

IGCP587 – Of Identity, Facies and Time: The Ediacaran (Vendian) Puzzle

Upcoming Activities

1. **6th Science Centre World Congress, Cape Town, South Africa**, 2-5 September 2011.
Scope: Several members of IGCP587 will attend this conference with the aim to provide exhibition information and take part in poster sessions that highlight the communication of the results of research in our UNESCO project to the general public and make it available in the form of publications and exhibitions to science centres around the world – emphasizing Africa.
2. **Field Conference on the Nama Group** in Southern Namibia, Region of Aus 9-12 September 2011.
Scope: To bring together researchers (especially early career researcher) who are working on the final stages of evolution of the Ediacaran (Vendian) biota in an area where the last of these early animals have been discovered. The attendees will represent a broad range of specialties from palaeontologists, sedimentologists, basin analysts, regional geologists, geochemists, geochronologists, taphonomists, in order to produce a series of papers and a monograph on the last of the ediacarans and their environmental context.
Convenors: Prof Patricia Vickers-Rich and Prof Mike Hall (Monash University, Australia) and K. H. Hoffmann (Namibia).
3. **Conference on Neoproterozoic Sedimentary Basins and Field Excursion to the East Sayan Mountain Ranges**, in cooperation with IGCP512. 30 July -14 August 2011.
Scope: “The conference will be preceded by a workshop, with participation of leading experts on Proterozoic microfossils from Moscow, Saint-Petersburg, Irkutsk, and Novosibirsk who will bring their collections for examination by Subcommission members [Neoproterozoic Subcommission (ICS)]. Collections of Ediacaran and Early Cambrian macrofossil, small skeletal fossils, and trace fossils from Siberia that are important for subdivision and correlation will also be demonstrated. During the conference the participants will be provided with an opportunity to examine a core of boreholes with important Vendian sections from territories of Angara-Lena Block, Nepa-Botuoba Anticline, and eastern part of West Siberian Plate, including the borehole Vostok-3, the Siberian locality of *Namacalathus* and the world’s fourth locality of *Cloudina-Namacalathus* assemblage. After the conference there will be a geological excursion to the Uda River, the East Sayan Mountain Ranges to examine possibly the most accessible sections of the Siberian Vendian...”
Convenors: Dr Mikhail Fedonkin, Dr Alexey Kontorovich, Dr Julius Sovetov, Dr Larisa Konstantinova, Dr Dmitry Grazhdankin.