

Conference Announcements



The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is pleased to sponsor the Fourth New World Luminescence Dating Workshop (NWLDW) to be held in Denver, Colorado. This workshop will follow the "tradition" set in Tulsa, OK; Albuquerque, NM and Halifax, Nova Scotia. Workshop presentations are planned for May 31 to June 1, 2006 (Wednesday and Thursday) at the Denver Federal Center (Building 25). We anticipate two days of presentations and some time for tours of the ice-core lab, water quality lab or the TRIGA reactor. All presentations will be oral.

This meeting will be of interest to luminescence dating specialists, Quaternary geologists, archaeologists, dosimetric scientists and some physics researchers. Interested people should consult the following URL for information and deadlines. http://crustal.cr.usgs.gov/laboratories/luminescence_dating/index.html

Information regarding the workshop will be updated monthly or as required. We anticipate the call for abstracts will have a February 24, 2006 deadline. At this time we do not know the cost for the workshop, but we are making every effort to have an affordable session so as many students may participate as possible. The mailing list will be drawn from the Reno 2002 and Cologne 2005 LED conferences, but additional requests can be added by contacting smahan@usgs.gov

4th New World Luminescence Dating Workshop

31st May – 1st June 2006

We include the following URL's for information on near-by hotels to the area as well as maps to the Denver Federal Center. The closest motels to the DFC are Candlewood Suites, Comfort Suites and Days Inn-Denver West. Denver is not a public-transit friendly city, so you should anticipate renting a car or have someone in your group rent a car, as you will have very limited options for transportation once you arrive. If, however, you need to stop for directions, be assured that most of the people are more friendly and helpful. A group dinner on Wednesday at the Mount Vernon Country Club in Golden, Colorado is also offered. If enough interest is received, a trip to the world-famous Florissant National Monument fossil site will be planned for the day after the workshop.

<http://ocrs.cr.usgs.gov/map/dfcmap.html>
<http://ocrs.cr.usgs.gov/map/dfcdiamap.html>
<http://www.nps.gov/flfo/index.htm>
http://www.goldenchamber.org/Category.asp?Cat_id=1811

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UISPP' XV World Congress

Lisbon 4th to 9th September 2006

The International Union for Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences (UISPP/IUPPS), would like to invite you to assist the next major activity, the XV World Congress, held in Lisbon, in Portugal, in September 2006.

The Congress will consist of Colloquia, workshops and Sections (To see the list of the different topics at <http://www.uispp.ipt.pt/en/enmain.html>) and is open to everyone who wishes to assist or contribute with a presentation from the fields of earth sciences, archaeology and related areas.

The Congress will take place at the University of Lisbon (Alameda da Universidade) in September 2006, under the organization of a National Secretary hosted by the Polytechnic Institute of Tomar. To obtain more information and register please visit the webpage which can be viewed at the following web page <http://www.uispp.ipt.pt/>.

One of the Colloquia already presented is related with the Luminescence Dating (C69), and is called:

Luminescence Dating Techniques: a User's Perspective

Dating beyond the range of radiocarbon (c. 40 000 years ago) continues to be a challenge; a source of considerable frustration to archaeologists and others interested in the important events of the period c. 200,000 to 40,000 years ago. In the absence of volcanic sediments, the most successful techniques applicable to this time range are luminescence techniques: principally thermoluminescence, optically and infrared stimulated luminescence, also electron spin resonance. These methods depend on the conditions surrounding the sample during burial, and pose a number of challenges. Many archaeologists who use luminescence and ESR dates have a very limited understanding of how the techniques work, and how to use them optimally. This workshop is intended to bring together dating specialists and archaeologists and other "consumers" of dates, and to promote a critical and informed approach to the use of the techniques. The emphasis will be on understanding the limitations of the techniques, factors likely to affect the dates obtained, and how best to go about designing dating strategies for sites.

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UK Luminescence and ESR Meeting

Department of Geography
University of Liverpool

10-13th September 2006

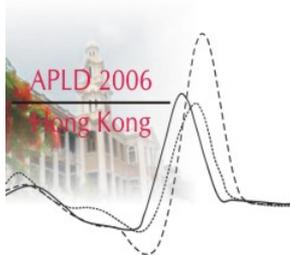


THE UNIVERSITY
of LIVERPOOL

The annual UK luminescence and ESR dating research meeting will be held at the University of Liverpool from the 10-13th September 2006. The meeting is intended to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of the latest research in trapped charge dating and related work. Presentations covering basic physics, methodological issues and the application of these techniques are all welcome. The meeting will consist of both oral and poster presentations, and presentations by research students are especially encouraged.

For further information send an e-mail to:
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The 1st Asia-Pacific Conference on Luminescence Dating

APLD2006

23-26 October 2006, HONG KONG

The conference, although aimed primarily at Asia-Pacific countries, is open to participants from all over the world. APLD 2006 will bring together different experts who are interested in luminescence dating. The topics will range from fundamental studies, through advances in equipment technology and analytical procedures, to applications on geological and archaeological materials. APLD2006 will also welcome papers on electron spin resonance dating and luminescence dosimetry studies.

A few invited lectures will provide an overview of the main topics. Both oral and poster presentations will be considered.

General information

Persons interested in attending the conference are kindly asked to fill in and return a copy of the application-form as an Email attachment to apld2006@hku.hk or by FAX to ++852 2517 6912. Early returns are essential for proper planning of logistical matters. A second Email announcement will be sent in the beginning of 2006. We recommend the conference WEB-page for regular up-dates and links at <http://web.hku.hk/~APLD2006>.

Proceedings

Proceedings of both oral and poster presentations may be eligible for peer-reviewed publications in the journals *Geochronometria* and *Quaternary Geochronology*. The official language of the conference and of the proceedings is English.

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