



International Symposium on Marine and Terrestrial Ecosystems and Global Changes across Triassic and Jurassic Systems

November 24–27, 2026 | Chongqing, China

First Circular

1. Introduction

The Triassic-Jurassic transition represents a pivotal interval in Earth's history, marked by catastrophic events including the Permian-Triassic mass extinction, Carnian Pluvial Episode, Triassic-Jurassic mass extinction, Toarcian Oceanic Anoxic Event, and Jurassic greenhouse warming. These events fundamentally reshaped global biodiversity, climate, and biogeochemical cycles.

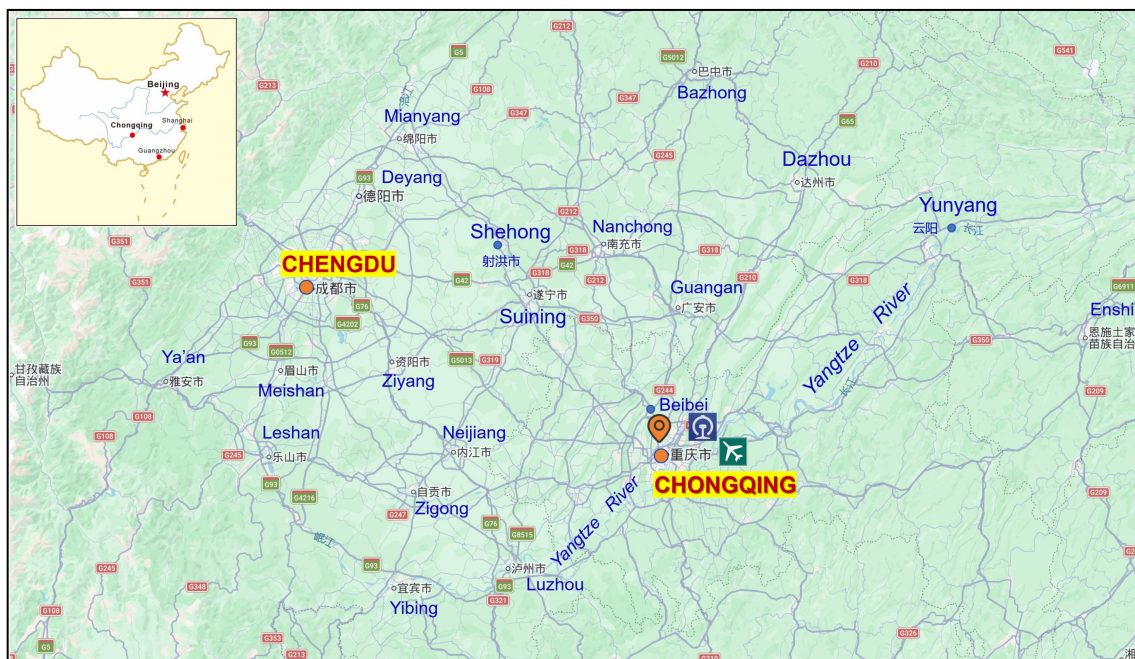
Chongqing city and its adjacent regions yield well-exposed and continuous marine and terrestrial Triassic sequences, continental Jurassic stratigraphic sections, rich in diverse fossil biota (invertebrates, plants, palynomorphs, dinosaurs), national and global Geoparks for petrified forest, dinosaurs, and energy resources (oil, gas, coal and shale gas). These archives provide unparalleled opportunities for global change research and international correlation, while also serving as unique natural heritage for scientific outreach, education, and sustainable tourism.

Under the sponsorship of the Subcommissions of Triassic and Jurassic of the International Commission on Stratigraphy (ICS), as well as support from the Department of Earth Sciences, National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), Palaeontological Society of China (PSC), this international symposium will bring together global expertise to advance understanding of Triassic-Jurassic Earth-life systems. It aims to showcase cutting-edge research, foster international collaboration, and promote science communication and cultural tourism, highlighting China's leadership in this field.

2. Symposium venue and date

The symposium will be held at the Beibei District of Chongqing City, one of the largest cities in southwestern China with long history and colorful culture and natural heritages. This city has convenient access links to the world by a variety of international and domestic flight network, as well as the highway and bullet train systems to major cities in China.

Participants: About 140 professional and early career researchers and students will join us at Chongqing for this symposium, including ca. 30-40 international delegates from Sweden, UK, Germany, USA, Netherlands, Norway, Ireland, Romania, Hungary, India, Japan, Argentina, France, Thailand, etc.



Geographic map of Chongqing City



Highlights of Chongqing: Chaotianmen Dock, iconic Hongyadong, the bustling Jiefangbei, Great Hall of the People, and Ciqikou Ancient Town

Symposium venue: Chongqing Beibei Wyndham Hotel (198 Shuangyuan Avenue, Beibei District, Chongqing, China)

Dates: November 24–27, 2026 (Registration: November 23, 2026; Closing: November 27 afternoon)



Chongqing Beibei Wyndham Hotel

3. Organizers

Supported by:

Subcommission of Triassic System (STS), ICS; Subcommission of Jurassic System (SJS), ICS;
Department of Earth Sciences (NSFC); Palaeontological Society of China;
China Fossil Protection Foundation; People's Government of Beibei District, Chongqing

Hosted by:

Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, CAS;
Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology, CAS;
State Key Laboratory of Geological Microbiology and Environment (China University of Geosciences, Wuhan)

Organized by:

Chongqing Natural History Museum, Chongqing University of Science and Technology, The 11th Geological Brigade of Sichuan, Chongqing Institute of Paleontology, Zhuofang Drilling Group.

