



Call for Posters!

Paleo 2018

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Alberta Palaeontological Society

Paleo 2018 needs your poster! We welcome all posters that have not been displayed at previous APS Symposiums. Paleo 2018 will run from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on **Saturday March 17, 2018** at the Jenkins Theatre, **Mount Royal University**, 4825 Mount Royal Gate SW, Calgary. See the circular attached below for the poster specifications. Requests for poster space and an abstract for your poster must be sent to **editor2@albertapaleo.org** before the **deadline of February 15, 2018**.

In addition to posters, there will be displays and **featured speakers**:

- **Dr Richard McCrea**, Peace Region Palaeontology Research Centre, Tumbler Ridge, BC will give a keynote talk, "On the trail of dinosaurs from western Canada."
- **Dr. Emily Bamforth**, Royal Saskatchewan Museum, on "Where the sharks and centrosaurs play: The north-easternmost exposures of the Dinosaur Park Formation in western Saskatchewan."
- **Tammy Pigeon**, Peace Region Palaeontology Research Centre, Tumbler Ridge, BC, will speak on "British Columbia's first dinosaur skull: From discovery to preparation."
- **Dr. Michael Wilson**, of Douglas College, New Westminster, BC, will discuss research on "The Bighill Creek Formation of Alberta and its vertebrate palaeofauna."
- **Dr. François Therrien** of The Royal Tyrrell Museum, on "Faunal and climate change at the end of the Cretaceous: the Alberta perspective."
- **Dr. Lisa Buckley**, Peace Region Palaeontology Research Centre, Tumbler Ridge, BC, "Birding by foot: Variation in the preservation of modern bird tracks and identifying fossil bird tracks."
- **Dr. Jon Noad**, DigitCore Institute and the University of Alberta, "Almost like being there: New approaches to deciphering animal behaviour from trace fossils."
- **Aaron Van der Reest**, University of Alberta, will speak to us on "Soft tissues in the geological record: The next generation of palaeontology."
- **Darren Tanke**, Royal Tyrrell Museum, with his keynote talk, "Depth charges, dinosaurs and lost love found: Amateur fossil collector Maurice Stefanuk (1924–2016)."

The Saturday, March 17 talk and poster event is **FREE** to the public, no registration is required. Paleo 2018 is sponsored by the Alberta Palaeontological Society, Mount Royal University and the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists, Palaeontological Division.

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Paleo 2018

Alberta Palaeontological Society 22nd Annual Symposium

Presented in conjunction with the CSPG Palaeontological Division,
Alberta Palaeontological Society and Mount Royal University
Earth Sciences Department

Lectures and Poster displays—Saturday, March 17, 2018, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Workshops—Sunday March 18, 2018, 9:00 to 12:00 A.M. or 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

The Symposium

The Symposium is a two-day event with lectures, poster and showcase displays on Saturday, March 17, 2018, and workshops on Sunday March 18, 2018. Saturday programs are free and open to the general public. No registration is required to attend the Saturday activities. Due to limited space, Sunday workshop participants will be required to register and pay a moderate fee for workshop manuals. The main events will be centred in the lower level corridor at Mount Royal University.

Call for Posters and Abstracts

The Alberta Palaeontological Society (APS) invites you to provide a poster at our Twenty-second annual palaeontological Symposium. This Symposium will showcase presentations from a mix of avocational and professional palaeontologists from all over Western Canada. We are interested in posters on topics associated with palaeontology. Invitations have been sent to staff and students of western universities, natural history clubs, the Geological Survey of Canada, museums and members of the petroleum industry and the artists' community. The aim is to showcase palaeontology to the general public and foster closer relations between the APS and the above groups. The event is free to all participants. There is no fee to submit a poster and abstract.

We plan to encourage families to bring fossils to our identification booth. Advertising for the event will go out to news media, Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists *Reservoir*, the internet, and various government facilities, museums, schools, etc.

Instructions for posters / displays

A table and stand with a 4 × 8-foot poster board will be supplied to each presenter. Presenters should bring map pins or tape for attaching posters, but we will try to have some on hand for those who forget. Those who have special requirements such as electricity to operate a display or a larger display area should identify these requirements upon submission of a request for space. Presenters are requested to provide an abstract as per instructions below. We request that poster presenters be set up by 8:30 A.M. the day of the event. During the day a poster session period will be specified—please be available at least during this time for discussion about your exhibit. The deadline for submission of requests for poster space to posters@albertapaleo.org is February 15, 2018.

Symposium Abstracts Volume

As in past years a Symposium abstracts volume will be published. It will be sold at a price to cover publication costs. We request that speakers and poster presenters submit abstracts or short papers to the editor: editor2@albertapaleo.org. Abstracts or short papers can be any length. Abstract contributors are encouraged to include photos and/or diagrams. Colour images are welcome but please note that the abstracts volume will be printed in black and white. Documents will not be edited for content, except with permission of the author, but will be formatted (fonts, punctuation, typesetting, etc. for the style of the volume. Postal mail address (and email address if you wish) of the author should be included. **Deadline for submission of abstracts is February 15, 2018.** Specific instructions can be downloaded from our website www.albertapaleo.org.

Further Information

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About the Alberta Palaeontological Society

The Alberta Palaeontological Society is a non-profit society whose purpose is to promote the science of palaeontology through study and education and to make contributions to the science through discovery, collection, description, public education and preservation of material for study and posterity. The APS works with professionals at museums and universities to add to Alberta's palaeontological collections and preserve its heritage. Alberta Palaeontological Society meetings are generally held on the third Friday of the month in Room B108 of Mount Royal University, in Calgary.

We hope to see you at Paleo 2018!

Some Helpful Hints for Poster Presenters

Definition

A poster is a visual medium to present results of one's research work on a topic they have chosen to study or to provide an overview of a researched topic.

Who should do a poster?

Anyone who has an interest in sharing the work they have done and who values feedback from an audience should consider doing a poster.

What should be considered for a poster?

Any topic that ties in with palaeontology can be considered for a poster.

Why posters?

Oral or written presentations are mechanisms to convey past and recent developments in a field of study that is of interest to the investigator. An effective written presentation is a poster presentation.

What is a poster?

A poster is something that you pin up on a board. The dimension of a poster can vary. It can consist of individual letter size sheets to as large as 1.2 m × 2.4 m. It contains text and figures relevant to one's work. It follows the same pattern as any scientific article that appears in a journal.

One typical format:

- Title, Author(s), Affiliation
- Summary
- Introduction—Reasons behind the work
- General information
- Geographical location where specimens were found
- Description and interpretation
- Conclusions
- References

Dedicate a box to each of the above categories. Within the box, include the text and figures relevant to that category. Number the boxes in such a way that the reader can follow from one box to the next in a sequence the presenter wishes. The structure of the above framework may change from topic to topic.

How does one make a poster?

A few years ago, posters were made with primitive tools and extensive drafting (a great deal of manual labour). Today, with powerful graphics and word processing tools, a poster can be made entirely using a computer. But remember, you don't have to use a computer to do a poster!

How should the poster look?

The poster is typically viewed from 1 to 2 metres away, therefore the type (or font) size must be large enough that the text can be easily read. Also, figures should be reasonably large. Think about when an eye doctor wants you to read off their letter chart from a distance. Adding colours makes a difference to the poster, and can either attract attendees to your poster or drive them away.

Have fun!