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OCT 18th

Abstract submission

OCT 23rd

Grants-in-Aid applications

OCT 31st

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OCT 31st

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NEW CALLS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Art Exhibition

Submit your artwork inspired by Deep Time, nannoplankton and environmental change.

Deadline: November 30th

Micropaleontology in The Park

Join our public outreach event and bring microfossils closer to the community.

February 17th, 2027

Grants-in-Aid

Financial support for students and early-career researchers. INA membership and an abstract are required.

Apply by October 23rd

Call for Workshops Proposals

Have an idea for a workshop? We welcome your proposals!.

Deadline: November 30th

Find full details and application instructions inside

THIRD CIRCULAR

The Organising Committee of the 20th International Nannoplankton Association Meeting is pleased to invite you to participate in this event, which will be held on February 14-19, 2027, in La Plata, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina.

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The INA meetings gather the nannoplankton experts from around the world in a selected place to discuss the progress of our science, share experiences and ideas, build up working bounds, and reunite with colleagues and friends.

The 2027 edition of the INA meeting has a special significance, because we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the International Nannoplankton Association! Since the first edition in 1985 in Vienna, Austria, many discoveries and improvements have been made and the nannoplankton community has grown tremendously.

We are proud to be the next hub of Nanno-science and to host the international community in La Plata for this special edition of the meeting. We warmly invite researchers, students and professionals working on nannoplankton and related fields to join us in Argentina to share their latest research, exchange ideas and celebrate together 50 years of the International Nannoplankton Association.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to La Plata in 2027!

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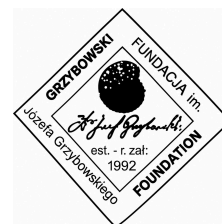
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Venue

Founded on 19 November 1882, La Plata is the capital of the province of Buenos Aires, situated 56 km from the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires. Architecture, gastronomy, museums, shopping, outdoor activities, culture and events – La Plata has it all.

It is also known as the 'City of Diagonals', the 'City of Linden Trees' and the 'City of Students' due to its large number of public and private universities and further education colleges. Furthermore, as the provincial capital, it is home to professional bodies and, of course, government agencies.



La Plata is a global benchmark for its urban planning, where the "Perfect Square" features 23 parks and squares, boasts a wide variety of tree species that adorn the streets, and as you move away from the centre, you can hear the song of starlings, woodpeckers, ovenbirds, parakeets and thrushes.

The city is also known for being innovative in many aspects: it was the first city to have traffic lights and public electric lighting; by 1887, telegraph and telephone services had already been launched, and by 1892 the first electric tram route was operational, making it the first city in South America to have this form of public transport.



*INA 20 will be held at the **Centro de Posgrado Sergio Karakachoff** of the Universidad Nacional de La Plata. The building is a perfect place as it has a good infrastructure of rooms and auditoriums for the meeting activities, it is accessible, has a dedicated space for art exhibitions, and it also has a bar/restaurant for quick snacks and drinks. It is located in the very city centre, near to several cultural and historical sites, and accommodation places.*



Keynotes Lectures

COCCOLITHOPHORES AND THE CARBONATE PUMP: ECOLOGICAL CONTROLS ON OCEAN ALKALINITY

Alex Poulton

Heriot-Watt University, United Kingdom

Prof. Alex J. Poulton is Professor of Marine Ecology and Biogeochemistry at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, United Kingdom. His research focuses on ocean productivity and the role of planktonic organisms in global biogeochemical cycles, with particular emphasis on coccolithophores and the ocean carbon cycle. He has led and participated in numerous international projects funded by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and the European Union, aimed at understanding the role of calcifying organisms in the ocean carbon cycle and alkalinity. He has an extensive scientific publication record, has participated in more than twenty oceanographic cruises, and plays an active role in various international scientific organisations and journals.

FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA: A DISCUSSION OF EOCENE HYPERTHERMAL EVENT ACROSS THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

Jean Self-Trail

U.S. Geological Survey, United States

Dr. Jean Self-Trail is a research geologist and micropaleontologist at the U.S. Geological Survey, with more than 35 years of professional experience. She specialises in Mesozoic and Cenozoic calcareous nannofossils and in global warming events associated with the Paleocene–Eocene Thermal Maximum and the Cenomanian–Turonian boundary. She has carried out extensive research on subsurface sediments from the Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plains, addressing topics related to paleoceanography, biostratigraphy, sequence stratigraphy, and paleoecology. She has published numerous scientific papers on these subjects and is actively involved in national and international projects related to global biogeochronology, maintaining close collaboration with academic institutions, geological surveys, and the industrial sector.

