

**INVITATION FOR THE
MOLASSE GROUP
MEETING 2008**



**STUTTGART
MAY 16th–17th 2008**



www.Molasse.Net

This years MOLASSE GROUP meeting will take place at the State Museum of Natural History in Stuttgart from the 16th to the 17th of May, 2008. It will be preceded by a 1 day field trip. We also invite submission of papers for a Special Volume of the Neues Jahrbuch für Geologie und Paläontologie.

At the last Molasse meeting organised by Jean-Pierre Berger in Geneva (2006), it was agreed to hold the Molasse meeting every two years. Due to rebuilding activities at the Institute of Geosciences in Tübingen, the Molasse Meeting 2008 has been rescheduled to the State Museum of Natural History in Stuttgart.

Mission

- The Molasse Group is an entirely unstructured group of geoscientists (s.l.) who are interested in the North Alpine Foreland Basin - generally known as the Molasse Basin.
- The Group also serves as a forum for geoscientists (from academia, industry and elsewhere) whose principal interests are in successions comparable to that of the North Alpine Foreland Basin. Furthermore, contributions from other geoscientists whose principal interests are of a more general nature (such as sedimentology, paleontology, tectonics, basin analysis, geothermal energy, oil & gas exploration) are appreciated. Basically, if you are interested, you are welcome!
- The Group has neither president, committee, nor budget. This has functioned well in the past through the commitment of individual Group members, who have organised meetings and maintained the Group mailing list.

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Date and Venue

Date: May 16th to 17th, 2008

Venue: State Museum of Natural History Stuttgart

Friday, May 16th: One-day field trip to the Miocene Upper Marine Molasse („Obere Meeresmolasse“, OMM) of South Germany.

Will be organised by **Uli Bieg** and **Bettina Reichenbacher**.

A field trip guide (Bieg et al. 2007), which contains two of the localities can be downloaded from the download area of <http://www.molasse.net>. A new field trip guide will be available at the meeting. Further information concerning the field trip will be provided to those who register by March 15th.

Localities to be visited: Baltringen, Rengetsweiler and Ursendorf.

8:00 Departure from Stuttgart main station in front of the building (leave the building through the right exit, there you will see our minibus(es)) near the taxi station. Lunch will be in the field (lunch packages will be provided).

10:00 You can join the group at Ulm main station.

ca. 10:30 For those who come by private car: meeting point close to the first stop in Baltringen:

<http://maps.google.de/maps/ms?f=q&hl=de&geocode=&num=10&ie=UTF8&t=h&om=1&msa=0&msid=101736203806342936165.0004457da2e2600b97c2f&ll=48.171996,9.870679&spn=0.010847,0.020084&z=16>

20:00 Dinner will be organised in a traditional Swabian restaurant in Stuttgart (to be paid by your own). We will reserve some tables and you can order 'a la carte'.

Saturday, 17th: Oral and poster presentations

9:00 Presentations at the State Museum of Natural History Stuttgart (Museum am Löwentor)

Coffee breaks and lunch in the Museum (included in the fees)

Internet-Links

Homepage of the Museum:

www.naturkundemuseum-bw.de/stuttgart

Overview map of the Museum:

www.naturkundemuseum-bw.de/stuttgart/extras/opnv.pdf

Map link (Google maps):

<http://maps.google.de/maps/ms?hl=de&gl=de&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=101736203806342936165.00044554b510a9d21a8e2&z=17&om=0>

Homepage of Stuttgart:

www.stuttgart-tourist.de

Public transport in Stuttgart:

www.vvs.de/en/plaene.php (in German and English).

Accommodation

When you choose a hotel, consider that the Natural History Museum is best reached by the following public transport facilities: S4, S5, S6, U15, U13.

Public transport in Stuttgart:

www.vvs.de/en/plaene.php (in German and English).

Online booking of hotels in Stuttgart:

www.stuttgart-tourist.de/DEU/gastro/hotels_buchen.htm (choose your language at the top of that page).

Inexpensive accommodations:

- Youth Hostel: www.jugendherberge-stuttgart.de (Homepage in German and English)
- Alex 30 Hostel: www.alex30-hostel.de is a cheap hostel with a good reputation (Homepage in German and English)

Abstracts

Abstracts must be sent to rasser.smns@naturkundemuseum-bw.de by April 15th. They must be written in English and fit on one standard A4 formatted page. Font: Times New Roman 12 point, line spacing: 1,5. Indent 2nd and following paragraphs, alignment justified. Species names in italics. References (if needed) in Times New Roman 10 point.

Please use the following template for title, author names and addresses:

1. Title of Talk or Poster
2. Author 1, City, Author 2, City and Author 3, City
3. Address of the authors with email address

Deadlines

By March 15th :

- Registration for the one-day field-trip:
Please note that registration for the field trip is not possible after this date, because we have to organise the bus in time (unless you drive your own car).

By April 15th :

- Submission of abstracts
- Registrations for oral and poster presentations

By May 16th :

- Submission of papers for the proceedings volume (Neues Jahrbuch für Geologie und Paläontologie). See below for details.

Payment

Coffee, snacks and lunch on Saturday 17th, abstract volume and field guide: **20 Euros regular fee, 10 Euros for Students** (to be paid at the registration desk).

Field trip on May 16th: The costs for the field trip (rental for mini bus and lunch package) cannot yet be fixed. We are seeking for sponsors and expect to receive a considerable support from the Museum's "Verein zur Förderung des Naturkundemuseums e.V.". Those who register for the field trip before March 15th, will be informed about the exact amount and about the payment modality immediately after this date.

No costs apply, if you drive your own car (unless you wish to receive a lunch package).

The dinner on Friday is to be paid by your own.

Special Publication

A special publication (proceedings volume) will be published in the journal "Neues Jahrbuch für Geologie und Paläontologie" which has just recently been issued in a new format. **Please note that the final deadline for contributions to this volume will be at the start of the meeting, i.e., May 16th, 2008.** This will significantly contribute to a timely publishing of the proceedings. This publication aims to present the latest data concerning the North Alpine Foreland Basin, but also intends to provide some overview chapters concerning the geology, sedimentology, stratigraphy, and palaeontology of this area.

Please bring an electronic file to the meeting itself, or send a copy of the paper by email to James Nebelsick (nebelsick@uni-tuebingen.de)

Instructions for authors:

http://www.schweizerbart.de/j/n-jb-geol-pal/tex/njb_GeolPal_auth_inst_02_07_heft.pdf

REGISTRATION

Please send this questionnaire to rasser.smns@naturkundemuseum-bw.de

1. I wish to participate in the meeting: YES
2. I wish to present an oral presentation YES/NO title:
3. I wish to present a poster presentation YES/NO title:
4. I wish to submit a paper for the proceedings volume (by May 16th) YES/NO
5. I wish to attend the field trip YES/NO

If yes:

- 5.a. I will drive my own car (you can join the group in Stuttgart or in Ulm)
- 5.b. I will enter the bus at Stuttgart main station (8:00)
- 5.c. I will enter the bus at Ulm main station (ca. 10:00)
6. I wish to attend the dinner on Friday (to be paid by your own) YES/NO
7. I am vegetarian (for lunch on Friday) YES/NO