

Lyon 2008

France

12th International Nannoplankton Association Meeting



September 7th-10th 2008

Post-congress excursion September 11th-12th

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Hello everyone,

Time runs so fast since our last International Nannoplankton Association Meeting in the United States, and it is time now to announce the 12th conference! The next biannual meeting of the INA will be held for the first time in France.

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 12th INA conference in Lyon.

Lyon, the former Romans' *Lugdunum* ("hill of light"), is an historical city that is part of the Unesco World's Heritage (<http://www.lyon.fr/vdl/sections/en/tourisme/histoire>).

A program of oral and poster presentations, and subject-specific workshops will be held at the campus La Doua, University of Lyon 1 and at the laboratory UMR 5125 PEPS (PaleoEnvironments and PaleobioSphere).

For those of you that should have never attended a INA conference, this meeting represents a unique opportunity to be informed about recent advances in living and fossil coccolithophores studies. Specific topics will present new insights into coccolithophores' biology (genomic, physiology, ecology), (paleo)oceanography, and contribution to pelagic sediments.

Beside diverse receptions, a special conference dinner will be organized in a traditional Lyon's restaurant, with a selected tasting of French gastronomy and wines.

The conference field trip will visit sections located in the famous Vocontian basin where marl-limestone alternations spectacularly outcrop from the lowermost Jurassic to the Upper Cretaceous. The unconformity transition to the 'Nummulitic Sea' deposits will be also visited. By the way to the south-east France, a stop will be devoted to the topic 'Geology and Wine' thanks to the visit of the Côtes du Rhône vineyards.

The abstracts of the conference will be published in the *Journal of Nannoplankton Research* and the proceedings in *Geobios*, the international Palaeontological Journal of the University of Lyon (Elsevier publications).

The first circular and the address of the INA 12th web site will be emailed to you in September. In the meanwhile, if you have any question or need more detail about the conference organization please contact us.

Hope to see you next year in Lyon!

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