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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<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

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

We are pleased to host the 95th annual conference of the "Palaeontological Society" Joint Meeting of the Polish Paleobiologists and Paläontologische Gesellschaft (PalGes) 2024 at the University of Warsaw. This is the most recent in a long history of international meetings which presents cutting-edge research from paleobiology, paleontology, geobiology and related subjects. The Paläontologische Gesellschaft is one of the oldest and largest palaeontological societies in the world and this is the first time that a joint event is hosted here in Poland! The meeting is co-organized by the University of Warsaw (Faculty of Biology, Faculty of Geology), Institute of Paleobiology Polish Academy of Sciences, Paleontological Section of the Polish Geological Society, Polish Geological Institute – National Research Institute and the Paläontologische Gesellschaft. We look forward to welcoming you to Warsaw and hope that you will enjoy partaking in our varied sessions, workshops and field trips. You will find the most recent information and updates on the conference website:

(<https://www.palaeontologischegesellschaft.de/en/conferences/annual-meeting/>)  
or can contact our team for further information using [palgeswarsaw2024@uw.edu.pl](mailto:palgeswarsaw2024@uw.edu.pl).

## VENUE

- The University of Warsaw – Faculty of Biology, ul. Miecznikowa 1 Str. 02-096 Warsaw

## ORGANISERS

*(Institute abbreviations: FB UW – Faculty of Biology, University of Warsaw; FG UW – Faculty of Geology, University of Warsaw; IPal PAS – Institute of Paleobiology, Polish Academy of Sciences; PS PGS – Palaeontological Section of the Polish Geological Society; PGI-NRI - Polish Geological Institute – National Research Institute; PalGes - Paläontologische Gesellschaft)*

- Dr hab. Kenneth De Baets – Chair (FB UW & PalGes)
- Dr Aleksandra Skawina – Chair (FB UW)
- Dr Holly Anderson (FB UW)
- Dr Sergi López-Torres (FB UW)
- Dr Przemysław Świś (FB UW alumnus; Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia)
- Dr Mateusz Tałanda (FB UW)
- Dr Karina Vanadzina (FB UW)
- Jonatan Audycki (FB UW)
- Weronika Łaska (FB UW)
- Wojciech Pawlak (FB UW)
- Dr hab. Mikołaj Zapalski (FG UW)
- Prof. dr hab. Anna Kozłowska (IPal PAS & PS PGS)
- Prof. dr hab. Marcin Machalski (IPal PAS)
- Dr hab. Błażej Błażejowski (IPal PAS)
- Dr hab. Andrzej Kaim (IPal PAS)
- Dr hab. Tomasz Sulej (IPal PAS)
- Prof. dr hab. Stanisław Z. Mikulski (PGI – NRI)
- Dr hab. Piotr Szrek (PGI–NRI)
- Dr Cezary Krawczyński (PGI–NRI)
- Dr Magda Sidorczuk (PGI–NRI)
- Michał Zieliński (PGI-NRI)

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- Prof. dr hab. Anna Kozłowska (IPal PAS & PS PGS)
- Prof. dr Alexander Nützel (PalGes & Bavarian State Collection for Palaeontology and Geology)
- Prof. dr hab. Jarosław Stolarski (IPal PAS)
- Prof. dr hab. Ireneusz Walaszczyk (FG UW)
- Dr hab. Kenneth De Baets (FB UW & PalGes)
- Dr hab. Andrzej Kaim (IPal PAS)
- Dr hab. Krzysztof Stefaniak (PS PGS; Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Wrocław)
- Dr hab. Mikołaj Zapalski (FG UW)
- Dr hab. Piotr Szrek (PGI–NRI)
- Dr Alina Chrzastek (PS PGS & Institute of Geological Sciences, University of Wrocław)
- Dr Aleksandra Skawina (FB UW)
- Dr Justyna Słowiak (IPal PAS)
- Dr Mateusz Tałanda (FB UW)

## SCHEDULE

Start of online registration: 13th May 2024; Early bird registration deadline: 30th June 2024;