**THE FIRST MONTHS TO MILLENIA OF THE PALEOGENE:
DISSECTING K/PG BOUNDARY RECORDS AT ODP HOLE 1259B
AND A BRAZOS RIVER, TX, USA SECTION POST-K/PG BOUNDARY
IMPACT RECOVERY**

Brian Huber

Smithsonian NMNH, United States

Brian Huber received his B.Sc. in Geology from the University of Akron (1981) and M.Sc. (1984) and Ph.D. (1988) from The Ohio State University. He joined the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History's Department of Paleobiology in 1988 as Curator of Foraminifera, he was a lead curator planning content in the NMNH Ocean Hall, and he was Paleobiology's Chairman from 2010-2015. His research focuses on changes in global climate between 115 to 35 million years ago and the evolutionary dynamics and extinction of Cretaceous and Paleogene planktonic foraminifera during that time interval. He was a shipboard paleontologist on several Ocean Drilling Program cruises and he was the Co-Chief Scientist for Integrated Ocean Discovery Program's 2017 Expedition 369 "Australia Cretaceous Climate and Tectonics". He has done field work in Antarctica, southern South America, and Spain, and from 2002-2009 he led a Cretaceous marine sediment coring program in southeast coastal Tanzania. He has served on the Board of Directors and as President of the Cushman Foundation for Foraminiferal Research, he has served roles as editor and associate editor for several paleontological journals, he participated on several International Ocean Drilling Program panels, and he has served as Vice-Chair of the International Commission on Stratigraphy.

**BIOSTRATIGRAPHY AND MICROFOSSILS: CONTRIBUTIONS OF
THE BRAZILIAN OIL INDUSTRY TO UNDERSTANDING THE
OPENING OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN**

Francisco Henrique de Oliveira Lima

Petrobras, Brazil

Dr. Francisco Henrique de Oliveira Lima is a geologist who obtained his degree in Geology in 1988 from the Universidade de Brasília (UnB), Brazil. He joined PETROBRAS in 1990, initially working in the Espírito Santo state unit. In 2000, he was transferred to the Biostratigraphy area of the Leopoldo Américo Miguez de Mello Research Center (CENPES) in Rio de Janeiro. In 2002, he obtained his PhD in Stratigraphy through the graduate programme of the

Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS). Since 2000, he has coordinated and participated in numerous biostratigraphy projects related to exploration and production activities in basins along the Brazilian continental margin and in other countries. He has also contributed to the implementation of computational tools for the management of biostratigraphic data and has provided technical advice for PETROBRAS projects and strategic partnerships. He has extensive experience in the application of biostratigraphy to the oil and gas sector and has made significant contributions to the development of this discipline in Brazil.

BEYOND THE TETHYS: JURASSIC CALCAREOUS NANNOFOSSILS FROM THE NEUQUÉN BASIN AND THEIR GLOBAL SIGNIFICANCE

Micaela Chaumeil Rodríguez

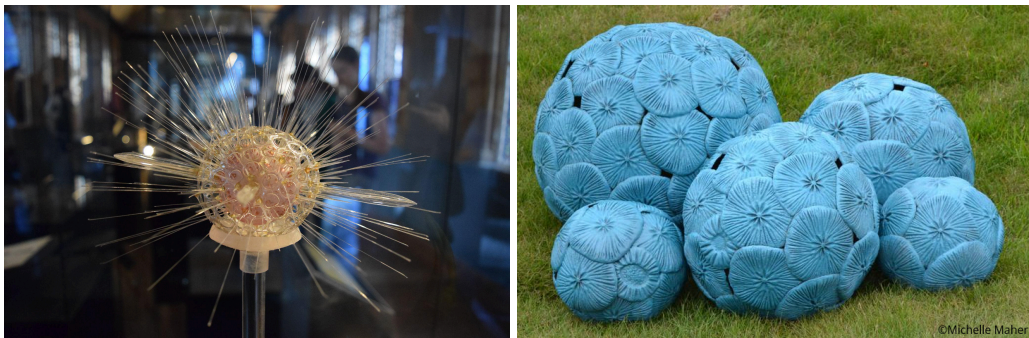
Universidad Nacional de Río Negro, Argentina

