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Main Goal

The Second Plenary Meeting and Field Trip will focus on the progress of IGCP 521 project “Black Sea-Mediterranean Corridor during last 30 ky: Sea level change and human adaptation” (www.avalon-institute.org/IGCP). This conference will follow the pattern of the First Plenary Meeting, covering all aspects of IGCP 521 with particular attention placed on anthropology, archaeology, and ethnology. It will provide a cross-disciplinary international forum for academics, professionals, and young scientists to correlate their discoveries on the influence of climatically/tectonically induced sea-level changes and coastline migration upon humanity.

The conference will discuss: the actual status of our knowledge on various subjects; the main achievements and gaps in our knowledge; the scientific approaches to integrating environmental, anthropological, ethnological, and archaeological data in order to trace the history of ancient people in the Corridor and to predict future development in coastal zones under various sea-level scenarios.

Conference Venue

The conference will be held at Odessa I.I. Mechnikov National University (ONU), established in 1865 (<http://www.onu.edu.ua/ru/index.html>). The Main Campus is located in the historic center of the city on Dvorianskaya Street 2. Odessa is situated on the northwestern coast of the Black Sea in the southwestern part of Ukraine. This high quality scientific, educational, cultural, industrial, and resort city is the third largest in Ukraine (after Kiev and Kharkov), with a population in excess of 1 000 000 people.

ONU has eleven faculties, three educational institutes, four museums, three research institutes, one college, a series of scientific research laboratories and branches at four cities of southern Ukraine. ONU is well known as a scientific and educational center in fields of geology, archaeology, and ethnology. It has the best and oldest Paleontological and Archaeological Museums in Eastern Europe, with a unique collection of fossils relevant to the subject of the conference.

State language

State language is Ukrainian, however, the majority of Ukrainians (especially in Odessa) are bilingual and speak Russian as well. Among foreign languages, the most popular is English. However, not many people on the street speak English.

Conference language

The official conference language is English, however, a number of invited talks will be simultaneously translated from Russian/Ukrainian to English.

Oral presentation

Invited speakers will have 30 minutes, while other speakers will have 20 minutes for their talks (including questions). The authors are encouraged to give Power Point presentations. Overhead projectors are also available. Please note that no tabletop 35-mm slide projectors will be provided.

Poster presentation

The poster session will be held at the Paleontological Museum. The size of the poster stand is about 1x2 m.

Schedule

August 20 Arrival, registration

August 21 Welcome Cocktail

August 21-23 Technical Sessions (oral and poster)

August 24-26 Field Trips

August 27 Technical Session. Reports of the Coordinators of the Working Groups. City Tour. Conference Dinner

August 28 – Departure

Registration Fees (Please refer to the “Registration Form”)

Participant

Before June 30 – 250 Euro
 July 1-31 – 300 Euro
 After July 31 – 350 Euro

Student

Before June 30 – 170 Euro
 July 1-31 – 200 Euro
 After July 31 – 250 Euro

Accompanying person

Before June 30 – 200 Euro
 July 1-31 – 250 Euro
 After July 31 – 300 Euro

Refund policy

Fifty percent refund before July 20, 2006. No refund is possible after July 20, 2006 (one month before the conference).

The registration fee for participants includes:

- Access to the scientific meetings
- One Conference Kit including the abstracts volume
- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Welcome Cocktail
- Conference Dinner
- Bus transportation to/from Odessa Central Airport, to/from the venue of the conference, and field trips.
- Portable lunches during field trips
- City Tour

The registration fee for accompanying persons includes:

- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Welcome Cocktail
- Conference Dinner
- Bus transportation to/from Odessa Central Airport and to/from the venue of the conference
- City Tour

Accommodation

We have reserved a number of rooms in the resort hotel close to the seashore for accommodation of participants. The prices (including breakfast and supper) are as follows:

Room	Per night/per person Hryvnia (taxes included)	Per night/per person US\$ (taxes included)
Standard single room	150	32
Standard double room	110	23
Deluxe double room	320	67

Please make your reservation as soon as possible by sending your completed and *signed* Hotel Reservation Form (available on Internet) to the Avalon Institute of Applied Science via e-mail admin@avalon-institute.org or fax +1 (204) 489-5782. Please note that the number of single and (especially) deluxe rooms are limited and will be assigned on a “first come-first served” basis.

Lunch

Lunch for a moderate price (about US\$8-10) will be organized in the restaurant located close to the venue of the conference on August 21-23 and 27. Lunch tickets may be purchased at the conference desk.

Fieldtrip

August 24 (morning) Departure from Odessa

Ancient Greek colonies and city-states: Tyras, Niconium, medieval fortress of Belgorod; Dniester estuary and Dniester interspersions, sediments of Late Pleistocene and Holocene times.

