

The First International Symposium of the
International Geoscience Programme Project 589

Xi'an, China, 27 October — 1 November 2012

Development of the Asian Tethyan Realm:
Genesis, Process and Outcomes

Second Circular



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Invitation & Aim

Tethys seems to be an everlasting theme for geological studies. Its development is such a complicated problem that it remains far from being clarified.

The present project is aimed to find out more constraints on the interpretation of the development of the Asian Tethyan Realm and to contribute to elucidate the history of the Tethys, by carrying out multi-disciplinary investigations in related areas. The project also seeks to unite geoscientists who have long been working in these areas, or recently become interested in this subject, or would like to start their career with a try in this field. Together we are stronger!

The first International Symposium of IGCP-589 is going to be held in Xi'an, China in late October 2012. It will provide a forum for colleagues from different countries to present their research results and ideas, and to discuss problems covering various aspects of Tethys development. The post-symposium excursion — geological transverse of the Qinling orogen— will provide a chance for participants to examine the well-known orogen whose history remains a hot topic of debate.

The Symposium is under the sponsorship of the China National Committee for the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) in collaboration with Institute of Geology, Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences. You are cordially invited to participate in the symposium to be held in Xi'an, a city with brilliant history and splendid legends. Your contributions will be highly appreciated.

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Date & Venue

The technical session of the symposium will be held at a hotel in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China.

26 October 2012: Arrival of participants

27 to 28 October 2012: Scientific session of the symposium; business meeting

29 Oct. to 1 Nov. 2012: Post-symposium field excursion: Composition and structures of the Qinling Orogen.

Abstract and Manuscript Submission

Participants who wish to give oral and/or poster presentation must submit an abstract or extended abstract or full paper of their presentation. All the accepted abstracts or full paper will be published in a supplement issue of *Acta Geoscientica Sinica*. Figures (jpg, tif, cdr, ai) and pictures should be in the quality of ready to print. The deadline for abstract/manuscript submission is 31 August 2012.

Fees

Symposium only (27–28 October 2012): RMB 1500, covering admission to the scientific session, abstract volume, refreshments, and symposium dinner).

Post-symposium field excursion (29 Oct. — 1 Nov. 2012): RMB 3000, covering transportation, food, accommodation (shared twin room), and excursion guidebook.

Accommodation in Xi'an

The symposium is going to be held at a hotel in Xi'an. Approximate room rate is about RMB 300 to 400 per night. Participants are recommended to live in the same hotel. Details of accommodation will be delivered in the third Circular.

Visa

An official invitation letter for applying entry visa to China will be sent to participants by the Organizing Committee on request. Participants who need entry visa to China are kindly asked to provide necessary information listed on page 5 or the doc file attached.



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Support Program

Based on annual funding from UNESCO for IGCP 589 activities, the Organizing Committee will extend the support of symposium expenses (registration fee and accommodation during the symposium) for a small number of participants from developing countries, who meet the following demands: 1) submit abstract before the deadline and 2) participate in the symposium. Please be aware of that this program does not cover international airfare. In principle, only one participant per country will be supported. Please contact the symposium organizing secretaries for details. The deadline for applying this program will be 31 August 2012.

Registration

Participants who have not yet registered are kindly requested to fill in the registration form (the last page of this circular or attached doc file) and return it to the Organizing Secretaries via e-mail or fax as soon as possible.

Travel Insurance

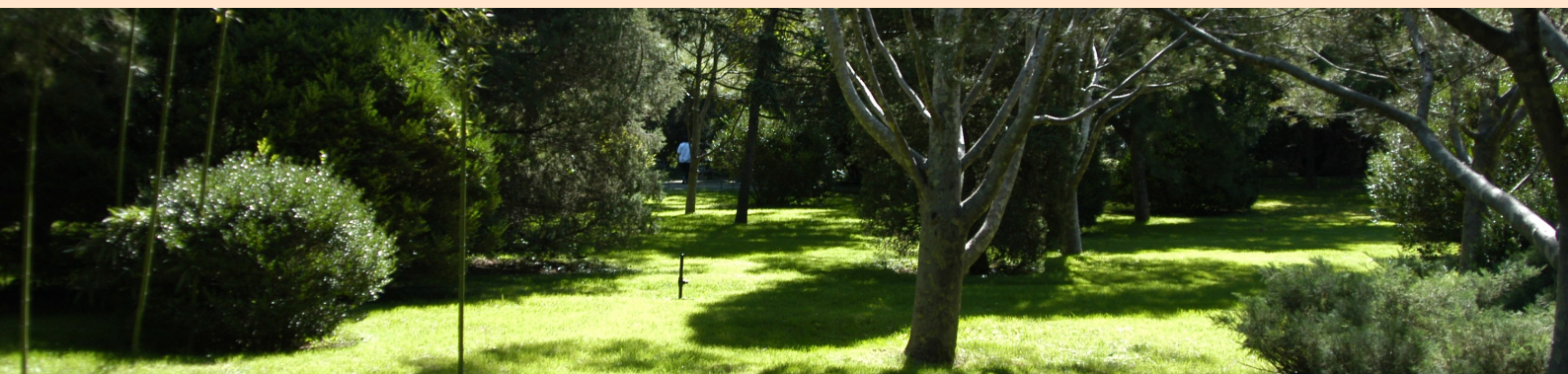
The Symposium organizer cannot hold responsible for any accident or injury that may happen to the participants during the symposium and other activities. Therefore, participants are strongly recommended to buy personal travel insurance before leaving home.

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Registration Form

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(Those who have already registered can neglect this)

Participants who have not yet registered, please type or write in block letters

Family name: _____ First and middle name(s): _____ Gender: M F

Title/Position: _____ Nationality: _____

Affiliation and its Postal Address:

City: _____ Post code: _____

Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

I will present a paper with the title of: _____

Preference of presentation style: ___ Oral ___ Poster

I am going to participate in: (Check the appropriate box)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Symposium (27–28 October 2012), covering admission to the poster and oral presentation sessions, abstract volume, refreshments, and symposium dinner	RMB 1500
<input type="checkbox"/>	Post-symposium field excursion (29 Oct.–1 Nov. 2012), covering travel, food, accommodation (shared twin room) and excursion guidebook	RMB 3000

Information For Visa Application

For visa application, participants will be requested by Chinese Embassy or Consulate to submit a letter of invitation. The Organizing Committee will manage to send an invitation letter to each participant who need it. To formulate such an invitation letter, the following information is necessary:

Full name (as in passport):

Sex:

Date of birth:

Nationality:

Passport number:

City where you will apply for visa (Embassy/Consulate):

An early forwarding this information to the organizers will accelerate the working process