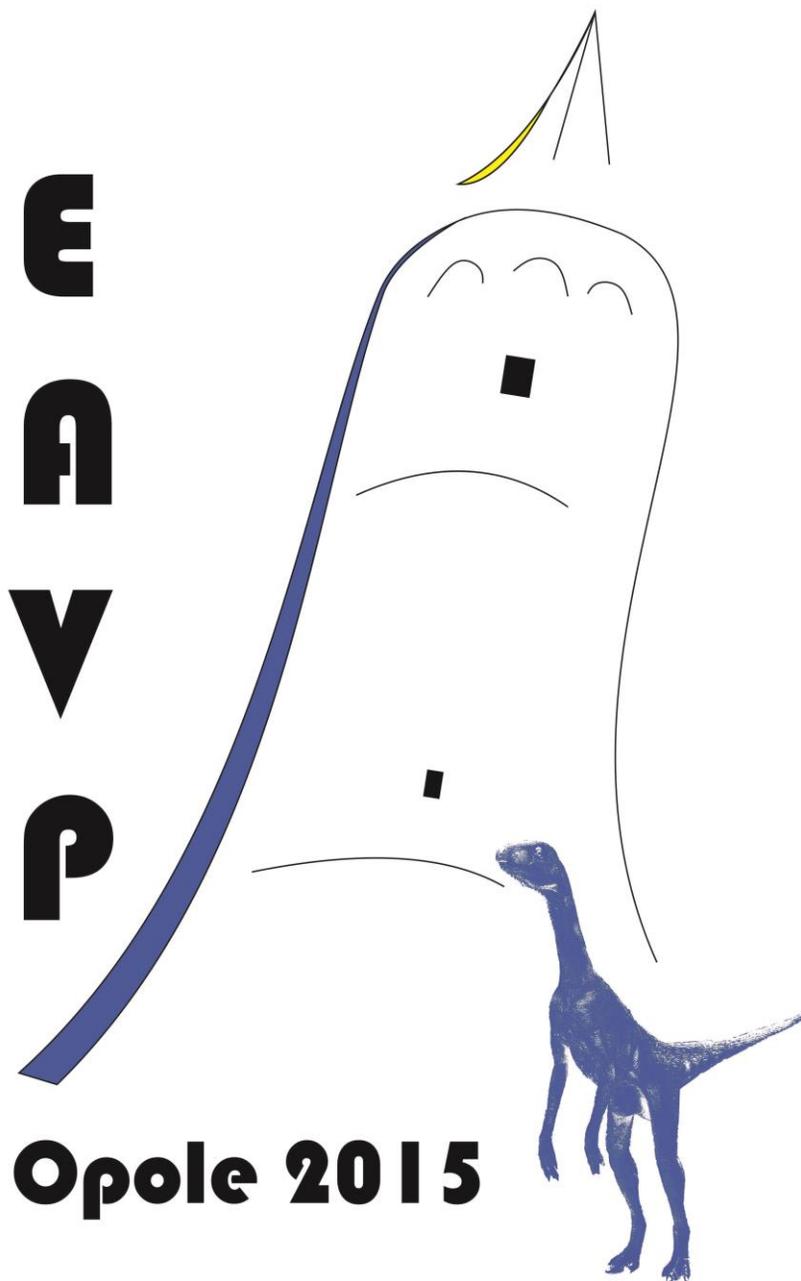


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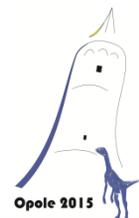
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**13th EAVP Meeting – Opole, Poland  
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Dear Colleagues and friends,

The Host Committee have the honour to invite you all to the 13th Meeting of the European Association of Vertebrate Palaeontologists, as organised by the Department of Biosystematics of Opole University, under the patronage of the Rector, Professor Dr S.S. Niciejka, at Opole (southwest Poland) from 8 to 12 July 2015.

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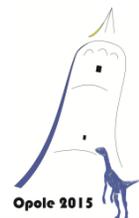
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Dear colleagues,

In a few weeks' time we shall be meeting at Opole for the 13th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Vertebrate Palaeontologists.

We wish to dedicate this meeting to the memory of **Zofia Kielan-Jaworowska** (25 April 1925 - 13 March 2015), Polish palaeontologist of world fame. Kielan-Jaworowska's long career encompassed studies of Ordovician and Devonian trilobites from Central Europe (Poland and the Czech Republic), of new species of crocodiles, lizards, turtles, dinosaurs (notably *Deinocheirus*), birds and multituberculate mammals. Also much of what we now know about the origin and early evolution of mammals stems, directly or indirectly, from Zofia's work. In the mid-1960s, she led a series of Polish-Mongolian palaeontological expeditions to the Gobi Desert; in addition, she wrote *Hunting for Dinosaurs*, and was co-author of the tome *Mammals from the Age of Dinosaurs*.

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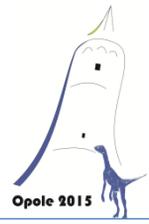
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Most of the information on the conference and on how to organise best your stay in Poland you can find on our webpage [www.eavp2015.uni.opole.pl](http://www.eavp2015.uni.opole.pl). If you have any additional queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via [paleontologia@uni.opole.pl](mailto:paleontologia@uni.opole.pl). Below are some practical details.