Abstract submission deadline: 15th July 2024 -> Notification about accepted talks: until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

	Monday 16.9	Tuesday 17.9	Wednesday 18.9	Thursday 19.9	Friday 20.9	Saturday 21.9
9:00-12:20 coffee brake: 10:40-11:00	Workshops/ Board Meeting ver1	Opening Ceremony/ Sessions	Sessions/ Workshops optional	Sessions/ General Assembly	Optional workshops/ Warsaw with guide/	
12:30-13:30	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch	Field trips to: Devonian, Jurassic and Miocene outcrops in the Holy Cross Mountains (2-day, at the ECEG)	
13:30-17:00 coffee brake: 15:10-15:40	Workshops/ Board Meeting ver2	Sessions/ Poster Session	Sessions	Closing session	K/Pg boundary at Nasiłów and Bochoznica and the historical city of Kazimierz Dolny (1-day)	
18:00-...	outreach lecture in German (45 min)	17:00-19:00 Ice breaker (Social Event) in PGI-NRI	outreach lecture in English (45 min)	outreach lecture in Polish (45 min)	Latest Jurassic lagoon of "Polish Solnhofen" - Owadów-Brzezinki (1-day)	
			19:30-... Conference Dinner			

## THEMATIC SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- Submission of proposals for thematic sessions and workshops is now closed.
- Thematic sessions are confirmed as follows (contact e-mail is provided to corresponding organizers):

### General sessions (G):

- G1: *Advances and novel methods in paleobiology*  
Contact: palgeswarsaw2024@uw.edu.pl
- G2: *Holistic approaches to paleontology*  
Contact: palgeswarsaw2024@uw.edu.pl
- G3: *Changing ecosystems*  
Contact: palgeswarsaw2024@uw.edu.pl

### Specialized sessions (S):

- S1: *Advances in mollusc paleontology*  
Contact: Alexander Pohle, alexander.pohle@rub.de; Baran Karapunar, B.Karapunar@leeds.ac.uk; Thomas A. Neubauer, neubauer@snsb.de; Aleksandra Skawina, a.skawina@uw.edu.pl
- S2: *Biostratigraphy as a tool to understand evolution, paleobiodiversity and past ecosystem change*  
Contact: R. Thomas Becker, rbecker@uni-muenster.de
- S3: *Chondrichthyan fishes through time and space*  
Contact: Sebastian Stumpf, sebastian.stumpf@univie.ac.at; Eduardo Villalobos-Segura, eduardo.villalobos.segura@univie.ac.at; Jürgen Kriwet, juergen.kriwet@univie.ac.at
- S4: *"Ichnology" - session dedicated to Prof. Grzegorz Pieńkowski (1953-2023)*  
Contact: Piotr Szrek, PSZR@pgi.gov.pl
- S5: *Micropalaeontology*  
Contact: Anna Pint, anna.pint@uni-jena.de; Peter Frenzel, peter.frenzel@uni-jena.de
- S6: *Triassic: the time of transition*  
Contact: Adam Rytel, adam.rytel@twarda.pan.pl
- S7: *Paratethyan & Mediterranean fossil fish faunas*  
Contact: Bettina Reichenbacher, b.reichenbacher@lrz.uni-muenchen.de; Małgorzata Bieńkowska-Wasiluk

as well as *Open session(s)*, *Poster session(s)* and a *Popular Science (Outreach) session*.

