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International Symposium “Amber. Science and Art”

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Gdańsk, Poland

SECOND CIRCULAR

International Symposium on “Amber. Science and Art,” will take place on 22-23 March 2018 in Gdańsk, Poland, during the 25th AMBERIF International Fair of Amber, Jewellery and Gemstones (21-24 March 2018).

The International Symposium is organised to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the AMBERIF International Fair of Amber, Jewellery and Gemstones and the 20th Anniversary of the Museum of Amber Inclusions at the University of Gdańsk. This conference will be a unique opportunity to meet specialists and colleagues from other countries in beautiful Gdańsk—the World Capital of Amber—and discuss the most current topics on Baltic amber and other fascinating fossil resins of the world. Gdańsk has an age-old history of amber extraction and trade in amber products. Scientific investigations of amber have also been performed in Gdańsk for hundreds of years. There is no better place to meet and talk about amber!

SYMPOSIUM SCOPE

The main theme of the seminar is Baltic amber, but all interdisciplinary topics connected with other fossil are kindly invited. The sessions are:

1. Life traces in amber

The session will be devoted to all traces of ancient organism and traces of their activities preserved in fossilised resins. Inclusions of insects and other arthropods, plants, fungi, and other organisms will be in focus of this session. The session is also our annual Palaeontological Section meeting on amber fossils – this time is a jubilee, as it will be the 35th meeting.

2. Stylistics and processing technology of amber products in 3rd-1st millennium BC: local and interregional perspective

The session's title is inspired by the desire to define up to what point it is possible to speak about unification of stylistics and technology of amber processing in spatial dimension and longer chronological perspective. Proceedings will be based on researches of formal characteristics of archaeological artefacts in amber and experimental studies dedicated to reconstruction of craft techniques used in prehistory in various areas of Europe.

3. Highlights of amber properties investigations and current aspects of amber mining

The interdisciplinary session shows current trends in fossil resins investigation and characterization. Baltic amber (succinite) deposits and actual problems of mining will be also discussed.

4. Myths, collections and conservation of amber

This session focusses on tales, traditions and myths. The presentations will address beliefs concerning the creation of amber and its function in different contexts. Recent research into and conservation of artefacts displaying mythological iconography will form part of our discussion.

CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Faya Causey, Getty Research Institute, National Gallery of Art, Washington USA

Prof. Sarjit Kaur Amber Research Laboratory, Department of Chemistry, Vassar College, USA

Prof. Joseph B. Lambert, Department of Chemistry, Trinity University, USA

Prof. Vincent Perrichot, Géosciences, Université de Rennes 1, Rennes, France

Prof. Bo Wang, Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Nanjing, China

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IMPORTANT DATES

Registration: January 15, 2018
Abstract submissions: **January 31, 2018**
Abstract acceptance notification: February 10, 2018
Final symposium program announcement:
March 15, 2018
Paper submission for proceedings volume:
June 30, 2018

SCHEDULE

21st/22nd March, 2018: Registration of participants at Symposium Venue.
22nd March, 2018: 1st Day of lectures – sessions 1 and 2.
Poster session.
23rd March, 2018: 2nd Day of lectures – sessions 3 and 4.
Poster session. Conference photograph.
24th March, 2018: Field-trip (optional, extra).

SYMPOSIUM LANGUAGE

- English, with simultaneous translation into Polish (headphones)

ABSTRACTS

Abstracts should be prepared using provided template and sent according to their topics to chairs of individual session listed above. Instructions for abstracts preparation can be found at Symposium website or in special cases can be sent on request. When submitting, files containing abstracts should be named in a following way:

Name_Surname_session number_abstract

Example:

John_Smith_session 4_abstract

POSTER PREPARATION

Posters must be mounted on the first day of Symposium in the morning and must remain on display until the end of the poster session on the second day. The dimensions of posters A0 (please note: **horizontal configuration**). Materials for mounting the posters will be provided in the poster area. Authors are requested to be at their posters during the poster session.

SYMPOSIUM FEES

No fee required to attend the symposium.

SYMPOSIUM VENUE

Gdańsk International Fair Co. – AMBEREXPO Exhibition and Convention Center

11 Żaglowa St., Gdańsk, Poland

<http://www.amberexpo.pl>

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Gdańsk Lech Walesa Airport is well communicated with the city centre (~16 km). Public transport and optional taxi is also well organised. Please visit airport website: <http://www.airport.gdansk.pl/passenger/departure1/drive>

If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask Organising Committee.

ACCOMMODATION

Organisers are offering accommodation for invited and keynote speakers (three nights, as well as catering at the time of the symposium sessions).

Other participants are kindly requested to book and pay for the accommodation on their own.

Gdanka Travel agency can assist in the selection of the hotel <http://gdankatravel.pl>

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at a special rate. These rates are available until **January 15, 2018**.

FIELD-TRIP

Day after the Symposium (24th March), a trip to Malbork (medieval castle with a great amber collection of historical objects) and Mikoszewo (national wildlife preservation park; place of amber collecting) will take place. The trip is free of charge for participants of the Symposium.

