



The 7th International Palaeontological Congress

4° CIRCULAR

December 2025

Dear Colleagues,

We have less than a year to go for our IPC7 meeting. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the meeting and to Cape Town, South Africa. We have been posting information regularly on our various social media channels- if you aren't already following us, please do so (links are all at the bottom).

Symposia

There are a wide range of symposia being offered: 29 themed ones, and a general one to cater for those of you whose research does not fall into the symposia proposed. Note that although the symposium conveners have already identified possible speakers, if your work falls within the scope of any of the symposia, when you register, you should select the symposium that most aligns to your research area.

Please view a detailed list of all our symposia and the conveners on the conference website. Here is the link: <https://ipc7.site/programme.html>

Travel Grants

There are a few travel grants already advertised on our website. Note that some are specifically targeted for delegates from other parts of Africa, postgraduate students from around the world, and there are two specific ones for Argentinian delegates.

Accommodation

There are several different accommodation types available that will suit all pockets. There will be extremely reasonably priced University residence accommodation available (the cheapest has 2 person shared bedrooms, and shared bathroom facilities), but there are others that have private rooms and bathrooms with shared kitchen facilities, and yet others that are completely private. The booking for these University accommodations will be open from early January.

Aside from the University accommodation, there are several B & Bs, that are a short walk to the venue. Hotels are a bit further out, but easily accessible to the venue by car. There are parking areas available near the venue, in case you wish to stay further out and drive in each day.

Registration, Fieldtrips, and Abstract submission

Registration costs are indicated below. We are currently finalizing costs for the fieldtrips. We expect these to be on the website early in January, when the registration opens. **The abstracts submission portal is now available on the website: [The 7th International Palaeontological Congress \(ipc7.site\)](https://ipc7.site)**

REGISTRATION FEES (Includes Catering and refreshments)	
Early Bird Fee (IPA Members)	R5,500.00
Early Bird Fee (Non-Members)	R6,500.00
Regular Standard Fee (IPA Members)	R8,000.00
Standard Fee (non-Members)	R9,000.00
Developing country Fee (Professionals)	R3,500.00
Developing country student Fee	R3,000.00
Foreign Student reduced fee	R4,500.00
Daily rate	R2500 for each day
For the list of developing countries with HDI ≤ 0.85 : https://hdr.undp.org/data-center/country-insights#/ranks	
Students should provide proof of registration for Hons, Masters or Phd.	

Plenary speakers



Paul Barrett



Jasmina Weimann



Ornella Bertrand



Christian Kammerer



Kristi Curry Rogers



M. Gabriella Mángano

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