



25th International Meeting on Organic Geochemistry


IMOG 2011

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Interlaken, Switzerland



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Welcome to the anniversary issue of the International Meeting on Organic Geochemistry (IMOG). The 25th IMOG, the official biennial conference of the European Association of Organic Geochemists (EAOG), will be held in Interlaken, Switzerland, from September 18 to 23, 2011. This is the largest meeting on Organic Geochemistry and we are expecting more than 500 participants from all over the world presenting more than 80 oral and more than 500 poster presentations.

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THE VENUE-ALL IN ONE

The conference will be held in the Casino Kursaal located in the heart of Interlaken. It is steeped in history, but features a state-of-the-art infrastructure, and is surrounded by a wonderful park. The magnificent rooms date from the 19th century and provide a unique combination of history, modern congress rooms and elegant banquet halls making it an ideal setting for the congress. It will therefore be not only the home of our scientific programme but will also host the conference dinner and the icebreaker party.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Deadline for early registration 1 July 2011
Start of conference 18 September 2011



ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Each session will be chaired by a session chair, who may briefly introduce the theme, if appropriate. Oral presentations will be limited to a total of 25 minutes including 5 minutes for discussion (i.e., 20 minutes + 5 minutes). Plenary oral contributions (Monday to Thursday mornings) will be presented in the Theater-Saal. Parallel sessions in the afternoon will take place in the Theater-Saal and Ball-Saal. Please note that PowerPoint is the preferred mode of presentation and only a single projection screen is available. We would like to remind speakers to contact the session chairs at the conference prior to their scheduled presentation and to supply their presentation materials to the technical personnel in the speaker's preview room at least half a day prior to their oral session. After uploading the data, please check that all the fonts and colors are correct and animations are working as that is not always the case when using different versions of PowerPoint.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Posters will be on display in the Kongress-Saal during two sessions; the first running on Monday and Tuesday, and the second on Wednesday and Thursday. Posters for the two sessions can be mounted from 7.30 AM on the first day of the session and have to be taken down the second day after the end of the scientific programme. Poster presenters should be available for discussion and presentation of their posters during their assigned poster session.

The posters will be displayed on standard poster boards. The vertical format of 90 × 140 cm (W × H) is the maximum size and posters exceeding these dimensions cannot be displayed. Materials (double-faced adhesive tape) for mounting the posters on the boards will be provided at the conference venue.

SHORT COURSES

Four short courses, of which the general topic is listed in the programme overview, will be conducted parallel to the poster sessions. These will be held in the Ball-Saal and don't require pre-registration.

IMOG 2011 PROCEEDINGS VOLUME

As for previous meetings in this series, we will be publishing a proceedings volume in the journal Organic Geochemistry. Both poster and oral presentations will qualify for inclusion and we will accept manuscript in the form of full papers. In order to ensure rapid publication no manuscripts will be accepted after the stated deadline. Thanks in advance for your submissions and if you have any queries regarding the 2011 IMOG Proceedings Volume, please feel free to contact us:

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Summary of guidelines for submission

1. Manuscripts should ideally be submitted prior to IMOG 2011 (September 18), with the final closing date for submissions being September 30, 2011.
2. Authors are requested to submit their original manuscript and figures via the Elsevier Electronic Submission system (<http://ees.elsevier.com/OG>), selecting "2011 IMOG" when prompted for Article Type.
3. It is essential to give a fax number and e-mail address when submitting a manuscript. Articles must be written in good English. Submission of an article implies that the work described has not been published previously (except in the form of an abstract or as part of a published lecture or academic thesis), that it is not under consideration for publication elsewhere, that its publication is approved by all authors and tacitly or explicitly by the responsible authorities where the work was carried out, and that, if accepted, it will not be published elsewhere in the same form, in English or in any other language, without the written consent of the publisher.
4. Manuscript submission guidelines and author guidelines for preparing your manuscript are available on Elsevier's Organic Geochemistry website listed above.