Dr. Micaela Chaumeil Rodríguez is a paleontologist specializing in Early and Middle Jurassic calcareous nannofossils, with a focus on taxonomy, biostratigraphy, paleobiogeography, and paleoceanography. She holds PhDs from the Universidad Nacional de La Plata (Argentina) and Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1 (France). Her research focuses on the Jurassic nannofossil record of southwestern Gondwana, particularly the Neuquén Basin, Argentina, and its implications for understanding the evolution and paleobiogeographic distribution of calcareous nannoplankton. By integrating micropaleontological and geochemical evidence, she has contributed to refining Jurassic biostratigraphic frameworks and reconstructing major paleoenvironmental and paleoclimatic changes, including the Toarcian Oceanic Anoxic Event. She was recently selected for the MOPGA initiative, supported by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, to conduct research at the Laboratoire de Géologie de Lyon (UCBL1). She is also actively involved in university teaching at the Universidad Nacional de Río Negro, public communication of science, and scientific editorial activities.

Art Exhibition

*As part of the INA20 Meeting, we invite you to participate in
the art exhibition at the Museo de La Plata.*

*The exhibition centers on **the concept of Deep Time and its ecological implications.** From this perspective, nannoplankton emerges as a geopolitical actor: its organic remains, seemingly worthless, accumulated over millions of years alongside other organisms, gave rise to petroleum, a witness to past lives that industrial modernity transformed into a powerful fuel capable of controlling international markets and which today contributes to a new mass extinction.*



*The call for submissions invites **scientists and artists working in the fields of paleontology, biology, and ecology** to submit works that explore these relationships from **scientific, speculative, imaginative, or poetic perspectives.** The aim is to bring together different ways of representing life in the past and, through them, to reflect on the transformations of the present and their impact on the future.*

Scientists and artists (both professionals and amateurs) from any part of the world and over 18 yo are eligible to participate.

The call accepts both individual works and those created collaboratively or in co-authorship. In the case of collective works, one person must be designated to handle registration and communication with the organizers.

Works will be accepted in any format, technique, or discipline, including, but not limited to, painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, scientific illustration, installation, audiovisual works, digital art, and mixed media.

Open Call: [send your proposal](#) until November 30th.

Outreach - Micropaleontology in the Park

*As part of INA20, we invite participants to join **“Micropalaeontology in the Park: Bringing the Invisible World of Microfossils to the Public”**, a public outreach event that will bring micropalaeontology out of the conference venue and into the park in front of the Museo de La Plata.*



*On **17 February 2027**, INA20 researchers will interact directly with children, families, students, museum visitors and the general public through microscopes, enlarged 3D microfossil models, educational displays and hands-on activities. Visitors will be able to observe real microfossils, talk with scientists, explore how these tiny organisms help us reconstruct past oceans, environments and climates, and even become micropalaeontologists themselves through palaeoenvironmental and nannofossil biostratigraphy games.*

*The activity will be complemented by the **INA20 Art & Science programme at the Museo de La Plata**, creating a day dedicated to science communication, creativity and interaction with the local community.*



Abstract Submission

New deadline - October 18th

The call for abstracts is officially open!

Please use the template (.doc or .rtf) for preparing your contribution (do not convert to PDF). In this INA20 edition you are invited to present your work along with a figure (b&w or colour). If you do so, please do not embed figures in the text. The system will request you to upload these files separately.

Figure format: please check our website.

All contributions will be published in the Journal of Nannoplankton Research. We encourage you to respect the format given in the template to keep the workflow smooth and fast. Thank you for your cooperation!

Abstract submission ONLY through the [INA submission platform](#)

When you access the website for the first time you will need to REGISTER. Once you have your username and password you will be able log in to submit your abstract. If you want to submit more than one contribution, please LOG IN and use the button "Make a Submission" every time.

*Please **complete only the mandatory fields (marked with *) AND add all of the authors participating in the abstract.***

*The **check-list** of items to complete is on our website; [visit the site before submitting](#).*

For any comments or questions regarding your submission, or if you need to interact with the Editorial Team, you will use the DISCUSSION section. This will help us to track your contribution and keep a clean communication with you.

Messages sent outside the platform will not be answered.

Problems with the Submission Platform?

Please contact Juan PÉREZ PANERA: perezpanera@gmail.com

Registration

NEW! Early-bird registration until October 31st

Payments can be completed by PayPal (send money, link, QR code options) or Bank Transfer.
Find all the instructions [here](#). Remember to keep the proof of payment to complete the registration form.