- The full descriptions of the specialized sessions (S) [are available online here](#)
- Thematic sessions will consist of a varied number of talks depending on the number of registered presentations.
- A minimum of 8 presentations will fulfill the requirements for a specialized session (S) to take place.
- These sessions should facilitate dialogue among different views on the topic rather than bringing together professionals from the same discipline.
- Room will be given for parallel workshops during the Monday morning and afternoon sessions of the conference. We aim to keep the number of parallel events as low as possible (although thematic sessions may occur in parallel), to encourage interaction and dialogue between a limited group of speakers and the broader audience.
- Thematic on-site workshops (W) are confirmed as follows:
  - *W1: Building models for stratigraphic paleobiology in R*  
Contact: Niklas Hohmann [corresponding organizer], N.H.Hohmann@uu.nl; Emilia Jarochowska, E.B.Jarochowska@uu.nl; Xianyi Liu, X.Liu6@uu.nl
  - *W2: X-Raying the Past: Exploring 3D CT Visualization & Analysis for Fossil Studies*  
Contact: Weronika Łaska [corresponding organizer], wn.laska@uw.edu.pl; Sergi Lopez-Torres
  - *W3: Exceptional preservation and artefacts in the fossil record (PalGes working group meeting – open to all)* Contact: Marie Hörnig, marie.hoernig@palaeo-evo-devo.info; Kenneth De Baets, k.de-baets@uw.edu.pl
  - *W4: Experience collection of the Institute of Paleobiology, PAS - carefully curated unique fossils, now available to global community;*  
Contact: Jolanta Kobylńska, jkobylnska@twarda.pan.pl
  - *W5: Paleoart workshop: bringing belemnites back to life*  
Contact: Jakub Zalewski [corresponding organizer], j.zalewski13@student.uw.edu.pl; Kenneth De Baets; Tetiana Kozyk; Aleks Darmofalski; Alan Brych
  - *W6: Palaeontology in the 21st Century: exchange about modern paleontology, science communication and networking (PalGes working group meeting – open to all)*  
Contact: Swane Jung [corresponding organizer], swane.jung@palaeo-evo-devo.info; Fritz Stoepke
  - *W7: 3D models via photogrammetry – how to get, process and present 3D models using free software;* Contact: Dawid Drózdź [corresponding organizer], dawid.drozd@twarda.pan.pl
- The full descriptions of the workshops [are available here](#)
- The first workshops will start at 9:00 (CEST) and the last will end at 17:00 (CEST).
- **You will have an option to select your preferred workshop(s) at the registration stage.**
- Unfortunately, a limited number of places for attending workshops will be available and after the group is completed (by order of applications), there will be a reserve list for places to be filled. Participants will receive a certificate for attendance.
- Conveners will receive logistic support and rooms.
- If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate contact organizers:  
**palgeswarsaw2024@uw.edu.pl**

## **PRESENTATION RULES**

- General sessions will be held in the largest room, while more specialized sessions will be held in a parallel room in the same building.
- Talks that are not assigned to any of the specific thematic sessions will be presented in an open session
- Talks must not exceed 15 minutes with additional 5 minutes for discussions
- Preferably, presentations are to be submitted as PowerPoint presentations or PDFs to ensure correct performance. Please contact the organizing committee if you intend to include animations in your presentation so we can make sure they will work properly (palgeswarsaw2024@uw.edu.pl)
- Posters should be arranged in portrait orientation, and A0 size is recommended

## **ABSTRACT RULES**

- All abstracts must be submitted by e-mail (palgeswarsaw2024@uw.edu.pl).
- All abstracts must be in English
- Please follow the guidelines for abstract submission carefully and use only the available templates found at the PalGes webpage/ [link here](#)
- Abstracts for all scientific talks and posters must not exceed 300 words (without title, author names and affiliations), but can include up to 3 references and no images. Please do not exceed 125 characters for the title.
- Please indicate in the abstract form whether your talk should be assigned to a specific thematic session (a choice of up to two, but not more, is possible) or to a general or an open session.
- The first author is assumed to be the corresponding as well as the presenting author unless otherwise indicated. If this is not the case, the presenting author's name has to be underlined.
- The scientific committee will review all abstract contents and the corresponding author will be subsequently informed about acceptance or rejection by 31<sup>st</sup> July. Applicants rejected for talks will be offered a poster option.
- Abstracts will be published online on the PalGes webpage, as well as deposited with a doi number on <https://reprod.icm.edu.pl/>.

