

# IGCP 493 Field Excursion and Symposium, Moscow and White Sea, Russia

**August 2007**

**Theme:** State of the Art of Ediacaran Interpretation and their Environs

**Dates:** Field excursion: 20-27 August 2007  
Symposium: 29-30 August 2007

**Venue:** Paleontological Institute, Russian Academy of Science, Profsoyuznaya ul. 123, Moscow, Russia 117997

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This meeting is the final for IGCP493 (The Rise and Fall of the Vendian/Ediacaran Biota). It will bring together researchers in many disciplines to present papers on the interpretation of the Ediacarans – what were these organisms and what is the evidence to support each interpretation. Papers are invited from morphologists, molecular and evo-devo biologists, stratigraphers, biogeographers, paleoclimatologists, etc. The hope is to not only encourage discussion with regards to the nature of Ediacarans but also the climate, environments and geography that nurtured these unique organisms and brought about extinction of some, while other became the ancestors of modern phyla – their rise and fall in the Neoproterozoic and early Palaeozoic.

Two days will involve the presentation of papers and discussion and one full day will be devoted to study of the collections of Vendian fauna at the Paleontological Institute in Moscow, now housed in new quarters underwritten by a joint program between the PIN and UNESCO IGCP 493. This collection has been entered on a database, launched for use at this meeting and for the future.

A Short Paper volume will be published by the PIN, and presenters should provide a final copy of their presentation to the conveners at the time of the symposium. Abstracts and intentions of attendance will be needed by 1 June 2007 and should be sent via email to [mfedon@paleo.ru](mailto:mfedon@paleo.ru) and [pat.rich@sci.monash.edu.au](mailto:pat.rich@sci.monash.edu.au)

**Accommodation:** Two hotels are within walking distance of the Paleontological Institute, the Pallada and the Uzkoe. Rates are available on request and reservations should be made by 1 June due to heavy use of these hotels during the summer season. Please send requests for accommodation along with abstracts.

**Field Excursion:** The Vendian fossiliferous deposits exposed on the Winter Coast (Zinmii Bereg), White Sea. Trip Moscow-Arkhangelsk-Moscow by train (or by air), trip Arkhangelsk-Winter Coast-Arkhangelsk by helicopter.