

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

**7th INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON
PHYTOLITH RESEARCH (7thIMPR)**

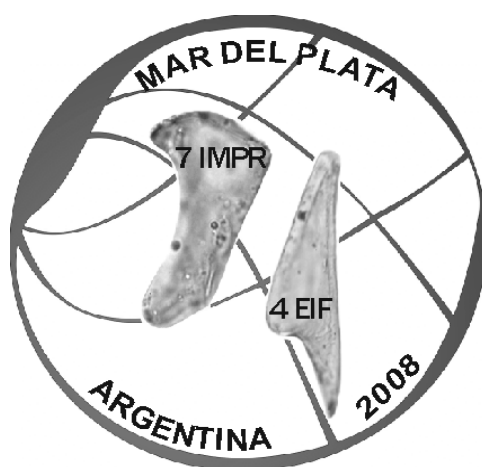
**4th SOUTHAMERICAN MEETING ON
PHYTOLITH RESEARCH**

**7° ENCUENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE
INVESTIGACIONES FITOLÍTICAS**

**4° ENCUENTRO SUDAMERICANO DE
INVESTIGACIONES FITOLÍTICAS (4°EIF)**

MAR DEL PLATA, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

11- 14 December 2008



ORGANIZED BY:

- **Centro de Geología de Costas y del Cuaternario, Facultad de Ciencias Exactas y Naturales, Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata (Argentina)**
- **Society for Phytolith Research (SPR)**
- **Agencia Nacional de Promoción Científica (AGENCIA- FONCYT)**
- **Grupo de Estudios Fitolíticos Aplicados del Cono Sur (GEFACS)**

INVITATION

It is a great pleasure to announce the 7th International Meeting on Phytoliths Research, and the 4^o Encuentro Sudamericano de Estudios Fitolíticos, that will be held in Mar del Plata, Argentina, from December 9th to December 12th, 2008.

This is the first time that a IMPR and EIF meetings will take place together giving the possibility to meet colleagues from different countries working on phytoliths and to have fruitful discussions and exchange of knowledge.

The aim of the meeting is to illustrate new advances in the discipline of phytoliths,

perspectives and difficulties in their study, as well as to discuss methodological, taxonomic and taphonomic aspects that the phytolith approach might have in different regions.

The conference will have several sessions covering the multiform approach of phytolith studies: Phytoliths in Soils, Phytoliths in Archaeology, Phytolith in Palaeoecology, Phytolith in Botanical Studies, etc.

The conference will also be an opportunity to visit one of the most peculiar environments of the world, the pampas as well as Argentina at large. We are looking forward to welcoming you in Mar del Plata (Argentina) in December!

ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION

All attendees are invited to present their research in the meeting. The works can be presented at oral or poster sessions. Abstracts may not exceed 500 words and should be typed in English using size 12 Arial and in A4 page. The file must be in Word format. Author name(s), full address and e-mail must be included in the abstract. All the accepted papers will be published as an edited volume, previous revision.

The abstracts may be submitted by e-mail to: 7impr@mdp.edu.ar or mosterrii@hotmail.com

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: 30 September 2008

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: English. Only the posters can be presented in Spanish

THEMATIC AREAS

- I. BIOLOGY, BOTANY, PALAEOBOTANY
- II. GELOGY, PALAEOONTOLOGY, PEDOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND PALAEOENVIRONMENT
- III. BIOGEOCHEMICAL CYCLES AND ISOTOPIC GEOLOGY
- IV. ARCHAEOLOGY
- V. METHODOLOGY/TAPHONOMY/TAXONOMY

SYMPOSIUM

“Taphonomical aspects of phytoliths in soils, paleosoils, sediments and archaeological contexts”.

Others proposals could be considered according to the available time and the number of papers presented.

FIELD TRIP: 14^h December 2008

At the end of the conference an optional field trip is organized, where geological, botanical and environmental characteristics of the pampean plains will be shown to the attendees.

PRE-MEETING COURSE: 8-10 December 2008

Postgraduate and advance students course: *ROLE AND RELEVANCE OF PHYTOLITH IN BIOLOGICAL, GEOLOGICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCES.*

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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HONORARY SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

It will be integrated by prominent specialists on phytolith research of the world (in conformation).

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

It will be integrated by the presidents of previous meetings, by phytolith researchers from different countries of the world and by outstanding specialists from different disciplines where phytolith studies are applied. This committee is in conformation.

REGISTRATION FEES (*)()**

| | Before July 1, 2008 | Before September 30, 2008 | After September 30, 2008 |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Waged attendees | U\$S 150 (dollars) | U\$S 200 (dollars) | U\$S 250 (dollars) |
| Students (undergraduate and graduate) | U\$S 70 (dollars) | U\$S 70 (dollars) | U\$S 100 (dollars) |

(*)The fees include the volume of abstracts, coffee break, midday lunch, field trip with a typical *gaucho* barbecue.

()** It will be considered a reduction in the registration for students and/or researchers who have economic difficulties for coming from countries with low exchange rate with the dollars.

Do you need Hotel 7IMPR-4EIF reservation. YES ----- NO -----

Single Room----- Double Room-----others-----

DAYS: SINCE----- UNTIL-----

To reservation please contact with Margarita Osterrieth: mosterrii@hotmail.com

Are you interested on a field trip to Patagonia or Argentinian Northwest region after the international meeting

Field trip postconference to the Northwest YES ----- NO-----

Field trip postconference to the North Patagonia YES ----- NO-----

For those who would like to visit Argentina after the Meeting, the local organising committee will be at your disposal to make suggestions and to get you in contact with local and well experienced tour and field trip organisers

Do no hesitate to contact us for further details. We looking forward to meet you at the 7IMPR and 4EIF in Mar del Plata, Argentina

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