



European Middle Palaeolithic during MIS 8 – MIS 3

cultures – environment – chronology

Wolbrom, Poland, 25-28 September, 2012



2nd Circular

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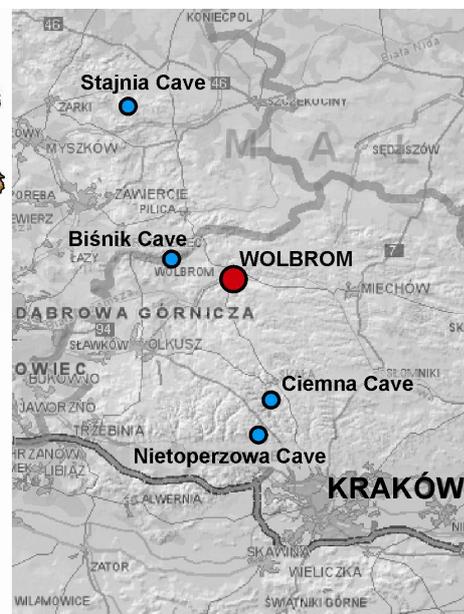
About conference

Taking into consideration the suggestions of scientific community, we have decided to extend the chronological range of our conference to include the late phase of the Middle Palaeolithic. Consequently we have modified the conference title by including MIS 3. This change will enable, among other things, the presentation and discussion of the issues connected with the relations between the Middle and Upper Palaeolithic, which have recently undergone intensive research by many European scientists.

Conference Venue

The conference will take place in Wolbrom, a small town situated in the central part of the Kraków-Częstochowa Upland, approximately 45 km north of Kraków. Wolbrom lies in the close vicinity of the Wodąca Valley and Ojców Upland. The conference venue is the Cultural Centre (Centrum Kultury, Informacji i Promocji, Wolbrom, Leśna Street No 2).

Two field sessions are planned: the first one at the Częstochowa Upland (Wodąca Valley, where the Biśnik Cave is situated and Mirów Ridge with the Stajnia Cave); and the second one at the Ojców Upland (Ciemna Cave in the Prądnik Valley and Nietoperzowa Cave in the Będkowska Valley).



Map presents a general location of the conference.

Detailed road maps and field session information will be distributed with 3rd circular and on the web site.

Accommodation

The participants are kindly requested to cover the costs of accommodation and board individually, in their respective lodging places. Accommodation can be booked by organizers in the area within maximum 7 km radius from Wolbrom. We will arrange transport from the place of lodging to the conference venue, to field sessions and to parties/banquets. The details of the accommodation offer are available in the registration form (attached pdf file) and on the conference website (<http://paleo2012.eu>).

Call for papers

Conference language is English. Oral presentations (limited number) and posters are planned during conference sessions. Posters should not exceed format 1000x700 mm and should be oriented vertically. Proposals of presentations (posters) must be submitted in registration form as soon as possible but not later than **April 30, 2012**. The organizers will notify everyone concerned of their acceptance of submitted papers by May 31, 2012. Detailed technical requirements referring to the preparation of the presentations will be available on the conference website and in the third circular.

The organizers will publish the book of abstracts before conference. Authors are kindly asked to send extended abstracts to these conference proceedings (max. two A4 pages– including figures, tables and references, MS Word format) by **June 30, 2012**, to e-mail address contact@paleo2012.eu or mkrajcarz@twarda.pan.pl. The organizers intend to publish chosen papers in a special issue of the *Quaternary International*.

Preliminary Programme

September 24, 2012 (Monday)

- ✓ arrival and checking-in
- ✓ registration of participants (Community Cultural Centre in Wolbrom)

September 25, 2012 (Tuesday)

- ✓ registration of participants (Community Cultural Centre in Wolbrom)
- ✓ opening of conference and exhibition
- ✓ keynote lectures on palaeozoology and archaeology of the Middle Palaeolithic period in Europe (two lectures, 40 minutes each)
- ✓ oral presentations (results of the multidisciplinary studies of the Biśnik Cave) (20 minutes each)

September 26, 2012 (Wednesday)

- ✓ whole-day field session focused on the Middle Palaeolithic cave sites of the Częstochowa Upland (Wodąca Valley with the Biśnik Cave; Mirów Ridge with the Stajnia Cave and others)
- ✓ poster session
- ✓ social meeting

September 27, 2012 (Thursday)

- ✓ oral presentations (the key Middle Palaeolithic sites in Poland and in Europe) (20 minutes each)
- ✓ conference dinner

September 28, 2012 (Friday)

- ✓ field session (excursion to Ojców Upland: Prądnik Valley with the Ciemna Cave, Będkowska Valley with the Nietoperzowa Cave)
- ✓ closing of the conference, departure of participants – transfer to Kraków or Wolbrom

Detailed programme will be available on the conference website and in the third circular.

Fees

Conference Fee

Early Registration Fee – payment before June 30, 2012	60 EUR/240 PLN
Late Registration Fee – payment after June 30, 2012 or on arrival	80 EUR/320 PLN
Students and PhD Students Fee – payment not later than on arrival	30 EUR/120 PLN

The Conference Fee covers the proceedings (book of abstracts and excursion guide), coffee breaks, transport during field sessions and conference dinner. Shuttle transport between lodging places and conference hall (every day) and social meeting (September 26, 2012) is covered by organizers. Accommodation and meals are not included in the Conference Fee.

Offer of accommodation and meals for individual arrangement is available on the registration form and the conference website - can be paid on arrival. Organizers would book the hotels and meals according to choice marked in registration form.

Payment methods

Conference fee should be paid to bank account:

Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika Toruń

Bank Millenium S.A. Warszawa

SWIFT: BIGBPLPW

IBAN: PL 45 1160 2202 0000 0000 3174 8579

In the transfer title, please, write: "paleo2012" and your first name and surname

Payment at the registration desk on arrival should be realized in cash.

Cancellation policy

All cancellations should be notified not later than September 10, 2012. In any case, 10% cancellation fee will be charged. Reimbursements will be refund by bank transfer after the conference closure. In the case of cancellations notified after September 10, 2012 there will be no refund of the Conference Fee.

More detailed information available on the conference website.

Important Dates

April 30, 2012 - Deadline for registration form submission

June 30, 2012 - Deadline for abstract submission

June 30, 2012 - Deadline for Early Registration Fee payment

July 31, 2012 - Third Circular with programme details

September 25-28, 2012 – the Conference

Contact and further information

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