August 25

Ancient polis of Olbia as well as Dneiper-Bug and Berezan estuary accumulative wave terraces corresponding to the Kalamitian and Dzhemetinian transgression stages.

August 26

Ancient settlement of Koshary (Odessos), Berezan Island, accumulative wave terraces corresponding to the Kalamitian and Dzhemetinian transgression stages (0.5-0.1 m above present sea level, 3.9-4.5 ky BP).

Publication

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Abstract Volume. The full papers will be published in a Special Volume of the journal *Quaternary International*. For preparation of manuscripts, refer to Instructions for Contributors.

Travel

Odessa is easily accessible by air (Vienna, Budapest, Istanbul, Athens, Aleppo, Larnaka, Moscow, Kiev, Kishinev, Yerevan, Tiflis, and other European and Asian cities), railway (Warsaw, Prague, Bratislava, Vienna, Berlin, Moscow, St Petersburg, major cities of Ukraine and many other cities of the former Soviet Union), bus (Germany, Greece, Bulgaria, as well as major cities of Ukraine and Russia), and ship (Istanbul, Haifa, Varna, Yalta, and Sevastopol). For more details please refer to www.odessaonline.com.ua

The city is situated at close proximity to the key geological and archaeological sites to be studied by the participants during fieldwork associated with the conference.

Transportation from/to the airport

Transportation of participants from/to the airport will be organized. Please inform the Executive Secretary of the conference, Dr. Anna Kravchuk (al-ex-ander@eurocom.od.ua) of the date, time, and flight number of your arrival and departure.

Visa

Visitors from other countries must carry a valid passport and, in certain cases, a visa to be able to enter Ukraine. For more information on visa and other required travel documents, please contact the Ukrainian Embassy or Consulate in your area before your departure.

Please refer to <http://www.mfa.gov.ua/mfa/en/publication/content/1865.htm> for further information about visa requirements and to <http://www.mfa.gov.ua/mfa/en/305.htm> for the list of Embassies of Ukraine. An Invitation Letter will be provided upon your request.

Climate

The end of August is the most favorable time of the year for fieldwork. Daily temperature is about 28°C, at night, it is about 15-20°C. Sea water temperature is usually about 20°C.

Currency

The Ukraine Hryvnia is the legal currency in Ukraine. One Hryvnia contains 100 50 kopecks. As of June 1, 2006, 1 Hryvnia = 0.16 Euro. Exchange rates may be different in August 2006. There are numerous currency exchange offices in the city.

Clothing

Dress code will be informal for all occasions. We also suggest you to bring sunglasses, comfortable shoes, and a sun hat and rubber boots, should you choose to participate in any of the offered field trips.

Shopping

Ukraine is famous for its high-quality textile, as well as food products and drinks: delicatessen, caviar, confectionery, chocolate, juices, beer, vodka, Crimean wines and many other items. Shops and markets trade via Hryvnia only, however, some shops accept Visa, MasterCard/EuroCard. You can identify such places by credit cards signs on the entrance door. When buying a souvenir, a painting, a sculpture, or other handcrafts, it is a good idea to get a certificate identifying the item's historical value (if needed). This document might be useful when going through customs upon departure from Ukraine.

Working hours

State and public offices are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, with a lunch hour from 1p.m. as a rule. The majority of stores are open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and closed only on Sunday. A lunch hour is usually either from 1 to 2 p.m. or from 2 to 3 p.m. As for food stores, many of them work 24 hours, 7 days a week, a few from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Usual business hours for cafes and restaurants is from 10 a.m. to midnight. Most banks are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a lunch hour from 1 to 2 p.m., and they are closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Insurance

Travel and health insurance are highly recommended.

Electricity

The standard electric supply in Ukraine is 220V/ 50 Hz. Ukrainian plugs are of the same kind as in most European countries - two round pins. If the electrical appliances you bring have different specs, make sure to take a converter and/or plug adapter.

Public Transportation

Odessa has an extensive public transportation system that operates from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Prices range from 50 kopecks to 2 Hryvnias. Taxis are comparatively cheap for Ukrainian/Russian speaking passengers; most likely, if one speaks a foreign language, the taxi fare goes up. Taxis may be ordered by phone. Also, a taxi or a gypsy cab can be hailed right on the street simply by putting up your hand. Services of gypsy cabs are less expensive but are not recommended from the safety point of view. If you wish to use a gypsy cab, make sure there are no other passengers and negotiate the price with the driver before you get into the car.

Deadlines

May 1, 2006	Paper submission opens
September 30, 2006	Paper submission closes
July 20, 2006	Cancellation of hotel reservation (no charge)

Questions

If you have questions regarding the issues described above please contact the Technical Director of the conference, Dr. Irena Motnenko via e-mail irmot@avalon-institute.org or fax +1 (204) 489-5782. Cancellations have to be send to admin@avalon-institute.org