



The 7th International Palaeontological Congress

3° C I R C U L A R

April 2025

Dear Colleagues,

We are excitedly looking forward to seeing you at IPC7. We hope you have been following our social media communications in which we have been giving more frequent updates about the conference.

Symposia

We are delighted to inform you that we currently have 31 themed symposia confirmed. In addition, we will have a General symposium 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, we invite you to contact the conveners directly to participate in the particular symposium.

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

We can also confirm that we will have some funding for travel grants for delegates from other parts of Africa, as well as for postgraduate students from around the world. Some of these will be targeted for particular symposia. The travel grants will be advertised shortly on our webpage.

Accommodation

On our website, we have also several different types of accommodation available that will suit all pockets. Most are walking distance to the venue, whilst a few are a bit further out, but still easily accessible to the venue: <https://www.ipc7.site/destination.html>

Attention Palaeoartists!

We would like to extend a special invitation to palaeoartists to attend IPC7 to showcase their work. We are offering a stand/booth space (at no cost) for palaeoartists to display their artwork at the meeting. Details regarding how much of space is allocated per artist will be determined once we have some indication of how many people would like to participate in this endeavour.

Registration Costs (excluding fieldtrips)

Dates for registration will be announced shortly, but below are the registration costs (in South African Rands) to help you with your planning. Please check the website for updates.

| REGISTRATION FEES (Includes Catering and refreshments) | |
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| 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 |
| For the list of developing countries with HDI \leq 0.85: https://hdr.undp.org/data-center/country-insights#/ranks | |
| Students should provide proof of registration for Hons, Masters or Phd. | |

Preliminary registration for the conference: <https://www.ipc7.site/registration.html>. Signing up will allow you to directly receive any new circulars and updates.

Please visit our website for more information regarding the **pre- and post-conference trips** that are being planned: <https://www.ipc7.site/fieldtrip.html>

Next circular

In the next circular, we will provide more details regarding **abstract submission** format and deadline, **fieldtrips costs**, and other upcoming news.

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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