

## 14<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Phytolith Research

### 1<sup>st</sup> circular

The 14<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Phytolith Research will take place in Barcelona (Spain), at the Institució Milà i Fontanals de Recerca en Humanitats, Spanish National Research Council (IMF-CSIC), **from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2025**.

Contributions are welcome on any aspect of archaeology, agronomy, geoarchaeology, paleoanthropology, paleobiogeography, paleoclimatology, paleoecology, pedology, plant physiology, systematics and evolution, and taphonomy, insofar as they involve research on phytoliths.

We strive for the 14<sup>th</sup> IMPR to become a meeting point for early career phytolith researchers. For that reason, in addition to regular oral and poster sessions the meeting will include a 'storytelling' session for students and several hands-on workshops.

#### Important dates

- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024: abstract submission closes
- 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024: notification of abstract acceptance
- 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025: registration opens
- 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025: early-bird registration ends
- 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025: registration ends

#### Pre-registration and abstract submission

Participants who wish to present are welcome to send their proposal for an oral presentation or poster at their earliest convenience, but no later than **30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**, through the following form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15ySTSnTDLImczjVzO14Ic4\\_ygGq32QNOJ8x9hqKYsaA/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15ySTSnTDLImczjVzO14Ic4_ygGq32QNOJ8x9hqKYsaA/edit). If you cannot access the Google Form please email the Organising Committee (see address below).

Abstracts should be **max. 250 words in length** and include the list of authors, author affiliation(s) and 4-6 keywords. Abstract submissions are limited to **one oral presentation and one poster** per presenting author.

We would like to ask researchers who are planning to attend but not present to also pre-register at the link above so the Organising Committee can estimate the number of participants and set the conference fees (which will be announced in the 2<sup>nd</sup> circular).

We are considering applying for a Wenner-Gren Foundation Conference and Workshop Grant in late 2024, which would help cover the participation costs for scholars who might not otherwise be able to attend. If you would be interested in receiving **economic assistance** to participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> IMPR let us know in the pre-registration and abstract submission form (please note that these funds are contingent on funding from the Wenner-Gren foundation and that priority will be given to early career researchers who actively participate in the conference).

## Preliminary programme

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025:** Practical sessions/ workshops (in collaboration with IPS Standing Committees):

- Open phytolith science (ICOPS)
- Phytolith morphometrics (ICPM)
- Phytolith taxonomy (ICPT)
- High-resolution micro-contextual approaches (phytolith fluorescence)

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025:** Regular sessions, poster sessions and 'storytelling' session (6' presentations, for students only)

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025:** Field trip

## Why Barcelona

Barcelona is a major economic and touristic destination in Europe, and one of the leading cities in the world in terms of the number of international conferences and trade fairs held— including the 6<sup>th</sup> IMPR in 2006. Often referred to as the "capital of the Mediterranean," Barcelona boasts excellent connectivity to numerous global capitals. Its airport, Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat, serves as a vital transportation hub, offering excellent international connections. The city benefits from an outstanding 24-hour public transportation system and it offers a wide range of accommodation options suitable for different budgets and preferences, particularly in the city centre, with some establishments offering special rates and packages for conference attendees. In addition to its excellent transportation and accommodation infrastructure, Barcelona is a culturally rich city that provides a wealth of social activities and a diverse culinary scene for conference attendees. Moreover, Barcelona enjoys a Mediterranean climate with pleasant weather throughout the year, allowing participants to enjoy outdoor spaces and a wide range of leisure options after conference hours, promoting engagement and memorable experiences for attendees.

## Why IMF-CSIC

IMF-CSIC is a research institute located in Barcelona's city centre. Research at IMF-CSIC focuses in the humanities and social sciences, with an internationally renowned expertise in archaeological sciences. Phytolith research has a long standing tradition at IMF-CSIC, starting in the late 1990s. Currently, IMF-CSIC hosts three experienced phytolith researchers (Débora Zurro, Marta Portillo and Juan José García-Granero) and a vibrant cohort of pre- and post-doctoral researchers working in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe.

The 14<sup>th</sup> IMPR will be hosted at the adjoining **CSIC's Researcher's Residence**, which has an auditorium with capacity for 110 people that can be expanded to accommodate up to 152 people, as well as an amphitheatre (42 people), several meeting rooms (10-30 people), a showroom for displaying posters and a space for coffee breaks.

## Accommodation

Accommodation at a discount rate will be offered at Residència d'Investigadors (the conference venue) and Residència Pere Felip Monlau (5' walk). More information about accommodation will be issued along with the 2<sup>nd</sup> circular.

## Conference website

Currently under construction, it will be available soon at <https://impr2025.imf.csic.es>.

## Contact information

Please feel free to reach the Organising Committee at [14impr@imf.csic.es](mailto:14impr@imf.csic.es) if you have any queries.

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