

WIT7: 7th Workshop on Ichnotaxonomy

Second Announcement

Dates: August 29th – September 2nd, 2022

Venue: Tallinn – Särghaua Earth Science Center – Tallinn, Estonia

Homepage and registration: <https://wit7.org>



The seventh Workshop on Ichnotaxonomy will take place in Estonia, organized by the Department of Geology, Tallinn University of Technology. The area of Estonia is part of the Baltic Lower Paleozoic sedimentary basin and represents a well-preserved example of a shallow-marine carbonate system. Estonia has a long tradition of paleontological research, and the succession is rich in shelly faunas. Trace fossils are also common, and the region is likely the birthplace of bioerosion.

Participants of WIT7 are invited to present their work on trace fossils, the encountered ichnotaxonomic hurdles, and the implications for ichnotaxonomic principles and nomenclature. We expect lively discussions, both at the round table and during field trips, that will help foster the value and applicability of trace fossil nomenclature and classification for interpreting palaeoenvironments, palaeobiology and evolution.

The workshop is foremost directed at experienced ichnotaxonomists with interest in being involved in the discussion and re-evaluation of ichnotaxonomic problems in general and the validity and applicability of ichnotaxobases in particular.

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Important Dates

Deadline for registration, payment and submission of abstracts: **June 20th, 2022.**

Themes

The topics and questions to be tackled during the discussions will be based on your respective feedback on the registration form. Furthermore, it will be fuelled by the participants' presentations and subject of spontaneous development during the workshop. Hopefully, one session will be devoted to the ongoing update of the 'Trace Fossil' volume of the 'Treatise on Invertebrate Palaeontology'. Presentations and discussions on databases are welcome.

Presentations

Oral presentations are scheduled for 20 minutes, with 15 minutes for the talk and 5 minutes for discussion. The talks have to address ichnotaxonomic problems and raise questions that stimulate our debates. PowerPoint presentations are to be submitted the day before the talk at the latest. Posters are not an option.

Guideline for Abstracts

Please provide abstracts comprising the title, the list of authors with full fore- and surnames, postal addresses and e-mails, and the main text of 400 words maximum.

Costs

Workshop fee is 500 €, which includes registration, accommodation at the Särghaua Earth Science Centre, icebreaker, meals and workshop dinner in Tallinn, abstract volume, expenses for the field trips and transport to Särghaua Earth Science Centre. Accommodations in Tallinn are not included.

Registration

Registration is open. Please register until **June 20th**, by sending the registration form via e-mail to Ursula Toom (ursula.toom@taltech.ee).

For logistical reasons, the number of participants is limited, first come, first serve. Cancellation policy: cancellation before June 20th – full refund; Cancellation before August 25th – 50% refund; Cancellation after August 25th – no refund.

Field Trips

Field Trip I: Cambrian and Ordovician of North Estonia: Saviranna outcrop, Jägala waterfall and Aluvere Quarry.

Field Trip II: Ordovician and Silurian of Central Estonia: Reinu Quarry.

Field Trip III: Ordovician and Silurian of Central Estonia: Sutlema Quarry.



Ordovician limestones at the Jägala waterfall (<https://geologia.info/en/locality/10087>). Photo by G. Baranov.



Ordovician-Silurian boundary in the Reinu Quarry (<https://geoloogia.info/en/locality/16317>). Photo by O. Hints.

Provisional Programme

August 28th: Registration of participants and icebreaker at TalTech Department of Geology.

August 29th: Field trip I: North Estonia and arrival to Särghaua Earth Science Center.

August 30th: Talks and discussions.

August 31st: Guided tour in the nearby Open-Air Museum at Kurgja, Field trip II.

September 1st: Talks and discussions.

September 2nd: Leaving from Särghaua Earth Science Center, Field trip III. Workshop dinner in Tallinn.

September 3rd: Departure.

Travel Advice in Estonia

Visa Requirements:

Estonia is part of the Schengen Agreement of 26 European countries, among which no visa is required. Participants from other countries are advised to check their individual circumstances for entry. If you need an official letter of invitation, please contact the organizer.

Tallinn Airport: <https://www.tallinn-airport.ee/en/>

Travelling and COVID-19: <https://www.terviseamet.ee/en/travelling-and-covid-19>

Accommodation in Tallinn: please use [booking.com](https://www.booking.com) or Tallinn in Your Pocket:

<https://www.inyourpocket.com/tallinn>

Map of TalTech campus and the location of the Department of Geology:

<https://goo.gl/maps/w8f3YVUZNjbYgjPB7>