[Click here to access the INA20 - Registration Form](#)

Early Bird Registration (until October 31 st , 23:59 h Argentina hour)	
INA member - standard registration	USD320
INA non-members - standard registration	USD370
INA member - Student, Retired or Unemployed	USD280
INA non-members - Student, Retired or Unemployed	USD305
Accompanying Person*	USD70
* (includes ice-breaker, coffee breaks)	
Late Registration (since November 1 st 2026 until January 31 st 2027)	
INA member - standard registration	USD370
INA non-members - standard registration	USD420
INA member - Student, Retired or Unemployed	USD330
INA non-members - Student, Retired or Unemployed	USD355
Accompanying Person*	USD100

Grants-in-Aid

The Funding Committee will award grants-in-aid to attend the INA20. These grants will cover the early-bird registration fee OR travel expenses (up to USD500).

Who can apply?

Undergraduate students, PhD students, and early-career researchers.

You need to

- *Be a member of the INA.*
- *Present an abstract.*

How to apply

Send us an email to ina20meeting@gmail.com with:

- *A motivation letter (max. 1 page).*
- *The tentative title of your abstract.*

Application deadline – October 23rd

Results will be communicated the last week of October.

Remember!

- *Abstract submission deadline: October 18th*
- *Early-bird registration deadline: October 31st*

Workshops

*Are you interested in **organising a workshop**?*

*We know there are very good ideas and topics for workshops.
Get in contact with us sending an email to ina20meeting@gmail.com
with all the details of your idea.*

*We will be accepting **proposals until November 30th.***

Ice-Breaker Party

Museo de La Plata

The Museum of La Plata, part of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Museum of the National University of La Plata (UNLP), is one of Latin America's leading natural history museums.

Founded in 1884, its building is a neoclassical landmark that has been designated a National Historic Monument. The museum's collections comprise approximately four million specimens and objects, primarily from Argentina and South America, supporting internationally recognized research in Natural Sciences, Anthropology, and Archaeology.



The Museum's permanent exhibition, distributed across 20 galleries, presents the history of life on Earth—from the origin of the universe to human evolution and cultural diversity—while promoting scientific outreach and public engagement.

The Ice- Breaker Party will be held on Sunday 14th at 18:00

*Previously, we will also have a **guided visit to the Museum.***

Social Dinner

MORO Finca & Fonda

Date: Tuesday 16th

Price: USD90

Join us for the INA20 Social Dinner at MORO Finca & Fonda, a countryside venue located near La Plata. The evening will offer an opportunity to relax, enjoy local cuisine and spend time with colleagues in an informal setting. The dinner will include:

Cold and hot appetisers

A selection of focaccia with prosciutto, rocket and Parmesan; vegetable and ricotta pastries; Spanish potato tortilla; seafood salad; beef and sweetcorn empanadas; risotto arancini; pork polpettini; vegetable and provolone fritters; prawn, mango and tomato shots; mushroom croquettes; and breaded prawns.

Main course

Braised beef served with demi-glace sauce, smoked potato cream and roasted vegetables.

Vegetarian option: Smoked breaded aubergine served with chickpea hummus, crispy chickpeas, cherry tomatoes and roasted carrots, accompanied by a fresh salad with aioli.

Dessert selection

Individual desserts and mini cakes, including dulce de leche cream, chocolate mousse with red berry sauce, passion-fruit cheesecake, Rogel cake, carrot cake, almond and red berry sablé, raspberry domes and brownies.



The price includes round-trip shuttle transportation between La Plata and the venue, the full three-course menu, an open bar throughout the evening—including wine, beer, cocktails, soft drinks and water—as well as entertainment, music and dancing.

Dietary requirements should be indicated during registration.

Pre-Conference Fieldtrip

Buenos Aires City

Founded in 1580, Buenos Aires has played a central role in Argentina's history as the country's principal port, political capital, and cultural centre. Today, it is a vibrant metropolis that combines a rich architectural heritage with dynamic contemporary urban life.



Renowned for its historic neighbourhoods, museums, theatres, art galleries, and gastronomy, the city also offers extensive parks and a lively waterfront along the Río de la Plata. As one of South America's leading destinations for international meetings and events, Buenos Aires provides excellent infrastructure, efficient transport, and a wide range of cultural experiences.

Date: Saturday 13th to Sunday 14th

Participants: 42 max.