4. Scientific Themes

We welcome contributions across interdisciplinary topics, including but not limited to:

- S1. Triassic-Jurassic geochronology, biostratigraphy, sedimentology, geochemistry, as well as GSSPs and global stratigraphic correlation
- S2. Marine-terrestrial biodiversity evolution, ecosystem dynamics, and links to major geological events (e.g., Carnian Pluvial Episode, mass extinctions, anoxic events, paleowildfires, hyperthermal events)
- S3. Reconstruction of greenhouse climates, atmospheric CO₂, and ancient carbon cycling
- S4. Formation and accumulation of energy resources (oil, gas, coal and shale gas)
- S5. Innovative methodologies (scientific drilling, big data, AI applications)
- S6. Museum outreach, science communication, global geoparks and geotourism

5. Preliminary Schedule

Date	Symposium events
Nov 23 (Mon)	Arrival, Registration, Ice Breaker
Nov 24 (Tue)	Opening Ceremony, Plenary and keynote Sessions, Welcome Dinner
Nov 25 (Wed)	Morning: Sessions symposia; Afternoon: Visit to Chongqing Natural History Museum
Nov 26 (Thu)	Field Trip: Triassic-Jurassic Marine-Terrestrial Sections (Beibei-Hechuan)
Nov 27 (Fri)	Morning: Plenary session & Closing Ceremony; Afternoon: Departure; Post-conference Field Trips

6. Presentation & Abstracts

Presentations: Oral presentations (30-min for plenary, 25-min for keynote, and 20-min for general oral); and Poster presentations (A0 size: 120 cm × 90 cm).

Abstract submission: English abstracts of Word format, and 1 page max, including title, authors, affiliations, text, and keywords. A printed abstract volume will be distributed to participants before symposium. Abstract submission deadline: October 31, 2026.



Chongqing Natural History Museum and its Dinosaur Hall; Historic Site Museum of Western China Science Institute in Beibei of Chongqing

7. Registration & Fees

Registration Deadlines

- Early bird registration: Before October 31, 2026
- On-site registration: November 23, 2026

Registration Fees (includes materials, abstract book, welcome dinner, meals during sessions, tea breaks, and local transport)

Category	Early Bird (before Oct 31, 2026)	Standard (after Nov.1, 2026)
Regular Participant	CNY 2,300/Euros 300	CNY 2,500/Euros 330
Student*	CNY 1,800/Euros 250	CNY 2,000/Euros 280

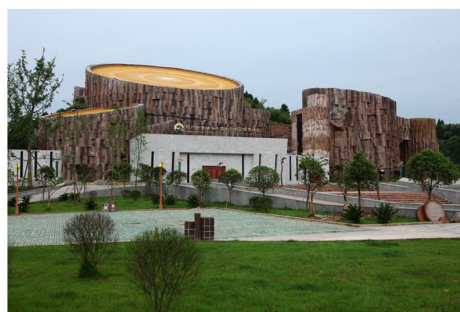
*Student ID required at registration. Accommodation and travel to/from Chongqing are self-funded.

Post-Conference Field Trips (Nov 27–30, 2026)

- Route 1: Dazhou & Shehong of Sichuan Province: Triassic-Jurassic sections, Shehong Petrified Wood National Geopark
- Route 2: Yunyang of Chongqing City: Jurassic Dinosaur World Geopark & National Key Fossil Sites
- Route 3: Qijiang of Chongqing City: Jurassic and Cretaceous Dinosaurs, footprint and fossil wood Geopark
- Field trip Fees will be announced in the 2nd Circular. Fees will cover 3 nights' accommodation, meals, transport, insurance, and materials.



Mid-symposium field excursion: the marine and terrestrial Triassic sequences, terrestrial Early to Middle Jurassic sections along the Jialingjiang River in Chongqing



Post-symposium field excursion: the terrestrial Triassic and Lower to Middle Jurassic sequences in Qilixia of Dazhou ; and the Late Jurassic Petrified Forest National Geopark in Shehong of Sichuan Province



Post-symposium field excursion: the Jurassic Dinosaur global Geopark and museum in Yunyang of Chongqing

8. Important Dates

First Circular	September 20, 2026
Second Circular	October 20, 2026
Abstract Submission Deadline	October 31, 2026
Third Circular & Final Program	November 15, 2026

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Registration and Reply Form

Name		Title		Country	
Institution				Student participant ☐	Regular participation ☐
Tel:		E-mail			
Presentation type	Oral ☐			Poster ☐	
Presentation Title				Session code (e.g. S1, S2)	
Hotel reservation	Hotel room will be arranged in the conference venue: Chongqing Beibei Wyndham Hotel ☐ Other hotel you may consider or self reservation ☐				
Field Excursion	Yes ☐ No ☐	Field Excursion selection	☐ Route 1: Dazhou & Shehong of Sichuan Province: Triassic-Jurassic sections, Shehong Petrified Wood National Geopark ☐ Route 2: Yunyang of Chongqing City: Jurassic Dinosaur World Geopark & National Key Fossil Sites ☐ Route 3: Qijiang of Chongqing City: Jurassic and Cretaceous biota and geopark		
Other notes					

Notes: Please submit your registration and abstract by October 31, 2026 by email to Dr. Zhong Han (zhonghan@nigpas.ac.cn) or Dr. Ya Li (yali@nigpas.ac.cn).