

Third circular

International Subcommittee on Ediacaran Stratigraphy (ISES)

jointly with

International Subcommittee on Cambrian Stratigraphy (ISCS)

15-24th September 2014, Ouarzazate, Morocco



Definitive schedule

September 15th **at 14 h**: Departure by bus from Marrakech-Menara airport.

September 15th at 20h: Registration and Ice Breaker in Ouarzazate.

September 16-18th noon: Scientific sessions in Ouarzazate.

September 18th afternoon: leaving Ouarzazate and night in Taroudant.

September 19th: Fieldtrip South of Taroudant and night in Taroudant.

September 20th: Fieldtrip from Taroudant to Ouarzazate and night in Ouarzazate.

September 21st: Fieldtrip from Ouarzazate to Agdz and night in Agdz.

September 22nd: Fieldtrip from Agdz to Alnif and night in Alnif.

September 23rd: Fieldtrip from Alnif to Ouarzazate and night in Ouarzazate.

September 24th morning: Departure at 6-7 h from Ouarzazate to Marrakech: checking at Marrakech airport **after 14 h**.

Please, check the attached Excel File and contact lea_devaere@hotmail.fr in case of modification:

List of participants and bus reservation: see Excel File, page 2.

List of oral communications and posters: see Excel File, page 1.

Oral communications: Oral presentations are limited to 12 minutes plus 3 minutes for questions. PowerPoint presentations (ppt, pptx or pdf format) will be shown with a high definition laser canon. We recommend to use font size larger than 20 pt. Size of posters should not be beyond A0 (84.1 cm x 118.9 cm). Official language is English.

Publications: Thematic short papers focused on palaeontological aspects can be published in *Annales de Paléontologie* (Paris). *Deadline 31st October 2014*; papers to be submitted directly to *Sebastien.Clausen@univ-lille1.fr* (**NOT ONLINE**).

Travel and accommodation

- French is widely understood and spoken in Morocco but English is broadly spoken in any market.
- We can have scorching temperatures during day but, because of arid climate, also expect temperatures to plummet at night. **Nearly all the hotels will have a swimming pool but, please, do not waste too much water under the shower: in some hotels we will use “fossil water” taken from boreholes 100 m deep.**
- **Wifi will be available at Azghor Hotel, Ouarzazate.** GSM mobile telephone network in Morocco is one of the best of the world, even in the middle of the dunes.
- **Electricity and voltage** in Morocco is generally 220 V, and outlets will fit the two-pin plug known as the Europlug, included in most international plug adapter kits.
- As explained above, we will sleep at Azghor Hotel in Ouarzazate (<http://www.kenzi-hotels.com/kenziazghor/default-fr.html>) the nights of 15-17th, 20th and 23rd September. A room will be available in the hotel during the remaining days to stock our extra-baggage: please, bring to Taroudant, Agdz and Alnif the necessary (small-sized) baggage.
- Except if you have any food restriction (please, inform us) we will taste Moroccan traditional cuisine. Alcohol will be available in the hotels and some restaurants we will visit, but it is disapproved in public places. So, please, do not bring a bottle of beer outside the bar or hotel.
- Regarding cultural habits: please, use your right hand for shaking hands and bring it to your hearth afterwards. Tourists are not held to these expectations, but it improves regard for them in Morocco when they adhere to the same cultural traditions.
- We will have some free time in the evenings of Ouarzazate: please, clarify the price before shopping. We offer no advices for bargaining (everyone must learn by him/herself).
- As a **STRICT RULE**, do not drink tap water at all in Morocco, even in hotels: this can be enough to spoil a day or two. During the meeting and fieldtrip we will bring drink bottled water (check that the cap is sealed). Those with “too sensitive” stomachs are encouraged to bring their own traveler’s diarrhea medication.

Important Dates

September 5th, 2014: Forth Circular released with final program
Article Submission to *Annales de Paléontologie*: October 31st, 2014

DO NOT FORGET!!!!!!

**Send to *Sebastien.Clausen@univ-lille1.fr* : time schedule of your flights
TO and FROM Marrakech-Menara airport.**

The organizing committee