Price: USD90 - **Inscription deadline:** October 31st

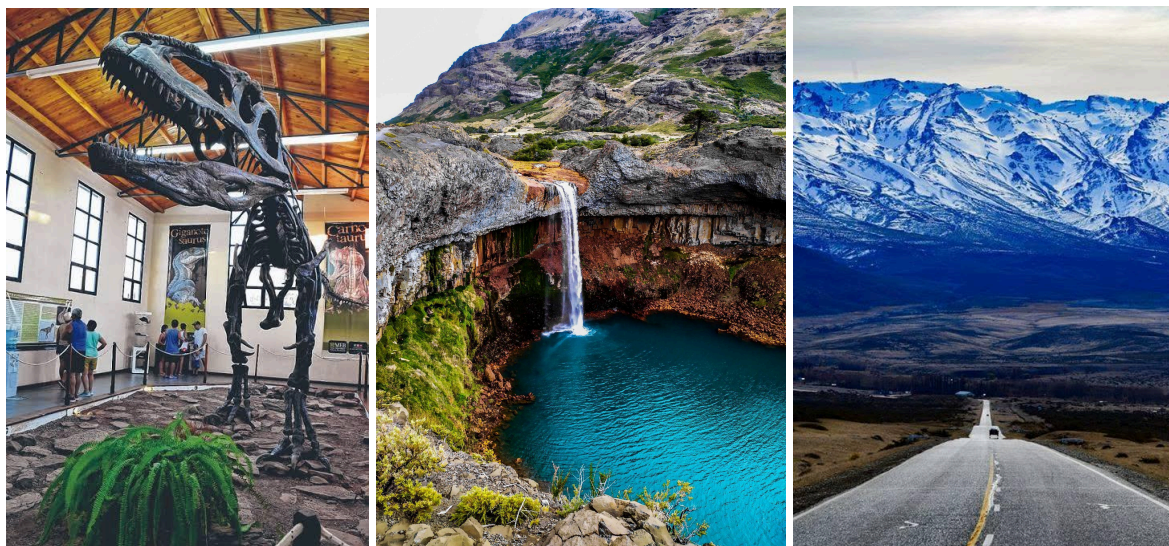
Includes: One night at NH Buenos Aires City hotel (Double Room only), La Plata - Buenos Aires transportation on Sunday 14th noon.

Post-Conference Fieldtrip

The Neuquén Basin

Located in the northern Patagonian Andes of Argentina, Neuquén Province is renowned for its remarkable diversity of landscapes, including snow-capped volcanoes, ancient forests, crystal-clear lakes, rivers, mountains, and vast steppe.

Rich in Mapuche cultural heritage and internationally recognized for its exceptional paleontological record, the province offers outstanding opportunities for nature-based tourism, outdoor recreation, winter sports, and scientific discovery.



We propose a tour of the province, visiting museums that house some of the world's largest dinosaurs, exploring a unique Araucaria forest on the slopes of Copahue Volcano, and tracing the geological history of the Neuquén Basin through its outstanding rock outcrops.

We will explore Early Jurassic marine strata; the Vaca Muerta Formation, a Late Jurassic–Early Cretaceous marine unit that constitutes a world-class source rock and major unconventional hydrocarbon reservoir; and the Jagüel Formation, a marine calcareous succession spanning the Cretaceous–Paleogene boundary.

Date: Saturday 20th to Thursday 25th

Participants: 32 max.

Price: USD800 - **Inscription deadline: October 31st**

Includes: La Plata - Bs.As. Jorge Newbery Airport transportation, flight tickets (roundtrip), four-days accommodation (Double Room only), transportation in the field.

Visiting as a tourist - Visa

Argentina has agreements with hundreds of countries whose citizens do not need a visa to enter the country for tourism. However, there are many other countries whose citizens need to apply for permission.

You can [check this website](#) for more information. The [complete official list](#) can be checked for countries that require or do not require a visa to enter.

*Contact us if you need an **invitation letter** from the congress for your application.*

Accommodation and Transport

There are plenty of options in La Plata, we provide you some of them [our website](#) but you can find more information on the [Tourism Office Website](#).

And if you would like to go around Buenos Aires city please visit the [Official Website](#).

*Several convenient **modes of transport** are available around Buenos Aires and La Plata, such as public transportation, which offers payment options using credit/debit cards and NFC devices, and car hire apps Uber and Didi.*

***Don't forget to check this important info about
[transportation from/to the airports](#).***

MORE INFO AND OFFICIAL CONTACT

We will be providing more information about abstract submission, accommodation, fieldtrips, workshops, and other activities in our website and the upcoming circulars.



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Ready for INA 20? We hope to see you in Argentina!

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