

Program (version Jan. 24)

30. January, 2006

09:30 Welcome Tetsuji Nakabo, Director of the Kyoto University Museum

09:40 Scope of Meeting

Patricia Vickers-Rich, Monash University

10:00 Pb-Pb dating of the Neoproterozoic Nama Group Carbonates in Southern Namibia

Tomomi Kani, Faculty of Science, Kumamoto University

10:40 Reflections on staggered bilateral symmetry in *Dickinsonia* and other Ediacarans

Enrico Savazzi, Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm, Sweden

11:40-13:00 Lunch

13:00 Theoretical morphology of the quilt structure in Ediacaran fossils

Bunji Tojo, Faculty of Education, Gifu University

14:00 Origins of skeletal biomineralization

Kazuyoshi Endo, Earth Evolution Sciences, University of Tsukuba

15:00-15:30 Café Break

15:30 Ghost of bilaterians past

James W. Valentine, Museum of Paleontology and Center for Genomics,
University of California, Berkeley CA 94720 USA

16:30 “Saline giants”, cold cradles and the cold playgrounds of Earth: The origin of Animalia

Patricia Vickers-Rich, School of Geosciences, Monash University, Melbourne,
Australia

17:30-19:30 Discussions

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09:00 Were efficient burrowers responsible for the disappearance of Ediacarans?

Enrico Savazzi, Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm, Sweden

10:00 Diversity and taphonomy of early Metazoan embryos

Chia-Wei Li, Department of Life Science, National Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu,
Taiwan

11:00-11:30 Café Break

11:30 12:30 Genetic cascade underlying the formation of the notochord in urochordate embryos

Nori Satoh, Department of Zoology, Faculty of Science, Kyoto University

12:30-14:00 Lunch and free discussions