### 1. Key dates and deadlines

1. Abstract decision: 4 May 2015
2. Deadline for early bird registration: 15 May 2015
3. Deadline for regular registration: 10 June 2015
4. Final conference programme: 15 June 2015

### 2. Preliminary programme

**Tuesday, 7 July:** Arrival of participants; registration – icebreaker party (evening)

**Wednesday, 8 July:** Registration, scientific presentations, poster session, board meeting

**Thursday, 9 July:** Scientific presentations, general assembly (including full elections to the Board), auction

**Friday, 10 July:** Scientific presentations

**Saturday, 11 July:** 'Farewell dinner' and tour at Krasiejów (Late Triassic vertebrates, annex largest dino park in Poland)

**Sunday, 12 July:** Field trips (NOTE: mutually exclusive!)

1. Mini-field trip to Cretaceous sites in the Opole city area (Turonian-Coniacian).
2. Field trip to Middle Triassic (Muschelkalk) localities.

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## Field trips

**1. Upper Cretaceous** (Turonian), led by Elena Jagt-Yazykova and John Jagt (eyazykova@uni.opole.pl and john.jagt@maastricht.nl)

Upper Cretaceous strata in this area are accessible at three (both working and disused) quarries, i.e. Odra, Folwark and Bolko. The Turonian chinks and limestones, with marly intercalations, are locally rich in microfossils, and the assemblages are closely comparable to those from northern Germany, northern France and southern England, illustrating the Boreal province. Numerous inoceramid bivalves (good index forms), ammonites (small heteromorphs and large-sized desmoceratoids), echinoids, non-inoceramid bivalves, gastropods, sponges, solitary corals and ichnofossils occur. Amongst vertebrates, shark and ray teeth and teleost fish scales and bones are the commonest, but other groups should also be present, albeit rarely.

**2. Muschelkalk** – led by Adam Bodzioch (abodzioch@uni.opole.pl)

The Upper Silesian Muschelkalk is famous for yielding the richest fossil assemblages across the entire epicontinental Triassic of Europe. The best outcrops are found at numerous active and abandoned quarries located 20–40 km south-east of Opole, where the transgressive–regressive sequence of the Lower Muschelkalk (comprising also the Röhth limestones and the Middle Muschelkalk *Diplopora dolomites*) can be seen. The fossil assemblage is dominated by marine invertebrates, including reef-building scleractinian corals and siliceous sponges. Bones of fish, amphibians and reptiles are rare; however, they do form thin horizons at the Röhth/Muschelkalk boundary near Gogolin.

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So far about **150** researchers have registered; they wish to present **79** talks and **56** posters.

The presentations will be grouped into:

- five plenary sessions (one day with parallel sessions)
- poster session
- two special sessions, as follows:

1. Palaeoecology and evolution of aquatic reptiles
2. Tetrapod trackway data: acquisition, storage, processing and interpretation

On Saturday morning, **11 July**, the course **First steps into geometric morphometrics** will introduce some basic concepts of geometric morphometrics. During the whole meeting you may admire **paleoart** works.

The length of each **oral presentation** (Power Point) is set at **15 minutes** (including questions and discussion). A computer platform (PC) with projector will be available to you – please make sure to bring your presentation on a USB stick or CD no later than the break before your session and test it so as to ensure that it runs properly.

**Poster size** should not exceed **A0 format** (portrait – 84 cm wide x 119 cm high). Presenters are required to install their poster(s) at the beginning of the meeting, or during coffee breaks, so that the posters will be available during talks, coffee breaks and at lunch times. The official poster session will be on Wednesday, 8 July.

Details regarding the final programme will be given in the third circular!

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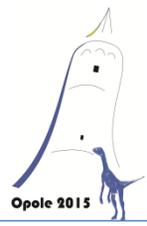
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### 3. Payment

Details on methods of payment and costs you can find on our webpage ([www.eavp2015.uni.opole.pl](http://www.eavp2015.uni.opole.pl)), under 'Payment'.

All participants will receive an official, standard receipt of payment with the basic data, such as name, amount paid, and items purchased. If you need an **invoice** with any other details (address, VAT number, etc.) please send us an e-mail ([paleontologia@uni.opole.pl](mailto:paleontologia@uni.opole.pl)) with all data which you like to see printed on your invoice.

### 4. Auction

In order to raise funds to support student attendance at future EAVP meetings the auction will take place on Thursday, 9 July, directly after the general assembly. We rely on the auction more heavily than ever, so please remember to bring items to donate to the auction, and your Euros to support our students!!

### 5. General assembly (details in e-mail sent out by Jeff Liston, secretary of EAVP)

Invitation to the Annual General Meeting of the EAVP 2015

Dear Member,

Herewith, we invite you to the thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the EAVP. The meeting takes place **at 17:00 hrs on Thursday, 9th July 2015 in the Klub Akademicki „SKRZAT” (Student Club – GNOME), D.S. “MROWISKO” (Student Dormitory „Ant-hill”), ul. Katowicka 89, 45-054, Opole, Poland.** We hope for plenty of participants.

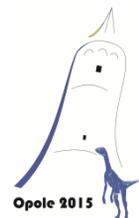
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## 6. Some information on Poland and Opole



Opole is a city in southwest Poland on the Oder River (Odra), with a population of 125,992 (June 2009). It is the capital of the Upper Silesian Opole Voivodeship.  
<http://info.um.opole.pl/en/>

How to get to Opole and what is there to see in the city and around it you can find on our webpage ([www.eavp2015.uni.opole.pl](http://www.eavp2015.uni.opole.pl)).

Please remember that Poland **belongs** to the **European Union and Schengen Zone** and all regulations about travelling to and within the European Union (visa, health insurance) apply also to Poland. However, Poland is **NOT** a member of the Euro zone. The official currency is the Polish złoty (PLN). 1 Euro equals about 4 PLN. There is no problem to pay by any of the major credit cards, or to obtain money from cash points or bureaux de change.

However, there are some places where payment by cards is either not accepted or limited. To make sure that you can reach the venue without any technical payment problems we recommend you to exchange a small amount of money at any bureaux de change at crossing the border or at the airport.

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*Welcome!*

