



55th SYMPOSIUM OF VERTEBRATE PALAEOLOGY AND  
COMPARATIVE ANATOMY  
&  
16<sup>th</sup> SYMPOSIUM OF PALAEOLOGICAL PREPARATION AND  
CONSERVATION

**Glasgow 2007 – First Circular**

Dear Colleagues,

The 15th Symposium of Palaeontological Preparation and Conservation will be held in Glasgow on August 28th, followed by the 55th Symposium of Vertebrate Palaeontology and Comparative Anatomy (SVPCA) between August 29th to 31st, 2007. Both events will be hosted by the University of Glasgow's Faculty of BioMedical and Life Sciences/Hunterian Museum in the lecture theatres of the Graham Kerr Building (Zoology Department). After consultation with other conference organisers at SVPCA in Paris, the event has been brought forward slightly (see dates below). Accommodation (including breakfast) will be at the Queen Margaret residence (15 minutes walk through botanic gardens to the main university campus), which has free parking.

The annual Jones-Fenleigh auction will take place during the meeting, as will the annual conference dinner. The annual field trip will visit one of three localities, depending on the relative interest expressed in response to this first circular. In addition to these regular features, a plenary session will discuss the possible ramifications of the 2009 meeting of SVP in Bristol for SVPCA (see 2<sup>nd</sup> circular for more details).

**Presentations**

Offers of papers should be accompanied by a short abstract of not more than 250 words. The abstract will form the basis of a decision on whether or not the paper will be included, and if so, whether as an oral or poster presentation. Note that the abstract submitted will constitute the submission for the symposium abstracts volume. Abstracts should be sent electronically to the organiser (see e-mail address below) as an rtf.

Although Scotland's fossil treasures are generally Palaeozoic in nature, the Hunterian Museum is also home to the largest number of specimens from the Leeds' collection of Jurassic vertebrates (over 600). As such, the organisers are keen to encourage contributions from workers that have used the collections of Alfred Leeds in any way to answer questions in vertebrate palaeontology. See 2<sup>nd</sup> Circular for more information.

### **Provisional Timetable**

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	SPPC registration at QMR
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	SPPC papers/SVPCA reg <sup>n</sup> /icebreaker
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	SVPCA papers
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	SVPCA papers
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	SVPCA papers
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Field Trip

### **Collections Access**

As in previous years, collection visits will be welcomed, and those interested are encouraged to make contact with the requisite individuals well in advance. Note stipulations for each institution:

**Hunterian Museum, Glasgow:** contact Jeff Liston to arrange visits to these collections ([jliston@museum.gla.ac.uk](mailto:jliston@museum.gla.ac.uk)).

**Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Glasgow:** please contact Alastair Gunning ([alastair.gunning@cls.glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:alastair.gunning@cls.glasgow.gov.uk)) if you would like to visit our collections. It would be advisable to get in touch as soon as possible as development work at our Resource Centre may restrict access.

**National Museums Scotland, Edinburgh:** anyone contemplating a research visit is asked to contact Mike Taylor ([m.taylor@nms.ac.uk](mailto:m.taylor@nms.ac.uk)) as soon as possible. Because of a planned move of most of the fossil collections, access is liable to be severely restricted or unavailable from June for at least several months, including the SVPCA period. There is no problem with returning specimen loans to Edinburgh.

### **Booking Form**

To complete the online booking form, please connect to this link:

[http://www.svPCA.org/general/booking/booking\\_form.php](http://www.svPCA.org/general/booking/booking_form.php)

I look forward to welcoming you in Glasgow.

***J.J. Liston (organiser)***