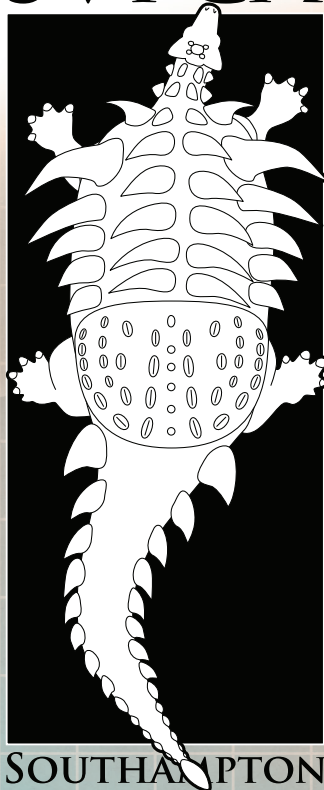


SVPCA



SOUTHAMPTON
2015

63RD SYMPOSIUM ON VERTEBRATE PALAEOLOGY AND COMPARATIVE ANATOMY

24TH SYMPOSIUM OF PALAENTOLOGICAL PREPARATION AND CONSERVATION WITH THE GEOLOGICAL CURATORS' GROUP

SOUTHAMPTON: 31ST AUGUST – 4TH SEPTEMBER

FIRST CIRCULAR

The annual SVPCA and SPPC meetings in 2015 will be hosted by Ocean and Earth Science, University of Southampton. As well as being (in)famous as one of the departure points for the Titanic and for having one of the best football teams in the world, Southampton is also an important gateway city to the Isle of Wight and is very close to the Jurassic Coast. A vertebrate palaeontology research group was established here in 2011.

VENUE

SPPC and SVPCA talks, poster sessions and some social events will take place in the National Oceanography Centre (NOC), Southampton (home of Ocean and Earth Science). The NOC Charnock Lecture Theatre, seminar rooms and cafeteria are fully accessible.

SPPC is jointly hosted this year with Dinosaur Isle (Gary Blackwell, Sandown, Isle of Wight) and the Hampshire Cultural Trust (Christine Taylor, Winchester). On the afternoon of 31st August SPPC delegates will have the chance to visit the HCT collections at Winchester.

BOOKING AND ABSTRACTS

Registration and abstract submission will take place through the SVPCA website as usual. Online payment will be possible via the University of Southampton online shop (registration costs: £50 delegate registration; £20 for students). An email will be sent out when registration and abstract submission opens (mid-April). **Abstracts should be not more than 250 words, and will be evaluated by an academic committee.**

We hope there will be a dedicated poster session this year and would particularly like to encourage poster submissions.

FIELD TRIPS

This year we plan a pre-conference field trip to the Jurassic Coast (Kimmeridge) (Sunday August 30th) in concert with delegates attending the Flugsaurier 2015 meeting (hosted at the University of Portsmouth: www.flugsaurier2015.com) which is all about pterosaurs. If you would like to book a place on this trip (costs TBA in the second circular) then please email Gareth Dyke (gareth.dyke@soton.ac.uk) or David Martill (david.martill@port.ac.uk).

A post-conference field trip, including an afternoon break at the Needles Park (<http://www.theneedles.co.uk/>) (a chance to ride the famous chairlift and see the coloured sands, etc etc) is planned for the Isle of Wight on Friday September 4th (costs TBA in the second circular). If you would like to pre-book a place on this trip then please email Gareth Dyke.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Sunday August 30th	Pre-conference field trip to the Jurassic Coast, joint with Flugsaurier 2015 (hosted at the University of Portsmouth: www.flugsaurier2015.com)
Monday August 31st	SPPC registration, talks and posters Visit to Winchester, HCT collections SVPCA registration and ice-breaker (late PM)
Tuesday September 1st	SVPCA talks and posters Free evening – we will reserve space in a local pub
Wednesday September 2nd	SVPCA talks and posters Reception and annual auction at Seacity Museum
Thursday September 3rd	SVPCA talks and posters Banquet at Kutis Royal Thai, Southampton water
Friday September 4th	Post-conference field trip (TBA)

EXHIBITS AND VENDORS

Space is available at the NOC for small exhibits and vendors. If you would like to book a slot (perhaps for some art, fossil display) then please contact Gareth Dyke.

