

5. Neoproterozoic palaeobiology: preservation, palaeobiology, environments and phylogeny

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The International Palaeontological Congress (IPC) is a global meeting devoted to Palaeontology throughout the world. It convenes every four years under the aegis of the International Palaeontological Association. Following three previous editions in Sydney (2002), Beijing (2006) and London (2010), it will now come to the American continent for the first time. The 4th IPC will explore the courses Palaeontology may take as the 21st century ushers in profound and long lasting technological changes.

The meeting will be held in Mendoza, an attractive and easily accessible city in central western Argentina. It will offer a wide range of professional and recreational opportunities to participants of all backgrounds. Mendoza is renowned for its location at the foothills of the Andes, not far from Mount Aconcagua, the highest peak in the Western Hemisphere or even outside the Himalayas. Mendoza Province at large provides many tourist attractions and is well known as one of the foremost wine-producing regions in the world.

Local organizers are planning a comprehensive congress with an intellectually stimulating scientific program. The meeting will provide opportunities for participants to present and share experiences, explore new research directions and debate topics with specialists from across the globe. A varied array of meeting styles including a combination of plenary lectures, symposia on leading issues, interactive workshops, technical sessions and short courses, promises to provide sessions of interest for all attendants.