The organisers would like to thank all of the companies supporting the meeting



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

	Sunday 18 th September 2011	Monday 19 th September 2011	Tuesday 20 th September 2011	Wednesday 21 st September 2011	Thursday 22 nd September 2011	Friday 23 rd September 2011				
08.30 - 09.00		Opening ceremony								
09.00 - 09.05			Opening remarks	Opening remarks	Opening remarks	Opening remarks				
09.05 - 09.30		Session 1	Session 3	Session 5	Session 7	AOM lipids	Fluid property predictions			
09.30 - 10.20						Coffee break				
10.20 - 10.45		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	GDGT sources	Shale gas			
10.45 - 11.10		Session 2	Session 4	Session 6	Session 8	Closing ceremony				
11.10 - 11.55										
11.55 - 12.00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch					
12.00 - 12.25										
12.25 - 13.00										
13.00 - 13.40		Poster 1	Short course 1	Petroleum geochem	Short course 2			Poster 3	Short course 3	Poster 4
13.40 - 14.30		Registration	Paleobio-markers	Sulfur chemistry	Microbial biogeo-chemistry	Soil & peat	Analytical develop-ments	Hydro-carbon generation & expulsion	Paleo temperature proxies	Environment & pollution
14.30 - 15.00										
15.00 - 15.05			IPL degradation & preservation	Petroleum system case studies	Leaf wax hydrogen isotopes	Petroleum bio-markers	Novel isotopes in proxies	Kerogen & coal	Water column microbial biogeo-chemistry	Hydrocarbon production
15.05 - 16.20	Coffee break									
16.20 - 16.45	Conference Ice-breaker		Treibs Awards						EOG Assembly	
16.45 - 18.00										
18.00 - 18.05										
18.05 - 19.00										
19.00 - 20.00							Drinks reception			
20.00 - 20.30							Conference dinner			
20.30 - late										

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

We have put together an exciting programme of events to allow you and your partner to make the most of your time at the conference with the option of starting before the actual event even begins!



THE ICEBREAKER AND REGISTRATION (SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER)

An opportunity to relax and meet both old and new friends after your arrival in Interlaken. Enjoy a drink in the spectacular setting of the Casino Kursaal, which will be our home for the next 5 days.



THE CONFERENCE DINNER (WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER)

Experience the variety of Swiss food and wines as you sample the traditional flavours and unique tastes of Swiss cuisine at the Conference Dinner.

PARTNER PROGRAMME (MONDAY 19 - THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER)

The partner programme will be one of the highlights of the social programme. The lakes in the valley and the glaciers rising above 3000 metres provide a well-balanced range of daily trips to some of the most famous spots in the Alps such as:

Open Air Museum Ballenberg

Authentically reassembled homes and farm buildings from past centuries.

Bern

The capital of Switzerland, full of history and cultural attractions.



Luzern

Spend a day in Luzern, an ancient city of a thousand bewitching faces.

Lake Thun

Take a boat trip on the lake and visit the awe-inspiring natural spectacle of St. Beatus caves.

Schilthorn

Drive up the unique Lauterbrunnen valley to begin an amazing cable car ride up the mighty Schilthorn mountain to the Piz Gloria summit



PRE AND POST-CONFERENCE FIELD JOURNEY

Maximise your time in Switzerland by joining the pre and post conference to explore the unique geological and spectacular scenery of the Swiss Alps. Join us in several pre and post conference field excursions, led by expert geologists. Each trip will depart from Interlaken and has been carefully designed to incorporate some of the key geological features of the Southern, Central and Northern Alps. Transport, accommodation and meals will be included.

Saturday 17th September

Valais: Geology and Wine

Visit the organic vineyard Mythopiain Arbaz that uses biochar for wine production. Lunch will be provided with organic wine, whilst overlooking the beautiful scenery. In the afternoon visit the largest natural underground lake of Europe (Lac Souterrain). Train tickets, bus pass and the entrance fee are all included.

Oeschinensee

In this 1 day excursion, proposed for geologists and non-geologists, along one of the major alpine paths of the Helvetic Alps, you can hike through the forest and look at a majestic view of folds and over-thrusts. The guide, train ticket, cable car ticket and lunch-bag are all included.

Jura Mountains

Study of various sedimentologic, stratigraphic and palaeogeographic aspects of the Tabular and Folded Jura between Aarau and Laufenburg. The fee includes bus pass, lunch (without drinks) and museum entrance fee.

Saturday 24th September

Jungfrau

Drive into the majestic mountains surrounding Interlaken, and wind your way up to Grindelwald, in the heart of the Bernese Alps. Take the cogwheel train through the north face of the Eiger to the Eismeer (at 10368ft) and finally to the Jungfraujoch at 11333 feet. Guests will have chance to visit the Ice Palace, a cavern hewn out of the glacier, with ice sculptures, the Sphinx Observatory with its high speed lift and terrace offering an absolutely breathtaking panorama over the Aletsch glacier. Lunch will be served in the Top of Europe complex, which has views out over the glacier. The fee includes coach transfer, train tickets, lunch with drinks and an escort.

