientific Program

Presentations at the symposium span a diverse array of topics, including fossil egg taxonomy, taphonomy, egg morphology, biogeography, eggshell function, and dinosaur ontogeny. Presentations are not on dinosaurs only, as sessions on other amniotes eggs and amniotes reproduction and development are frequent.

For this edition, the proposed main topic will be **eggshell formation**. The idea is to lay bridges between different disciplines involved in the study of the eggshell, including Palaeontology, Developmental Biology, Poultry Science, and Materials Sciences.

The scientific programme also includes three plenary sessions. It is intended that each of them will be focused in one of the main topics of the meeting: eggshell and bone biomineralization, dinosaur eggs, and dinosaur development.

Abstracts

Abstracts are to be submitted in English language, through the Congress website. As in previous editions of the Symposium, the organization is negotiating to publish articles derived of the presented abstracts as a special volume of Historical Biology (<http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/ghbi20>)

Detailed instructions on abstract submission will soon be posted on the Symposium web page <http://eventos.fct.unl.pt/dinoeggs>

Submission period: 1st January 2017 to
30th April 2017

Formal notification
of acceptance of
abstracts: 31st May
2017.



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Language

The official language of the Congress is English and no translation facilities will be available.

Field Trips

The post meeting field trip will be organized by the Museu da Lourinha, house of an impressive collection of Portuguese vertebrate fossils, and will include a visit to the spectacular outcrops of the Late Jurassic of the Portuguese coast, that yielded the famous fossil clutches and embryos, together with a highly diverse dinosaur fauna. The field day will be completed with a guided tour to the Museu da Lourinhã, with special emphasis on the palaeontology pavilion.

Registration

The registration link will be available after January 2nd 2017. We are working hard to have a reduced fee for all attendees, and special discounts for students.

Accommodation

Caparica offers a wide range of accommodation facilities, including hostels and hotels of different prices and categories. Transport by bus from Lisbon and Monte da Caparica to the congress venue and back will be provided by the organization. Social events will take place on Lisbon. In any case, the Campus of Caparica is easily accessible from the Metropolitan area by train and ship. Detailed routes and maps will be available at the symposium website.



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Social Programme

The social programme for the congress is still being prepared. Various social events will be organized for conference participants and accompanying persons. These will include an Ice Break Party for the first day of the symposium, a meeting dinner, and an optional tour around Lisbon, including guide visit to the Geological Museum (to be confirmed).

Congress participants are encouraged to explore their own options for tourist activities. More details on social, cultural, and historical attractions can be sought from the Lisbon's Tourism Office (www.visitlisboa.com).

Sponsorship

Sponsors for VI Symposium on Dinosaur Eggs and Babies are highly valued.

We welcome your participation as a sponsor and we appreciate your consideration of this request. There are several opportunities for both organizations and companies to sponsor aspects of the conference and/or the field trips. We have a large variety of events or items to which you can direct your sponsorship. We can also customize sponsorship opportunities to match your marketing plan. Please contact us for more information.

Important Dates

- December 15th, 2016 - Release of 2nd circular
- January 2nd to April 30th, 2017 - Submission of abstracts
- April 1st to July 31st, 2017 - Registration and Field trip bookings (Early bird rates)
- May 31st, 2017 - Deadline for formal notification of acceptance of abstracts
- August 1st to Congress - Registration and Field trip bookings (late registration rates)
- October 4-5th, 2017 - Symposium sessions
- October 6-7th, 2017 - Symposium field trips

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