



8th EAVP meeting – Aix-en-Provence, France 7-12 June 2010

Organized by: Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle d'Aix-en-Provence

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First circular

Dear Colleagues,

The 8th meeting of the European Association of Vertebrate Palaeontology (EAVP) will be held in Aix-en-Provence (France) from June 7 to June 12, 2010. Aix-en-Provence is a picturesque historical town located 30 km north of Marseilles. The city was founded in 126 BC by the Romans, as their first town in the newly conquered France. A medium-sized town, Aix-en-Provence used to be the capital of Provence, until the integration that country with the kingdom of France in 1409, the same year the university was founded. The city is still a major intellectual centre, with one third of its inhabitants being students. Many historical buildings, once owned by aristocratic families, can be visited, as is the case with the Hotel Boyer d'Eguilles, built in 1672, which houses the Natural History Museum (<http://www.museum-aix-en-provence.org>). The museum was founded in 1838 by the geologist Henri Coquand and is one of the oldest in Provence. It occupies 1600 m² (the reserves, which cover 800 m², are located elsewhere). The museum collections consist of 760,000 specimens, 450,000 specimens are part of the herbarium. However, the museum is best known for its palaeontological collections, namely dinosaurs. Following palaeontological excavations carried out by the museum over the last ten years, the collections currently boast close to a thousand dinosaur remains, ranking it among the wealthiest French museums in this category, along with the Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle and the Esperaza Dinosaur Museum (Aude). Most of the collection results from the excavations made by the museum since 1950s. Among the most important discoveries are two skeletons of *Rhabdodon*, the titanosaur of Trets, the famous nesting site in the city centre and the exceptional fauna brought to light (dinosaurs, pterosaurs, crocodiles, squamates, turtles, mammal, fishes...) along the highway A8, in collaboration with the highway company ESCOTA. The palaeontology department also contains numerous plant fossils (4,600 specimens), as well as the collection of the Marquis de Saporta, one of the founders of Palaeobotany.

We look forward to welcoming you in Aix-en-Provence.

Topics

This meeting falls within the scope of the EAVP objectives: making contacts and developing collaboration between European vertebrate palaeontologists by supporting each year the organisation of the Workshop of the EAVP in a different European country, in a historical continuity with the European Workshop on Vertebrate Palaeontology. Talks and poster presentations dealing with all aspects of the vertebrate palaeontology are accepted.

Abstracts

Talks and poster offers should be accompanied by a short abstract (not more than 250 words). Abstracts will be published in a conference book, which will be printed for distribution to all participants during the meeting. The abstract volume will later also be available on the EAVP homepage www.eavp.org.

Authors are requested to review the instructions below before preparing and submitting an abstract. Abstracts should be sent electronically to the organiser (see e-mail address below) as an rtf, doc, docx, txt. Abstracts will be proofread by the meeting organizers, and in case of necessary changes, sent back to the authors for approval. However, the person submitting the abstract is fully responsible for checking accuracy, spelling, correct grammar usage, and format prior to submission. All abstracts must be submitted in English, and only standard abbreviations may be used. Each abstract should describe the content of the presentation to be given and should be concise, technically accurate, and well written. The maximum length of the abstract text is one A4 page and must include the abstract title, authors' names and affiliations. Grayscale figures with captions, diagrams, tables, and graphs are possible, but must fit on the same A4 page as the rest of the abstract. All text, except the author's names and affiliation (which are 10 pt) should be Times New Roman, 12 pt and 1.5 lines distance. The title should be in bold letters. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **May 15th 2009**. Please send it by Email to eavp2010@hotmail.fr

Technical information

Oral presentations must be given using Power Point (Office 2003 version). If you are using an Apple Mac, then please bring your own adapter. The duration of each presentation is scheduled for 20 minutes, including 5 minutes for discussion.

Posters size should not exceed **84 cm wide x 118 cm high** (A0 portrait format). The size of the letters in the text should be large enough to be clearly read at a distance of 2 meters. Presenters are required to hang their poster at the beginning of the meeting, or during coffee breaks, so that the posters will be available during talks, coffee breaks and lunch. There will be two poster sessions of 1 hour, for which the presenting authors are asked to be present. Specific instruction for preparation of posters will be given in the second circular.

More information about conference proceedings and the Raymonde Rivoallan Fund will also be provided in the second circular.

FieldTrips

1. Fri June 11th: Visit to Aix Basin (~08:30h – 19:00h)

The fieldtrip will start with a visit to the famous dinosaur eggs site: Roques-Hautes (Maastrichtian), at the foot of the Sainte-Victoire mountain. The journey will continue with a stop at Saint-Antonin in the Maison de Sainte-Victoire where a temporary exhibition of the Museum d'Histoire Naturelle d'Aix-en-Provence will be viewed. It will present the latest remarkable Late Cretaceous discoveries (abelisaur, titanosaur, dinosaur eggs and mammal) from the Aix Basin and various Tertiary vertebrate fossils of Southern France. The next visit will be to the extremely important dinosaur site "Jas Neuf" located along the A8 highway area, where excavations are ongoing. The fieldtrip will conclude with a stop to the Château de la Galinière, a wine growing estate where a number of dinosaur nests have been found.

2. Sat June 12th: Visit to Parc du Luberon (~08:30h – 19:00h)

The fieldtrip will start with a visit to the local museum of the Parc Naturel Regional du Luberon where an introduction to the sites to be visited will be delivered. The first site, Gignac (Early Oligocene) is an important lacustrine limestone layer showing various mammal footprints (rhinoceros and artiodactyls) organized in remarkable tracks, with one slab containing 30 prints. The following site, Viens (Early Oligocene), is a small lacustrine limestone layer with an interesting rhinoceros track. The quarry presents a succession of red clays and white limestone where footprints are preserved. Excavations will be ongoing at this site. The journey will conclude with the visit to a third site, Céreste (Middle Oligocene), which is one of the most well-known outcrops of the region. It is famous for the remains of plants and vertebrates (bats, ruminants, rodents, amphibians and insects).