MUSEUM VISITS

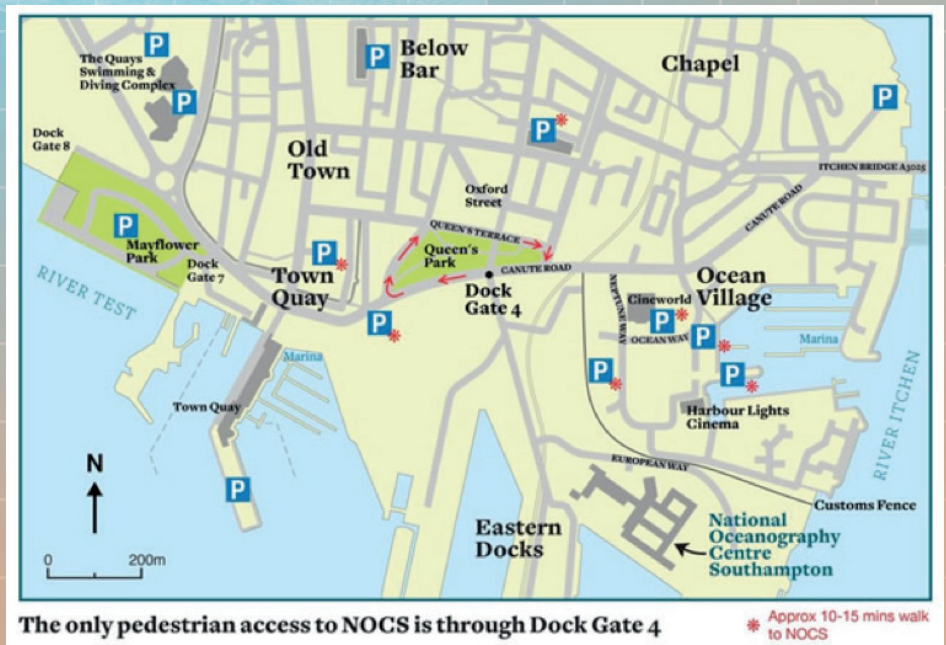
In addition to the SPPC-organised collection visit SVPCA delegates will have the chance to visit the collections of both the HCT (christine.taylor@hants.gov.uk) and Dinosaur Isle (Gary.Blackwell@IOW.gov.uk). Please make contact with the relevant contact person well in advance to ensure access can be co-ordinated.

ACCOMMODATION

Delegates will need to make their own accommodation arrangements. As Southampton is a major port and cruise ship destination there are many hotels and guesthouses very close to the NOC. Further details will be provided in the second circular or you can view: www.discoversouthampton.co.uk/visit

GETTING TO THE NOC

By car/bus/foot: We can provide a limited number of on-site parking spots, but these should be booked (email Gareth Dyke) ASAP. The UniLink bus service (www.unilink.co.uk) provides several links between the city centre, Highfield Campus, and the NOC. A UniLink Dayrider is £3.50 and can be purchased on the bus. Other bus services will stop in the centre, but do not enter the NOC. To access the NOC, enter through security at Dock Gate 4 (you may be asked to show ID, or where you are going), continue straight through the roundabout, and take the next left at European Way (see the map below). The NOC will be on your right hand side.



HOST COMMITTEE

Gareth Dyke*, John Marshall, Stu Pond, Aubrey Roberts, Liz Martin, Jessica Lawrence Wujek, Elis Newham, James Hansford, Martin Simpson (OES, University of Southampton)
Gary Blackwell (Dinosaur Isle)
Christine Taylor (Hampshire Cultural Trust)

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