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- Final registration: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024
- Submission of presentations: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- Conference: 16<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024
- Board Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- General Assembly: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- Workshops: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## EXCURSIONS (FIELD TRIPS)

- 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 a former opencast quarry.
- 1-day field trip to the uppermost Jurassic lagoon deposits of Owadów-Brzezinki Geopark, which is called the Polish Solnhofen.
- 1-day field trip to the Cretaceous-Paleogene boundary at Nasitów and Bochoznica and historical city of Kazimierz Dolny
- Whether these field trips go ahead is dependent on a minimum attendance condition
- Details on proposed field trips [are available online here](#)

## AWARDS

- The best poster prize by the Paläontologische Gesellschaft (material prize) – which will be announced during the closing session
- Early career scientists with a BSc or MSc degree and those enrolled in a PhD program can apply for the Young Scientist Award by the Paläontologische Gesellschaft (500 €, 300 €, and 200 €). Postdocs are not eligible to apply for the award. Please click the corresponding box on the application form if you would like to apply for the award.
- PeerJ presentation prize will be awarded and allow a free publication in PeerJ (pending successful peer review)

## CONFERENCE FEES

Proposed prices (in EUR)	Early	Late
<i>Registration (non-member)</i>	230	250
<i>Registration (member)</i>	210	230
<i>Registration (ECR*)</i>	120	140
<i>Conference Dinner</i>	30	40
<i>Lunch (4-days)</i>	30	40
<i>Field trips</i>	to be announced	to be announced

ECR\* is herein restricted to everyone who can demonstrate they are a student

## ARRIVAL & ACCOMMODATION

The city offers a variety of accommodations in all price ranges, which are very popular in the summer and autumn months. Therefore, we recommend booking early, especially if you want to stay in the city centre, where the annual meeting will also be held. There are a few options for accommodation that are close to the venue and quite reasonably priced, including Hotel Premiere Class, Ibis Budget Warszawa Reduta, Hotel Campanile, and Novotel Warszawa Airport. Other options, like Radisson Blu Sobieski and the Ibis Warszawa Reduta are a bit more expensive but also close to the venue. We also plan to pre-reserve some rooms in the University of Warsaw Hera Guesthouse.

Warsaw Public Transportation system ([Warszawski Transport Publiczny](#)) offers a well-developed network of buses, trams, metro, and railways systems that work with the same ticket within the city zone. Tickets are available to buy or in ticket machines which are usually settled also inside busses, or by ticket app (eg. [jakdojade](#)). The cost of a single travel adult city zone ticket is 4,4 PLN (about 1 EUR). The “jakdojade” app also is recommended as a useful tool for managing public transportation travels: a connection searcher, timetable, and map.

Public bicycles ([Veturilo](#)) and electric scooters (by different companies) as well as taxis are available with a proper app.



Additional travel information:

Poland is a member of the European Union and participates in the Schengen Area. Please check whether you need a visa to enter the Schengen Area. The legal currency in Poland is Polish Złoty (PLN) but the most popular currencies (Euro, US Dollar, Japanese Yen, British Pounds) are easily exchangeable in banks and exchange offices (many in the town).

Travel:

Train: There are several convenient including direct train connections from Warsaw to the destinations in neighboring countries (e.g. Berlin, Munich [overnight], Prague, Vienna, Budapest [overnight]). We recommend choosing Warsaw Central Railway Station as a destination if possible, or Warsaw West Railway Station (however, the latter one is currently during reconstruction, which should not, but may temporarily affect the travel).

Bus: There are many economical bus connections with several cities in Europe but they are more time-consuming.

Airplane: Warsaw is serviced by two international airports. Warsaw Chopin Airport is the largest airport in Poland and it is located on the outskirts of the city center, about 15 minutes by bus from the Ochota Campus where the meeting will take place. It offers direct connections to many cities in Europe as well as to some US and Asian destinations. Warsaw–Modlin Mazovia Airport is located 40 km from the city center and it is intended to be used by low-cost carriers serving Warsaw.

Car: There is a direct toll highway (A2) connection between Warsaw and Western Europe via Berlin. Another comfortable motorway leads to the southern border with the Czech Republic and, by extension, to Vienna.