Registration fees

	Student EAVP members	EAVP members and non-EAVP students	Non-members
8th EAVP meeting	30 €	40 €	60 €
Conférence dinner	30 €		
Fieldtrip 1 (to Aix Basin)	30€		
Fieldtrip 2 (to Parc du Luberon)	25€		
Fieldtrips 1 + 2	50€		

Payment

1- For French participants

Two payment modes are possible:

- postal or Bank check to the following order : **Association des Amis du Museum d'Histoire Naturelle d'Aix-en-Provence.**
- Cash payment during registration at the entrance of the museum.

2- For foreign participants:

- Only cash payment is possible (during registration at the entrance of the museum).

Preliminary Programme

Mon June 7th: Arrival, opportunity to visit the museum collections (please notify us), registration and icebreaker party at the museum.

Tue June 8th: Scientific presentations, poster session.

Wed June 9th: Scientific presentations, general assembly, auction.

Thu June 10th: Scientific presentations, poster session, symposium dinner.

Fri June 11th: Field trip to Aix Basin.

Sat June 12th: Field trip to Parc du Luberon.

Key dates and deadlines

January 2010: 1st Circular and registrations opening

February 2010: 2nd Circular and call for conference abstracts

April 30th 2010: End of registrations

May 15th 2010: Deadline for abstract submission

June 1st 2010: 3rd Circular and final conference program

Transport

1. By train

The Aix-en-Provence TGV station gives direct access to the city without passing through Marseille. This station is 15 minutes away from Aix-en-Provence by bus or car.

Gare Aix-en-Provence TGV

RD 9 – Plateau de l'Arbois, 13592 Aix en Provence cedex 3

Tel : +33/ (0)8 92 35 35 35

<http://www.tgv.com>

SOS travellers : +33/ (0)4 91 62 12 80

Shuttle between Aix-en-Provence TGV and Aix-en-Provence (line n°40). Shuttles drop you at the bus station, which is 5 minutes walk from the city centre of Aix en Provence.

<http://www.lepilote.com>

Tel : +33/ (0)8 05 71 50 50

Tariff : 3€50

2. By plane

The Aéroport International Marseille-Provence is 25 minutes away from Aix-en-Provence by bus or car.

Tel : +33/ (0)4 42 14 14 14

Info travellers :

Tél : +33/ (0)4 42 14 21 14

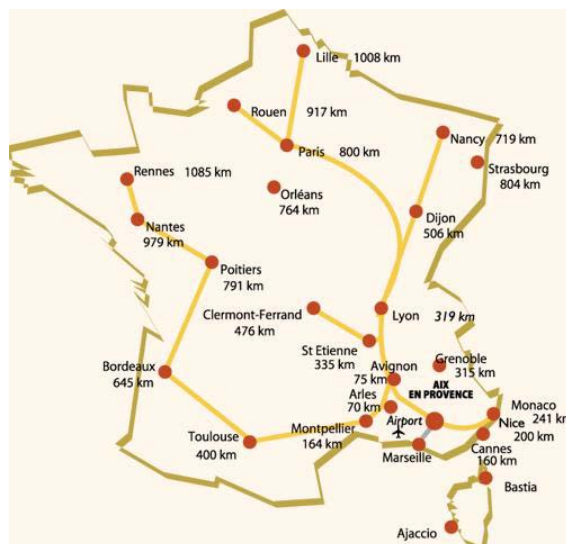
<http://www.marseille.aeroport.fr>

Shuttle between Aéroport International Marseille-Provence and Aix-en-Provence (line n°40). Shuttles drop you at the bus station situated, which is 5 minutes walk from the city centre of Aix en Provence.

<http://www.lepilote.com>

Tel : +33/ (0)8 05 71 50 50

Tariff : 7€



Accommodation

A list of suggestions for accommodation will be given in the second circular.

Here are some initial suggestions for students:

1. Auberge de Jeunesse

3 avenue Marcel Pagnol, Aix en Provence

Tél +33/ (0)4 42 20 15 99

<http://www.fuaj.org>

Adjacent to the Fondation Vasarely

Bus line n°4 (from **Rotonde Bonaparte** to **Mayanelle**, bus stop: **Vasarely**)

2. Hotel des Arts

69 boulevard Carnot, Aix en Provence

Tél : +33/ (0)4 42 38 11 77

Fax : +33/ (0)4 42 26 77 31

BE CAREFUL: It is very difficult to find accommodation in Aix-en-Provence during the summer period. We recommend that you book as soon as possible!

Registration Form

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Please return this registration form before the **30th of April** to:

eavp2010@hotmail.fr

or

Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle – Hôtel Boyer d'Eguilles
EAVP 2010
6, rue Espariat
13100 Aix-en-Provence

Name

Institution

Postal address

Email

Status/Payment for:

Student EAVP member	30€
EAVP member/Non-EAVP student	40€
Non EAVP member	60€

Do you wish to provide a presentation? Y/N

Oral presentation, Title:

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Poster, Title:

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Do you intend to join us at the Icebreaker party? Y/N

Do you plan to attend the conference dinner (30€)? Y/N

Do you plan to attend only fieldtrip 1 on Friday (30€)? Y/N

Do you plan to attend only fieldtrip 2 on Saturday (25€)? Y/N

Do you plan to attend BOTH fieldtrips (1 + 2) (50€)? Y/N

Do you pay by postal/bank check (only for French participants) or cash?

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