

International Geological Correlation Program Project No. 526
Risks, Resources, and Record of the Past on the Continental Shelf: Mining Late Quaternary Geological Evidence
2nd Annual Conference (South America)

Date: 03 – 07 November, 2008

Venue: Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (Natal, Brazil)

1. Conference Introduction

The aims of IGCP project 526 (<http://igcp526.io.usp.br/>) are:

- To facilitate international collaboration amongst scientists studying continental shelf related topics.
- To facilitate knowledge and technology transfer related to continental shelf research among disparate disciplines and regions around the world.
- To hold annual and regional meetings around the world, particularly in developing countries, to facilitate the transmission of continental shelf research and applications.
- To provide project-related short courses, particularly in developing countries, which focus on disseminating continental shelf knowledge and application.
- To promote the use of continental shelf research across discipline boundaries, with particular emphasis on their application to global issues that influence human society.
- To provide comprehensive research publications resulting from project contributions.

All researchers interested in the Risks, Resources, and Record of the Past on the continental shelves, and applications of this knowledge are welcome to participate.

The Conference will be held in Natal city, in the State of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil. The Conference will be organized by Professor Helenice Vital, Convener, and Professor Michel Michaelovitch de Mahiques, Brazilian national representative for the Project.

2. Sponsors

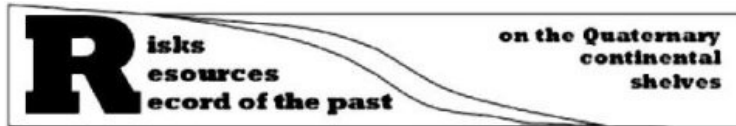
- UNESCO/IUGS for IGCP-526 project
- Department of Geology and Post-graduate Program in Geodynamics and Geophysics of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN)
- Institute of Oceanography of the University of São Paulo (IOUSP)
- Fundação Norte-Riograndense de Pesquisa (FUNPEC)

Proposed (waiting for confirmation)

- Fundação Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento para o Ensino Superior (CAPES)
- Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico (CNPq)
- Agência Nacional do Petróleo (ANP)
- PETROBRAS SA

Supporting bodies –

- INQUA Commission Coastal and Marine Processes



3. Conference Themes

In the conference, academic exchange and discussion will be focused on the following scientific aspects:

- Neotectonics, Tsunami and other high-energy events
- Minerals and Aggregates
- Living resources
- Carbon Cycle and climate change
- Paleoanthropology – (humans and their relationship with fauna, flora, and the changing environment of continental shelves) and Paleoenvironments

During this second Conference of the IGCP 526, besides the presentation of scientific contributions other aspects will be held, such as business meetings, working groups meeting and field trip.

4. Conference format

Contributors may present their papers in poster or oral format. Selected authors will be invited to present their contributions as keynote presentations. The papers should be prepared as Corel Draw, MSWord, or StarOffice formats saving them as HTML. The HTML files should be recorded in CD ROM or DVD and given to the organizers at the conference.

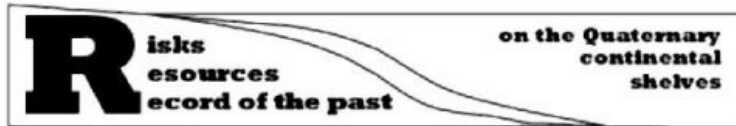
5. Abstract submission

An abstract of minimum one, maximum two pages should be submitted by 1 July, 2008. The abstract must be sent to meeting secretariat via e-mail (igcp526@geologia.ufrn.br) as one of the following formats: MSWord, RTF, or SunStarOffice file with the following setup:

- (1) Layout: A4 paper (210mm x 297mm), left and right margins 3.0 cm, top and bottom margins 3.0 cm, line spacing 1.5.
- (2) Text Font: Arial 12
- (3) Title: Centred capital, bold font size 12
- (4) Authors: Left aligned, not capital font size 10
- (5) Affiliations: Left aligned not capital font size 9
- (6) Text: justified to the left; new paragraph indent 1.0
- (7) Bibliography cited in the abstract: (Yim, 2000, Yim and Tovey, 2001, Yim et al., 2002)
- (8) Bibliography list: Author Surname, Author Initials, (year).....title.... ,journal... , ...vol.... ,pages...
- (9) Figures must be sent separately as TIFF, GIF, or JPG formats
- (10) Figures captions must be sent as separate files
- (11) Tables and table captions must be inserted in the text

6. Language

The language used at the conference is English.



