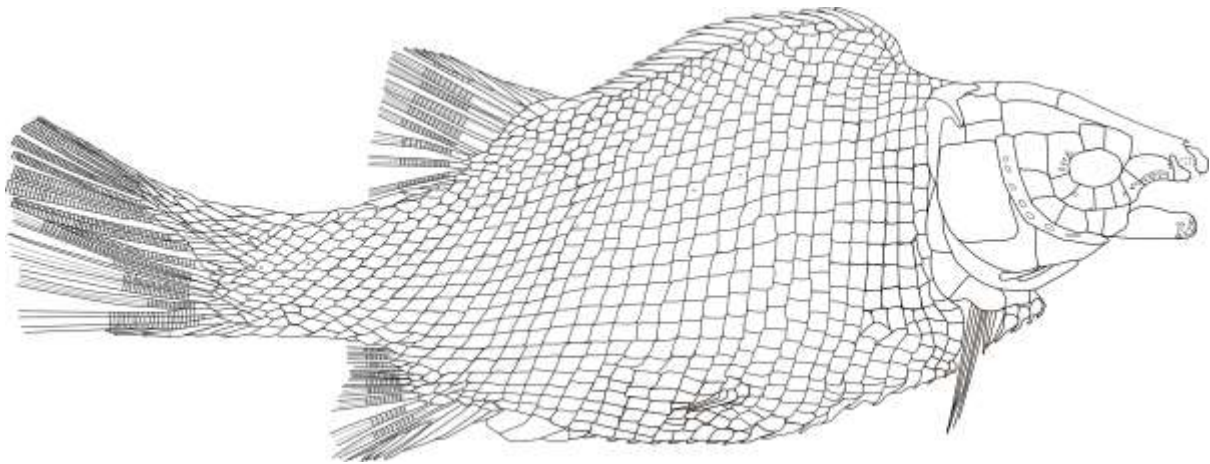


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The Palaeontological Research and Education Centre in cooperation with the Faculty of Science of the Mahasarakham University (Thailand), the University Claude Bernard Lyon1 (France), and the Natural History Museum of Geneva (Switzerland) are pleased to announce and host the 7th INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON MESOZOIC FISHES. The meeting is dedicated to reflect the progress in Mesozoic fish research that has been accomplished in the past 25 years since the first meeting in 1993, to discuss old and new methodologies, and to present novel information about the evolution, diversification, and the palaeobiogeography of fishes during the Mesozoic.

The scientific sessions will take place from August 1st – 4th, at the Mahasarakham University, Thailand. We plan to propose a 3 days field trip for visiting several fish localities of the Khorat plateau in the Isan region (the northeastern part of Thailand) and to visit the Siridhorn Palaeontological Museum.

Attending the 7th Mesozoic Fishes Meeting will also be an opportunity to discover the very rich culture of the Isan region and its traditional cuisine. We will offer pleasant dinners including a Welcome reception at the Palaeontological Research and Education Centre museum and a symposium dinner at a “the heritage Isan-house” (a typical local Isan house, part of the outdoor exhibition within Mahasarakham University).

Transportation

The easiest way to reach Mahasarakham is to fly from Bangkok Suvarnabhumi airport to Khon Kaen with Thai Airways (domestic flight, about 1 hour), where a shuttle will pick up the participants at 12:00 am, 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm on July 31st and at 8:00 am on August 1st and bring them to Mahasarakham.

Shuttle for Khon Kaen Airport will be available at 9:30 am and 3:30 pm on August 5th for those not attending the fieldtrip.

Shuttle for Khon Kaen Airport will also be available at 6:30 am and 9:30 am on August 8th.

Preliminary schedule

Monday July 31st: Arrival of participants; registration and free visit to PRC - icebreaker party (evening)

Tuesday August 1st: Registration, scientific talks and poster session at the meeting room of Science Building I

Wednesday August 2st: Scientific talks and poster session at the meeting room of Science Building I

Thursday August 3st: Scientific talks and poster session, tour in Mahasarakham University

Friday August 4st: Scientific talks and poster session, farewell dinner

Saturday August 5st: Departure of the Fieldtrip. Visit of the Sirindhorn Museum, and of the vertebrate localities of Phu Noi, Phu Nam Jun. Stay overnight in Mukdahan province.

Sunday August 6th: Visit of the Phu Din Daeng locality (NaKae, Nakhorn Phanom province), short visit Phu Pha Thoep national park and heading to Khlongchium, Ubon Ratchathani province

Monday August 7st: Short visit of the Pha Team National Park, visit of the Khok Pha Suam locality (Sri Muang Mai, Ubon Ratchathani province) and return to Mahasarakham. Participants can be dropped at Ubon Ratchathani airport to catch Thai airways flight to Bangkok at 7:50 pm.

Time schedule

The pre-registration form must be sent before **November 30th, 2016**.

The second circular will be sent out with detailed information regarding the deadlines for payment fees and abstract submission.

Oral and Poster communications

Guidelines for abstracts and oral presentations, as well as deadline for abstract submission will be provided with the 2nd Circular. Provisional deadline for abstract submissions should be around the end of May.

Field Trips

We intend to organize comprehensive field-trips

Fees

Conference fees are as follows:

Status/Payment for:	Registration fee
Student	3,000 baht
General participants	8,500 baht
farewell dinner (August 4th)	400 baht / 500 baht (if you want souvenir)
Field trip	7000 baht (shared room) / 8500 baht (single room)

Note: Souvenir is the Isan fabric called "Pha Khao-Ma", it is a typical useful fabric of Isan people.

Accommodation

There will be no special symposium hotel but Taksila Hotel offers room from 600 to 3000 Thai bahts per night that can be booked online (<http://www.taksilahotel.com/>). Other hotels are also available downtown but have no website so please contact the organizers if you want more information. Prices will be similar to Taksila hotel. Ten rooms (up to 20 persons) will be available in a University condominium on the campus for 300 bahts (single) or 400 bahts (shared room). These will be given in priority to students. For participants staying downtown, a shuttle will take them over daily from the hotel to the Campus.

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