

7th International Palaeontological Congress

30 November — 3 December 2026



[The 7th International Palaeontological Congress \(ipc7.site\)](http://ipc7.site)

You are warmly invited to attend the 7th International Palaeontological Congress (IPC7) in South Africa in 2026. This is the first time that this meeting will be held in Africa, and we are delighted to be hosting the meeting in Cape Town during our pleasant early summer season from the 30 November to 3 December 2026.

The venue for IPC7 will be the top-rated sustainably designed Century City Conference Centre (CCCC), which has cutting-edge technological facilities and the capacity to host hundreds of delegates. The CCCC (ccconferencecentre.co.za) is situated in Century City, which is just 10 mins from Cape Town's CBD, and hosts several hotels, and numerous restaurants to suit all pockets. CCCC is meticulously maintained, a short walk to the award-winning wetlands and bird sanctuary, Intaka Island, and the beautifully landscaped Ratanga Park. We are also organising a series of fieldtrips to give delegates a feel for the richly fossiliferous rocks in southern Africa that span significant periods of geological time. Among the fieldtrips planned are a mid-conference day trip to West Coast Fossil Park, as well as a visit to the local Iziko SA Museum of Cape Town. In addition, several pre- and post-conference trips are being planned to the:

- Karoo Basin
- Evolution of Early-Middle Palaeozoic environments and ecosystems of South Africa
- Devonian Ecosystems
- Lower Jurassic of Southern Africa
- Maropeng Cradle of Humankind

More details about the different fieldtrips are available on our website: [The 7th International Palaeontological Congress \(ipc7.site\)](http://The_7th_International_Palaeontological_Congress_(ipc7.site))

Museum collection visits to various museums (see below) in South Africa can be arranged post- or pre- conference.

- Iziko Museums of Cape Town
- Ditsong Museums (Pretoria)
- Albany Museums (Makhanda)
- Bloemfontein National Museum
- Evolutionary Studies Institute (Johannesburg)

The conference is open to any aspect of palaeontology, and we invite you to propose a symposium or themed session on any of the following topics, or on any other topic for which you think you would be able to attract speakers: Early Life: origin, and diversification; Palaeozoic seas; Evolution of trees and forests; Early animals; Tetrapod diversification; Therapsid diversification; Diversification of angiosperms; Rise of Archosauromorpha; The rise and diversification of nonavian dinosaurs; Evolution of birds; Palaeoneurology; Devonian stratigraphy, environments, and palaeontology; Cenozoic vertebrates; Extinctions; Ichnology; Continental Palaeoecology; Indigenous Knowledge; Indigenous palaeontology; Evolution of the brain and nervous system; Palaeohistology of mineralised tissues; Hominin diversification; Palaeosciences to the wider public; Synchrotron imaging and 3D imaging; 3D Morphometrics; General palaeontology.

Preliminary registration for the conference: [The 7th International Palaeontological Congress \(ipc7.site\)](https://www.ipc7.site)

Future circulars will provide more details regarding abstract submission format and deadline, accommodation, etc. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact us by email 2026ipc7capetown@gmail.com or on our social media channels.



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Organising Committee

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