REGISTRATION

Registration Fees are as follows:

Early Bird Registration On Or Before 1 st July 2011	
EAOG/EAGE Members*	€ 690
Non EAOG/EAGE Members	€ 820
Student EAOG Members**	€ 210
Student Non EAOG Members**	€ 230

Standard Registration After 1 st July 2011	
EAOG/EAGE Members*	€ 850
Non EAOG/EAGE Members	€ 960
Student EAOG Members**	€ 260
Student Non EAOG Members**	€ 280

* EAOG Membership number:

This is your customer reference number which can be found on the annual invoice and on the address labels of your OG subscription.

**Student Registration:

The Registration Form must be accompanied by a copy of your student ID, confirming your student status.

These payments include access to all scientific sessions and exhibitions, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea, a ticket to the icebreaker and the Conference dinner and all conference materials.

HOW TO REGISTER

Delegates can register **ON-LINE** for the conference, using a secure credit card payment site. Please go to the IMOG 2011 website (<http://www.imog2011.com>) and click on 'Registration'.

Alternatively, a hard copy Registration Form can be found on the IMOG 2011 website at <http://www.imog2011.com/Registration/Index>.

All registration forms must be accompanied by the appropriate payment.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

All payments must be made in Euros.

- Credit card payments can be made by Visa or MasterCard only. Unfortunately payment cannot be made by debit cards or American Express.
- All credit card payments will be debited in euros; if your credit card account is NOT in euros, the payment will be converted by your card issuer. They may also charge you a fee for doing so.
- Credit card payments cannot be taken by telephone as written authorisation is required.
- If delegates would prefer to make payment by cheque please contact the Secretariat.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of registration, together with a receipt of payment, will be forwarded by the Secretariat. Further details and directional maps will be available on the conference website (www.imog2011.com) three weeks prior to the start of the conference.

CANCELLATION

Registration fees will only be refunded, less a €30.00 administration fee, for written cancellations received prior to 19th August 2011. Refunds will not be made for cancellations received after this date, but named substitutions will be allowed at any time. Please note that any refunds due will be paid after the conference has taken place.

HOTEL ACCOMMODTION

Hotel accommodation has been reserved for IMOG delegates by a local agency, DestinAlp. For further details please look on the IMOG 2011 website <http://www.imog2011.com/Info/Accommodation> or contact DestinAlp on the details below:

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Interlaken is a small city in the Bernese Highlands Region of central Switzerland and is located between two Alpine Lakes. There are two stations: Interlaken Ost (east) and Interlaken West, the latter is closer to the city centre. Most trains stop at both stations.



Air

The nearest airports are:

Zurich Airport

All major airlines and destinations

By rail: distance 198 km / travelling time 2 h 25'

By road: distance 175 km / driving time 2 h 15'

Bern-Belp Airport

Regional and Swiss airlines

Rail: distance 60 km / travelling time 1 h 10'

Road: distance 48 km / driving time 35'

NEW in 2009: Bern Mobil direct bus connection Belp Airport - Bern railway station

Geneva Airport

All major airlines and destinations

Rail: distance 226 km / travelling time 2 h 40'

Road: distance 186 km / driving time 2 h 30'

Basel Mulhouse Airport

European airlines

Rail: distance 175 km / travelling time 2 h 15'

Road: distance 152 km / driving time 2 h

Train

There are direct train connections from and to Zurich Airport and all major Swiss cities. Please visit www.sbb.ch/en for full timetables and prices. The best routes are from Zurich and Bern.

Top Tip

If you plan to travel by train during your stay (in particular if you are extending your stay in Interlaken), you have the opportunity to save up to 60% on tariffs. Please visit www.swisspasses.com.

Daily direct trains from foreign destinations to Interlaken:

ICE Berlin - Frankfurt - Interlaken

ICE (Hamburg) - Frankfurt - Interlaken

Daily connections from foreign countries to Interlaken (with a change of trains):

Mailand-Spiez-Interlaken

Paris-Bern-Interlaken

Wien-Salzburg-Innsbruck-Zürich-Interlaken

Car

A well maintained highway and "Autobahn" route connects Interlaken with airports at Zurich and Geneva as well as most large cities in Switzerland and Europe. "Autobahns" require a toll sticker. The toll sticker is available at the border or gas stations and post offices within Switzerland. The annual fee is CHF 40.00.

Bus

Bus2alps operates direct private buses from Florence, Rome, Paris and Munich to Interlaken. Travel and accommodation packages are available and small and big groups are catered for.

Taxis

Taxis are available from either train station or most hotels. With the guest card from your hotel, you can travel around Interlaken for free.

Parking

Parking is available at individual hotels and there is also a car park situated to the rear of the conference venue.