7. Presentation

(1) Oral: 15-20 minutes, plus 5 minutes of discussion. The conference room will be equipped with a notebook with datashow. Please inform Helenice Vital if you have any additional requirements.

(2) Poster size: 1 x 1 meter

8. Registration fee and payment

REGISTRATION FEE:

US\$ –250. Students – US\$ 50. Accompanying persons – US\$ 100.

Registration fee includes abstract volume, local transportation, participation in icebreaker and banquet, coffee breaks.

A limited amount of sponsorship for participation may be available.

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Payment should be made by overseas bankdraft either Brazilian R\$ (for Brazilian participants) or US dollars payable to: the Bank Caixa Economica Federal, Agency 0633-5, Account Number 3168-9, Account Name: 2ª. Conferência Anual IGCP 526, by 1 July 2008. After this deadline, the registration fee is US\$ 350.00, Students – US\$ 80 and accompanying persons – US\$ 150.

ACCOMMODATION will be in comfortable hotels about fifteen minutes from UFRN Conference site ("Ponta Negra"). The price for the *** hotel including breakfast, ca.: Double 70-80 US\$; Single – 100 US\$. ****hotel including breakfast, ca. 150 US\$. Prices will be defined.

Hotel reservation will be made by the Organizing Committee, according to your request.

9. Timetable

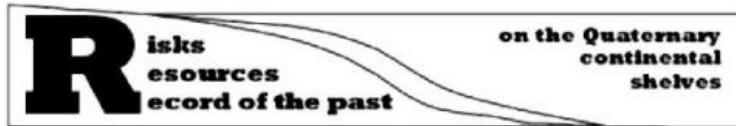
15 June, 2008: Second Call for Papers

1 July, 2008: Early registration and Abstracts deadline

10 October, 2008: Circular and Conference Program

10. Field excursion

Field excursions to visit the Coast of Rio Grande do Norte State will be held from 05 and 06 November.



12. Schedule

03 November (Monday)

Arrival in Natal and registration
Welcome reception

04 November (Tuesday)

Morning: Opening, Initial business meeting, Oral Presentations and Working Groups Meeting
Afternoon: Oral and Poster Sessions
Evening: Conference Dinner.

05 November (Wednesday)

Field trip to N coast from RN

06 November (Thursday)

Field trip to E coast from RN

07 November (Friday)

Morning: Poster Session
Afternoon: Oral Presentations and Business Meeting.

08 November (Saturday)

Departure

14. General Information on Natal

(1) Please contact the Brazilian Consulates in your own country concerning requirements for a visa. If a letter of invitation is needed please contact Helenice Vital.

(2) During the Conference period the weather in northeastern Brazil will be hot with an average temperature about 28°C. For the field trip sports shoes are recommended.

(3) The electrical supply is 220V, 60Hz AC.

15. Contacts

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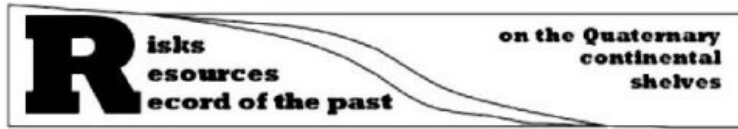
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REPLY FORM

IGCP #526 2nd Annual Conference REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this form together with your abstract to the IGCP secretariat (by fax or e-mail)

Registration fees should be paid by overseas bankdraft and posted to Michel Michaelovitch de Mahiques to arrive by 1 July 2008

Family Name _____

Other names _____

Title* Professor / Dr / Mr / Mrs / Miss Gender* Male / Female

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Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Provisional title of paper for presentation -

I am accompanied by my spouse* Yes [] No []

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