

FORTHEM Collective Short-Term Mobility

Palaeontological summer school at the University of Opole

Organising university: The University of Opole

Location of the event: Krasiejów near Opole

Organisers: European Centre of Palaeontology UO, headed by dr hab. Elena Yazykova, prof.UO. Organising team consists of staff and students of the ECP itself and of the Institute of Biology, approximately 10 people in total with some help and co-operation from the team of the JuraPark, where the school will be located.

Project description: The main content of the project is to gaining hands-on knowledge of and experience in palaeontology. Actually it is "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" to excavate genuine fossils (vertebrates, invertebrates and plants) from famous localities in southwest Poland, possibility to do fossil preparation and to pick micro fossils, including mingling with other international students and discovering Poland from a different point of view. Participants of these summer school will get high-professional lectures and practical preparation lessons, as well as microscope sessions and participate in the palaeontological excavations. The main aim is the popularisation of the palaeontology as a science and students international integration.

Day by day programme:

Day and date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
19.07	Introduction to palaeontological fieldwork at the different fossil site; introduction to various approaches of excavation;	Introduction to screen-washing techniques of microfossils; first lectures on geology and stratigraphy of the Opole area	Socialising activities and networking programme
20.07	1 st group excavating at the Krasiejów fossil site 2 nd group fossil preparation 3 rd group screen-washing and pick micro vertebrates under the microscope		Socialising activities and networking programme
21.07	2 nd group excavating at the Krasiejów fossil site 3 rd group fossil preparation 1 st group screen-washing and pick micro vertebrates under the microscope		Socialising activities and networking programme
22.07	3 rd group excavating at the Krasiejów fossil site 1 st group fossil preparation 2 nd group screen-washing and pick micro vertebrates under the microscope		Socialising activities and networking programme
23.07	lecture dedicated to Cretaceous sites in the Opole area;	digging and collecting from Cretaceous at Odra and Folwark quarries	Socialising activities and networking programme

Eligibility criteria and selection criteria specific to this project:

One-page motivation letter with indication of level of experience (or lack thereof) in palaeontological fieldwork and/or preparation of fossil material



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