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INVITATION

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to welcome you to the 28th International Meeting on Organic Geochemistry (IMOG) that will take place in Florence, Italy from 17–22 September 2017. It will mark 30 years since the IMOG took place in Italy (Venice 1987) and brings our meeting back to this beautiful country only for the 3rd time since 1962 when the inaugural IMOG took place in Milan.

While the petroleum industry is still experiencing one of the biggest economic downturns seen for decades, we strongly believe that 2017 will bring some relief and we expect to have a successful conference widely attended by academia and industry. We are preparing a programme that will hopefully appeal to everyone's expectations, allowing not only a scientific focus but also providing networking opportunities whilst experiencing the beauty of Florence and Tuscan countryside.

On behalf of EAOG and the Organizing Committee, I am looking forward to welcoming you in Florence next year!

Artur Stankiewicz Chair EAOG

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ABOUT FLORENCE

Florence is the capital city of the Italian region of Tuscany and of the Metropolitan City of Florence. It is the most populous city in Tuscany, with 383,083 inhabitants, expanding to over 1,520,000 in the metropolitan area. Florence was a centre of medieval European trade and finance and one of the wealthiest cities of the time. It is considered the birthplace of the Renaissance and has been called 'the Athens of the Middle Ages'. A turbulent political history includes periods of rule by the powerful Medici family and numerous religious and republican revolutions. From 1865–1871 the city was the capital of the recently established Kingdom of Italy.

The historic centre of Florence attracts 13 million tourists each year. It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1982. The city is noted for its culture, Renaissance art, architecture and monuments. The city contains numerous museums and art galleries, such as the Uffizi Gallery and the Palazzo Pitti and still exerts an influence in the fields of art, culture and politics. Furthermore Florence is an important city in Italian fashion and it is a major national economic centre, as well as a tourist and industrial hub.

VENUE

The 28th International Meeting on Organic Geochemistry will be held at the Palazzo dei Congressi, Villa Vittoria in Florence, Italy. This historical venue has maintained its original charm, with lunette vaults on the ground floor, finely decorated coffered ceilings on the first floor, mosaic pavements in marble and terracotta, stone and marble marquetry portals, elegant coat of arms, finely decorated wrought iron gates and precious painted polychrome glass windows.

Surrounded by a centuries-old park with rare and original trees and plants, Palazzo dei Congressi is a unique congress citadel in the heart of the city.



CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Icebreaker Reception	17 September 2017
Conference & Exhibition	18 September 2017
Conference & Exhibition Cultural programme	19 September 2017
Conference & Exhibition Conference Dinner and Party	20 September 2017
Conference & Exhibition	21 September 2017
Conference & Exhibition	22 September 2017

TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

The technical programme of IMOG 2017 consists of oral and poster presentations. The balance between bio- and petroleum-oriented topics will be maintained while the final session topics will be based on the themes of submitted abstracts. Abstracts for this conference should be submitted by **22 January 2017**. The committee invites abstracts on the following broad areas:

BIOGEOCHEMISTRY

All aspects of the field of biogeochemistry will be considered, including preservation and transformation of organic matter in the bio- and geosphere, degradation of organic matter, palaeoenvironment, stable isotopes, carbon and nitrogen cycles and marine chemistry.

PETROLEUM AND COAL GEOCHEMISTRY

All topics related to petroleum formation and systems, with an emphasis on geochemical controls on reservoir fluid properties, generation and migration of petroleum and gas, basin modelling, reservoir and production geochemistry, organic solids, kinetics, source rocks, fluid inclusions and oil-rock interactions. Subjects in the areas of coal geochemistry and petrology are also welcomed.

- ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOIL GEOCHEMISTRY
 Industrial pollution and natural pollution, their sources and effects on the environment. Alteration of organic matter as a result of pollution of the air, water, soil and sediments.
- NEW TRENDS, TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIONS IN ORGANIC GEOCHEMISTRY

Application of organic geochemistry expertise and tools to new disciplines. Interdisciplinary aspects of geochemistry (archaeology, biochemistry, DNA, oceanography) and integrated and revolutionary studies.

 INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES IN CLIMATE CHANGE, ARCHEOLOGY, AND OTHER DISCIPLINES

Various topics in cross-disciplinary studies between organic geochemistry and climatology, oceanography, archeology, paleontology, paleobiology and engineering disciplines. Novel ideas and case studies, as well as applications of new analytical tools.

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline Early exhibition rate	1 March 2017
Registration Open	1 March 2017
Deadline Call for Abstracts	22 January 2017
Deadline Early Registration	1 July 2017
Deadline Late Registration	10 September 2017

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

To complement the conference, an icebreaker reception will be organised as well as a conference dinner and party at a special location. Keep a close eye on our website to check the most up-to-date information.

FAMILY MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

IMOG welcomes family members to join in Florence. There will be a partners programme organised that will include a full-day tour in Tuscany including a wine and olive oil tasting, a walking tour through beautiful Florence and a visit to the Duomo with a magical panoramic view.

All registered family members also have access to the exhibition and are welcome at the social programme, which includes the icebreaker reception and the conference dinner and party.

EXHIBITION & SPONSORING

IMOG 2017 offers an exhibition where international companies active in the industry will present their latest developments, newest technologies and innovative services. The IMOG 2017 exhibition will be held parallel to the conference programme and will be the central meeting place between the talks.

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