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THE ELUSIVE EDIACARANS – WHERE DID THEY COME FROM AND WHERE DID THEY GO?

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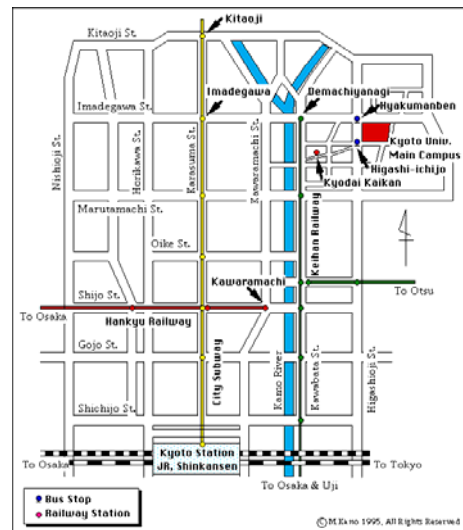
Venue: The Kyoto University Museum, 606-8501
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Registration Fee: 100 US dollars, which includes abstract volume.

Hotels: Available upon request, with average costs ca. 70-100 US dollars per night, usually including breakfast.



FOCUS OF MEETING: Relationships of the Ediacarans – crown groups, stem groups or “forgotten” architectures – or all of the above? Contributions from diverse disciplines are sought – paleontologic, molecular, embryologic, morphologic (neontologic), biomarker, etc. Also sought are papers dealing with the precise timing of appearance of body plans and paleoenvironmental assessments of the conditions that might have nurtured the first metazoans. At both the Kyoto University Museum and the Seto Marine Biological Laboratory there will be ample opportunity to observe both living and preserved specimens of a wide range of living metazoans, and if one can brave the cold, perhaps opportunity to observe living forms in their native surrounds. To be remembered are the hot springs at the end of the day!

Access to Kyoto

A door to door shuttle bus is available from the Kansai Airport to Kyoto. 3000yen per person with one piece of luggage (each additional large luggage will cost 1000 yen). Reservation is necessary, and the organizing committee can arrange this. Please specify the airline company, flight no., origin of flight as well as how many seats you need on the bus. If you would like the organizing committee to arrange hotel accommodation, please specify the number of people, number of nights and price range. Deadline for bus transport and hotel accommodation requests, 21 January 2006.

PRE-EXCURSION

Date: 28 and 29 January, 2006

Destination: SETO MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

Shirahama-cho 459, Nishimuro-gun, Wakayama 649-2211 Tel. +81-739-42-3515 Fax +81-739-42-4518

Aim: Observing living invertebrates relevant to understanding the anatomy of Ediacarans. Besides, Shirahama is famous for hot springs.

Fee: 350 US dollar including transport between either from Kansai International Airport or from Kyoto to the marine station in Shirahama, as well as lodging in a reasonable hotel plus dinner on the night of 28. Jan. and breakfast on 29. Jan.

Please send application to: Prof. Terufumi Ohno/Prof. Patricia Vickers-Rich, ohno@inet.museum.kyoto-u.ac.jp or pat.rich@sci.monash.edu.au

Deadline for registration: 24 December 2005

Deadline for Abstract submission: 24 December 2005

Payments: Payments can be made upon arrival in Kyoto for registration and preexcursion, but credit card details will be needed to reserve hotels.