

JUNE 23 - 27, 2019 RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Welcome to the 11th North American Paleontological Convention (NAPC), to be held at the University of California, Riverside, 23rd-27th June 2019. Celebrating 50 years of NAPC!

INFORMATION AND CALL FOR SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS

NAPC is an international conference that brings together all branches of paleontology and fields related to the history of life: vertebrate, invertebrate, paleobotany, micropaleontology, paleo-related organic and inorganic geochemistry, paleoecology, paleoclimatology, and astrobiology.

Held every 4-5 years, the meeting attracts professional scientists, graduate and undergraduate students, amateur paleontologists, and interested members of the public. Its purpose is to exchange research findings, define future directions, and be a forum for extended and relaxed interactions between professionals and early career scientists, most particularly graduate and undergraduate students. NAPC meetings are generally less formal than annual association meetings and allow time for more extended and relaxed interactions.

The meeting comprises participant-suggested symposia and topical sessions – please consider proposing a symposium for NAPC2019! Submit your suggestion to the organizers by <u>30th September 2018</u>: Symposium title, brief synopsis of symposium, names of organizers, full or half day, and any plans for invited speakers to <u>NAPC2019@ucr.edu</u>.



Dates: Sunday 23rd to Thursday 27th June 2019, with symposia running the 23rd to the 24th and the 26th to the 27th. On Tuesday 25th there will be a mid-meeting break, with a variety of scheduled workshops and field trips. Other field trips will run both pre-and post-conference.

Venue: One of the ten UC campuses, UCR is home to nearly 25,000 students and has a long history of research strength in paleontology and allied fields. The meeting will take place in the new University Hub, which contains an array of meeting rooms and spaces of various sizes that are appropriate for virtually all activities planned, ranging from plenary sessions to smaller symposia and group meetings, to exhibits and posters. In addition, most participants will be housed in UCR's new Glenmor Residence Hall; dining and recreational facilities will also be available. Other accommodation options are available nearby off campus.

Communications: Updates on workshop, field trip, and symposia proposal information available on our website: <u>www.napc2019.ucr.edu</u> Email re: the meeting may be addressed to: <u>NAPC2019@ucr.edu</u> Follow us on Facebook (NAPC2019); Look for us on Instagram **Field Trips:** A variety of field trips will be offered in association with the meeting, with several additional multi-day trips to be announced shortly:

- Extinction events and biodiversification in the Cambro-Ordovician of the eastern Basin and Range (3-5 days)
- Barstovian Biostratigraphy: Barstow and Cajon Valley (1 day)
- Stratigraphy and Paleontology of the Palos Verdes Peninsula (1 day mid meeting)
- LeBrea Tarpits and the Alf Museum (1 day mid meeting)



- Low tide visit to Crystal Cove State Park, Laguna Beach, and Newport Pleistocene terrace (1 day - mid meeting)
- Late Oligocene to Late Early Miocene Molluscan and Mammalian Biostratigraphy of Sespe, Vaqueros, and Lower Topanga Formations at Calabasas and Saddle Peaks, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Los Angeles County, California (1 day)
- Ediacaran-Cambrian of California and Nevada



Confirmed Mid-meeting Workshops:

- Numerical Biochronology: Sequencing Large Numbers of Paleobiologic First- and Last- Appearance Events: Prof. Peter Sadler, University of California Riverside.
- *Timetree methods for beginners:* Prof. Mark Springer, University of California Riverside
- A hands-on introduction to the Paleobiology Database: Matt Clapham, UC Santa Cruz
- Talk to your elected officials! A workshop on communication and public policy for paleontologists: Sandy Carlson, UC Davis

Additional Programs: There will be spouse, family, grad student, and post-doc specific activities.

Local Museums: Southern California is rich in museums with substantial research collections in paleontology. NAPC will offer various opportunities to visit these institutions. Those wishing to visit collections for research are encouraged to contact relevant staff, understanding that opportunities may be limited by demand.

Current NAPC 2019 Sponsors: The College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences; The EDGE Institute; The Center for Ideas and Society (UCR); The Natural History Museum, Los Angeles



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