



Welcome to Perugia!

It is our privilege and pleasure to invite you to the ICPSG, International Congress on “**Palaeozoic Stratigraphy of Gondwana**” (www.icpsg.com) to be held in Perugia (Italy) on April 14-16, 2016. The Congress is organized jointly by the Department of Physics and Geology (University of Perugia, Italy) and Arianzamin Pars Geological Research Center of Tehran, Iran. It will be addressed to promote interdisciplinary approaches, to make the state-of-the-art and to expand the knowledge on the Palaeozoic Gondwana realm. The Congress aims to provide an opportunity for constructive interactions between academia and industry in exchanging ideas, perspectives and challenges.

The Congress will cover a wide range of topics about Gondwana Palaeozoic successions. The main subjects of the Congress will be:

- Stratigraphy
- Palaeontology
- Basin Analysis
- Geochemistry
- Hydrocarbon exploration
- Geodynamics
- Palaeogeography

In this context, the Congress intends:

- To compile the studies on Palaeozoic successions of Gondwana regions (e.g. Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Arabian Plate, Oman, parts of India, Australia, South America and North Africa);
- To exchange the scientific information on Gondwana Palaeozoic successions;

- To evaluate the recent outcomes from Palaeozoic Successions of Iran (in coordination with Exploration Directorate, NIOC);
- To introduce biozonal schemes and correlation charts for Palaeozoic of Northern Gondwana to be utilized as guidelines in future exploration;
- To survey firsthand knowledge about latest subsurface findings in Northern Gondwana Palaeozoic domain.

The conference will include 3 days of talk and poster sessions and invites plenary talks on topics of particular importance. Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. Oral presentations will be selected by the conveners.

The conference will host the:

International Workshop on PALAEOZOIC SMALLER FORAMINIFERA

Organizers: Daniel Vachard (President; University of Lille, France), Demir Altiner (Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey); Roberto Rettori (University of Perugia, Italy).

The Organizing Committee of the ICPSG extends a warm welcome to all interested in International Workshop on Palaeozoic Smaller Foraminifera. The workshop will be held on April 13th in a pre-Congress session. Topics will focus on taxonomy, biostratigraphy, evolution and palaeobiogeography of Palaeozoic Smaller Foraminifera. The contributions will be published in the "Rivista Italiana di Paleontologia e Stratigrafia" (ISSN:0035-6883; IF: 0.93) after peer review.

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Venue

Located in the heart of Italy, the Umbria region has been defined by the poet Giosuè Carducci “*il cuor verde d'Italia*” (the green heart of Italy). Umbria is known for its influence on culture, traditions, history, artistic legacy, and landscapes. It includes several naturalistic heritages, as the Trasimeno Lake, Marmore falls, and the Tiber River.

The regional capital is Perugia, an ancient city with an international vocation as venue for major meetings as well as international and intercultural organizations. It is a cultural center for many centuries and home to many creative spirits in the fields of science, music and art.

Perugia amalgamates all the advantages of a small city with the facilities and services usually only found in much larger cities! It provides a unique environment to meet with colleagues in a relaxing atmosphere. On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we look forward to introduce you to Perugia. We are sure it will offer the ideal environment to discuss cutting edge geology, stratigraphy and oil exploration, as well as to explore new scientific frontiers that are relevant to the various societal challenges facing the 21st century.

Congress Location

The Congress will be held at Hotel Giò – Perugia Congress Centre inside the Hotel Giò, with its 206 rooms, 26 meeting rooms and Auditorium seating for up to 700 places, proposes itself as a functional structure, point of reference for the central area in Italy. Two Hall with areas expressly developed for informal meeting, living bar for aperitif and coffee break and comfortable working and reading corners will be available.

Language of the Congress

English will be the official language of the meeting. No translation facilities will be available.

Access

Perugia is not far from Rome, Pisa and Florence and can be easily reached from these three cities by train, bus or car.

- The major international gateway is Rome's Airport “Leonardo da Vinci”, known as Fiumicino (FCO) (30 km/19 mi southwest of Rome, phone: 06/6595-3640; www.adr.it).

- Pisa's Airport "Galileo Galilei" (PSA) (12 km/7 mi south of Pisa and 80 km (50 mi) west of Florence, phone: 050/500707; www.pisa-airport.com) has flights from London, Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris and other European cities, as well as connections to Rome and Milan.
- Florence's Airport "A. Vespucci", known as Peretola (FLR) (10 km/6 mi northwest of Florence, phone: 055/3061700; www.aeroporto.firenze.it), has connections to Brussels, Paris, London, Rome, and Milan.

Flying time is approximately 9 hours from New York, 11 hours from Chicago, 12 hours from Dallas (via New York), 12 hours from Los Angeles, 2 hours from London (to Milan), and 24 hours from Sydney.

The solution that we suggest to you to reach Perugia by air is to land to Rome and to continue for Perugia with bus or by train.

Daily bus connections (www.sulga.it) are from Roma Fiumicino Airport (International Departure Terminal "C") and Perugia (P.le Partigiani).

Several trains daily connect Perugia with both Florence (via Terontola) and Rome (via Foligno or via Terontola). For the timetable and information please visit our website "How to reach Perugia" by Train section (www.trenitalia.com).

Local Airport

Perugia's tiny Airport Sant'Egidio (PEG) (phone: 075/592141) has flights to and from Rome, Munich, London, Bruxelles, Barcelona and other European cities. For information about Perugia's Airport Sant'Egidio please visit the Airport section (www.airport.umbria.it).

Accommodation

Hotel Giò is a unique building with 206 rooms, divided into two thematic areas. These areas are linked by a musical arcade with secluded listening points and peculiar Business Cellar with Internet Positions. Free Wi-Fi is available in the whole Hotel. Parking and Garage are free for the Guests. Moreover, Perugia and its vicinity have over 5000 rooms in more than 90 hotels. Many hotel rooms at different levels have been already blocked in order to secure the best rates. Lodging in student housing of the University can also be available.

Registration Fees

The registration fees which includes opening ice-breaker, coffee breaks and lunch packages are as follows:

	Until November 30 th	Until February 28 th	On site
Regular participant	300 €	400 €	550 €
Student participant	200 €	250 €	300 €
Accompanying person	150 €	200 €	250 €

Key Dates

Distribution of Second Circular: August 2015

Deadline for abstract submission: November 30th 2015