

A Post-Conference Letter - INA15 in the Philippines

Nannoplankton colleagues from all over the world travelled to the sandy carbonate shores of Bohol in the Philippines to attend the 15th Meeting of the International Nannoplankton Association (INA15). The meeting proper was held at the South Palms Resort on Panglao Island, Bohol on March 7 to 16, 2015. This is the second time the INA meeting was held in Asia, following the first one in Yamagata, Japan in 2010.

This biennial conference, started in 1985, plays a critical role in the sharing of new research and maintaining relationships among our small but global community of specialists. INA15 was organized by the Nannoworks Laboratory team at the University of the Philippines, Diliman, led by Alyssa Peleo-Alampay and Allan Fernando, along with their team of eager graduate students from their research laboratory. The conference was sponsored by the University of the Philippines (UP) System through the Office of International Linkages of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, UP Diliman, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), as well as private institutions such as Sigmatech, Inc., SMART Communications, Inc. and the International Nannoplankton Association Foundation.

A pre-conference fieldtrip in the province of Bohol showcased the long history, fascinating wildlife, and beautiful geology of the island, as well as the sun-filled crystal waters, robust coral cover, and aquatic life in the Balicasag Marine Sanctuary. During the Opening Ceremony (complete with local music and dance performances), Bohol Governor, Hon. Edgar Chatto and the President of the INA, Dr. Jeremy Young, from University College, London, welcomed the participants, which included 79 nannoplankton scientists from 23 countries,

The INA15 conference consisted of several key elements. Five technical sessions were held covering a wide range of topics, including 'Micropaleontology and the IODP', 'Taxonomy & Evolution', 'Advances in Nannofossil Biostratigraphy', 'Recent Nannoplankton/Coccolithophores: Biogeography and Ecology' and 'Paleoclimate Studies'. Five keynote talks were given by some of our esteemed colleagues Drs. Claudia Agnini, Isabella Raffi, Richard Denne, Luc Beaufort and Jorijntje Henderiks.

The conference also included three organized workshops, a poster session, a conference lunch sponsored by UP Diliman and a conference dinner sponsored by the Office of the Governor of Bohol Province. A total of 43 oral presentations and 42 scientific posters were presented during the technical sessions. Awards were given at the end of the technical sessions for the best student oral and poster presentations. Bianca Ausin of the University of Salamanca, Spain won the award for Best Student Oral Presentation. Emilia Rut Belia from Loma Linda University, California and Jaan Ruy Nogot from NIGS, University of the Philippines, Diliman bagged the award for the Best Student Poster Presentations.

The highly successful conference closed with forty-five of the participants heading to Puerto Princesa, Palawan for a three-day geologic post-conference fieldtrip. The lucky participants visited the area of the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park and Ugong Rock, as well as a tour of the reefal islands in Honda Bay.



Participants of the 15th Conference of the International Nannoplankton Association in South Palms Resort, Panglao, Bohol.



Jaan Ruy Nogot (left) a Filipino graduate student from the University of the Philippines and Emilia Rut Belia (right) from Loma Linda University, California bagged the award for the Best Student Poster. The awards were presented by Dr. David Watkins (center) of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, past INA President and Chair of the Awards Committee.



INA15 participants pose for a photo at the entrance of the Puerto Princesa Subterranean National Park during the post-conference fieldtrip in Palawan.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT:

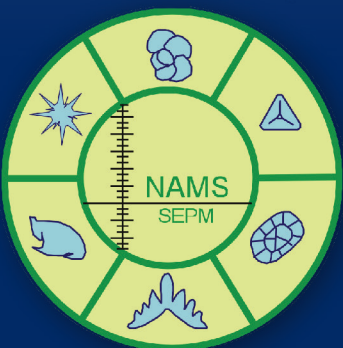
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Pre-registration is now open!!

<http://www.ina16athens.com/>



It's going to be a great meeting -

Time to start planning!

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Advanced Nannoplankton Studies through Geological Time: *GEObiology, Environment and Industrial Applications*



FIRST CIRCULAR / PRE-REGISTRATION

Dear Nannoplankton Researchers, Micropaleontologists, Marine Geologists, Biologists, Biostratigraphers and friends!!!

We have the pleasure to invite you to the INA 16 in ATHENS, Greece, 24–28 SEPTEMBER 2017

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INA16 Conference Details



The Conference

INA16 will emphasize on **Advanced Nannoplankton studies through Geological Time embraced with state-of-the art geobiological research.**

Main provisional objectives:

- *Ocean acidification and beyond - understanding coccolithophore physiology*
- *Nannofossil biostratigraphy - challenges, innovations and developments*
- *Coccolithophores and environmental change - responses and records*
- *Coccolithophore ecology - insights from seasonality and biogeography on local and global scales*
- *Palaeoceanography of the Indian Ocean and the West Pacific - results from recent IODP cruises*

Our city

Athens is one of the world's oldest cities, constantly inhabited since the Neolithic age. Classical Athens was a powerful city-state, a centre for the arts, learning and philosophy, the cradle of Western civilization and the birthplace of democracy; the monuments and museums from this era make it a very special place to visit. Acropolis, the trademark of Athens, is nominated to be one of the 7 wonders of modern world. The Holy Rock of Acropolis dates back to the 5th BC, the famous Golden Age of Periklis. Athens met times of bloom and decline, but still shines under the Attic sky gazing the future. Nowadays, it is a lively large cosmopolitan metropolis with numerous friendly bars and restaurants. Athens city is famous, more than any other European capital, for its nightlife, with entertainment options that satisfy all tastes.

Our Venue

DIVANI PALACE ACROPOLIS Hotel

<http://divaniacropolishotel.com/eng>

Divani Palace Acropolis is a 5-star hotel enjoying a priceless location right by the world-famous Acropolis, the perfect place to savor Athens fascinating history.

Daily rate

Single Standard: Euro 140

Double Standard: Euro 150

Rates are inclusive of American Buffet Breakfast and taxes 13.57%.

REGISTRATION for ACCOMMODATION in our venue is available at: <https://divanipalaceacropolis.reserve-onlinenet/?bkcode=INACNF17&checkin=2017-09-24>

Our post-conference field trip: *A transverse along the Corinth Gulf Rift to Zakynthos Island* is planned from 29 September to October 2/2017:

The Corinth Gulf (central Greece) is one of the fastest extending regions worldwide (~15mm/yr) forming an outstanding setting for studying active faults and Quaternary sequences.

On Zakynthos Island (Ionian Sea), a spectacular Early-Middle Pleistocene (2.6 up to 0.6Ma) marine sedimentary sequence is exposed onshore due to tectonic uplift. The sequence includes unconformities related to sea level lowstands, whereas biostratigraphy and magnetostratigraphy document major boundaries such as the Jaramillo, The Cobb Mountain, the Olduvai and Brunhes. In addition, Cretaceous- Pliocene deposits are easily accessible all over the island, including Messinian gypsum and Lago Mare outcrops.

For modern coccolithophore lovers, the beautiful green island would be a paradise as it is surrounded by the clear blue water of the Ionian Sea (<http://www.zakynthos.net.gr/>).

Please declare your interest by filling the **PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**.

Important deadlines, abstract instructions and details about registration fees payment way will be announced to you soon!

Feel free to contact us at ina16hellas@gmail.com for any queries.

We are looking forward to see you in ATHENS!!!

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