

Joint Congress

12th International Palynological Congress (IPC-XII 2008)

8th International Organisation of Palaeobotany Conference (IOPC-VIII 2008)

August 30 – September 5, 2008

Bonn, Germany



The next major international conferences in paleobotany and palynology, the IPC-XII and IOPC-VIII, will be held in Bonn, from August 30 to September 6, 2008.

This promises to be a historical event, as both professional associations will not only be meeting in the same city, but at the same time and at the same place.

To further interaction and integration between paleobotanists and palynologists, there will be joint symposia and sessions, as well as plenary lectures of interest to both fields.

Moreover, the single registration fee for both conferences will encourage participants to move freely between the sessions of both disciplines.



The scientific sessions will be held at University of Bonn, in the Main Building located in the center of the city. This Baroque palace—built as the residence of the Cologne Electors in the 17th century—contains meeting rooms of various sizes, ranging from large auditoriums to medium-sized and smaller lecture rooms.



The wealth of paleontological localities in Germany offers a number of intriguing possibilities for pre- and post-conference field trips. The field trips will be of variable duration, ranging from one day to one week, and will include sites of both paleobotanical and palynological interest, whenever possible. Potential field trips include:

- Tertiary and Quaternary volcanism in the Eifel hills near Bonn
- Neogene brown coal deposits (e.g., Lower Rhine Basin and Saxony)
- Eocene-Oligocene lacustrine biotas at Messel and Eckfeld
- Jurassic floras in southern Germany
- Carboniferous and Lower Permian floras (e.g., Saar-Nahe region, Thuringia, Saxony)
- Devonian and Carboniferous floras (Rhenish Massif and adjacent areas)



Bonn is a medium-sized university town with centuries of scholarly tradition, but it is also a dynamic city with an international outlook, owing to its preeminence and past history as the capital of Germany for 50 years. Thus, the infrastructure for hosting large conferences is excellent in Bonn. There are hotel accommodations in all price classes, including a youth hostel, as well as an extensive public transportation system (subway, streetcar, and buses).



The history of Bonn extends back well over 2000 years, when it was settled by the Romans. It has thus a long and rich cultural heritage, and Bonn is renowned for its medieval, baroque, rococo, and Victorian architecture as well.

Furthermore, there are world-class art and history museums in the city, and sites of interest include:

- the 11th century Bonn Cathedral (*Münster*)
- Beethoven's birthplace (*Beethoven-Haus*)
- Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany
- Museum of Modern Art (*Kunstmuseum Bonn*)
- Museum of Contemporary German History (*Haus der Geschichte*)
- Zoological Museum of the University of Bonn (*Museum Koenig*)
- State Museum of the Rhineland (*Rheinisches LandesMuseum*)
- Bonn Opera House
- Poppelsdorf Summer Palace

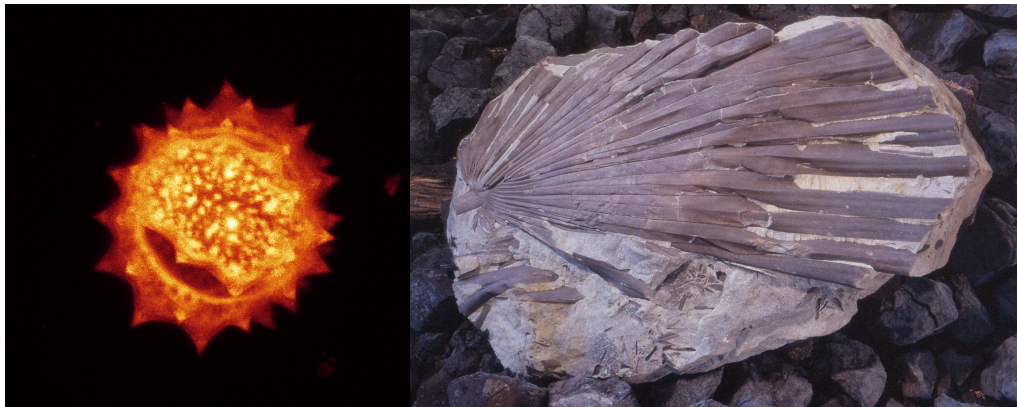


Located on the banks of the Rhine River, Bonn is the gateway to the romantic and beautiful Middle Rhine Valley (a World Heritage Site) which abounds in castles, vineyards, and dramatic landscapes. The nearby metropolis of Cologne, with its Cathedral and multitude of excellent museums is quickly and readily accessible by train or streetcar. Thus, Bonn also offers excellent opportunities for day trips for accompanying spouses and families.

The city of Bonn is very easy to reach, by air or by rail. You can fly into the following airports:

- Frankfurt International Airport (ca. 1 hour by high speed train)
- Dusseldorf International Airport (ca. 40 minutes by train)
- Cologne-Bonn Airport. This is the closest airport to Bonn, which is served by many low-fare airlines from many parts of Europe. There is frequent and regular shuttle-bus service to the center of Bonn.

Bonn has excellent railway connections, as it is situated on a major north-south line and is only a brief train ride away from the international rail hub of Cologne.



More information on the scientific aspects of the conference, including symposium topics and technical details regarding presentations, will be soon available on the internet (link see below).

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