



20th ICCP International Congress on the
Carboniferous and Permian

VARISCAN MEETING 2025

From the mantle to the biosphere

First Circular

Invitation

We cordially invite you to attend **GeoTolosa2025 – News from the Paleozoic World**, to be held from June 24th to 27th 2025 at the University Toulouse III, Paul Sabatier (Toulouse, France).

GeoTolosa2025 will bring together scientists from around the globe who study the geosphere, biosphere and atmosphere of Devonian, Carboniferous and Permian times, scientific communities that usually gather separately at the International Congress on the Carboniferous and Permian (ICCP), VARISCAN or International Subcommittee on Devonian Stratigraphy meetings. It is our ambition to provide an assembly where these communities can interact and improve our understanding of the Earth system's complex history and evolution during late Paleozoic times.

GeoTolosa2025 will explore a broad range of topics and disciplines, focusing on both endogenic and exogenic processes. Subjects will include **stratigraphy, sedimentology, basin evolution, paleontology, paleoclimate, paleoceanography**, as well as **tectonics, geodynamics, paleogeography**, and **major orogenic systems** such as the Variscan or Central Asian orogenic belts.

All communities will have the possibility to organize specialized sessions over the course of the four-day event. The program will be completed by **pre- and post-meeting field trips**.

We invite you to join us at **GeoTolosa2025**, where you can showcase and experience how vibrant, cutting-edge, and impactful research on Late Paleozoic times can be. We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting gathering of global experts!

Markus ARETZ

- Chair of GeoTolosa 2025 -



General Information

Congress dates: 24th - 27th June 2025

Web site: <http://geotolosa2025.sciencesconf.org>

Contact: geotolosa2025@sciencesconf.org

Chair: Markus Aretz

Local Committee Members: Julien Berger, Dominique Chardon, Frédéric Christophoul, Yoann Denèle, Guillaume Estrade, Oscar Laurent, Vincent Luccisano, Élise Nardin, Delphine Rouby, Charlotte Sebastian, Tiffany Vest



Scientific Committee Members: Michel Ballèvre (France), Florence Cagnard (France), Chen Jitao (China), José Ramón Martínez Catalán (Spain), Bernard Mottequin (Belgium), Pavel Pitra (France), Michael Stephenson (United Kingdom), Ladislav Slavík (Czech Republic), José Ignacio Valenzuela Ríos (Spain), Olivier Vanderhaeghe (France), Liz Weldon (Australia)



Congress Schedule

June 20 th - June 23 rd 2025	Pre-conference field trips
June 23 rd 2025	Start registration, ice-breaker party in the evening
June 24 th – June 27 th 2025	<p>Scientific symposia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading the sedimentary record - environments, facies and basin analysis • Reading time - stratigraphy and geochronology • Life on Earth - organisms and ecosystems • From rifting to the construction and destruction of Late Paleozoic orogens - Tectonic, metamorphic and sedimentary records • Oceans and continents in time and space - everything around paleogeography and tectonic reconstructions • Structure and evolution of the Lithosphere - clues from magmatism, geophysics and the mantle • Economic geology - from ore deposits to non-conventional resources • Reconstructing palaeoclimates - from data to models • Regional geology and case studies: from the outcrop to global implications <p>Gala Diner: June 25th</p>
June 28 th – July 1 st 2025	Post-conference field trips



Call for Sessions

We invite you to propose sessions for the different symposia listed above. Please send your proposal before December 1st, 2024 to geotolosa2025@sciencesconf.org. The proposal should include names of convenor(s) and a short description (5-15 lines) of the session.

If you think that something is missing in our list of symposia, please contact the organizers before November 15th, 2024.



Field trips

We are currently working on proposals for an attractive program of pre- and post-meeting field trips illustrating the Devonian to Permian of France.



For the moment we have commitments for following field trips:

- A geotraverse of the southern French Massif Central: from rifting of the Gondwana margin to Variscan orogeny
- Pre-orogenic and early syn-orogenic sedimentary successions of the Devonian and Carboniferous in SW France from the Montagne Noire to the central Pyrenees
- Late orogenic collapse and Stephanian basins: Decazeville and Saint Perdoux (French Massif Central)



Venue

Toulouse is the **4th largest French city**, in the heart of southwestern France. The town is ideally located, halfway between the Pyrenees Mountains, the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. Toulouse is traversed by the Garonne River and the charming Canal du Midi. This city tingles your spine with a latin heat that inspires both its temperature and architecture.

The city seduces by its small sinuous streets and diverse medieval to modern monuments, as the City Hall and its Donjon (XVIth), or the numerous noble townhouses (XVIth-XIXth). Toulouse is a cosmopolitan and enthusiastic town, mixing historical heritage and modern lifestyle. Gastronomic specialties include the famous 'saucisse de Toulouse', the 'Cassoulet', and the

delicate 'foie gras'. The university, founded in 1229, is the third largest in France, one of the oldest in Europe.

The congress will take place on the main **campus of the University Toulouse III Paul Sabatier**. Most of the activities will take place in the central building, e.g. congress desk, plenary sessions in the Marthe Condat Auditorium, poster sessions, coffee and lunch breaks. We have also access to more lecture halls in the neighboring buildings to organize the various sessions of the program.



Travel

Toulouse can be easily reached by car (Motorways A61, A62, A64, A68), train (Toulouse Matabiau station) and airplane (Toulouse-Blagnac international airport, TLS). The Université Toulouse III, Paul Sabatier campus is situated in the southeast of Toulouse and easily reached by public transport (metro line B) or by car.

[Toulouse-Blagnac international airport](#) is situated at about 8 km northwest of Toulouse. The city center is easily reached by airport shuttle service, [public transport](#), or taxi. [Toulouse Matabiau Train Station](#) is situated in the city center ([voyage-sncf](#) or [tgv-europe](#)). You can also hire a car from one of the many rental car companies at the airport or at the train station.

Please check if your visit in France will require a visa. On request, we will provide official invitation letters to delegates who need to apply for a visa.



Registration and fees

Registration will be possible via the conference website starting February 1st, 2025. The registration will include the lunches for all four days of the conference, which will be organized on site. The anticipated fees for early bird registration are 400€ for full delegates and 300€ for students. If further financial support can be secured from partners and sponsors, these amounts will decrease.



Important Dates

- End of **call for sessions**: December 1st, 2024
- Dispatch of **second circular**: first week of January 2025
- **Opening abstract submission**: January 1st, 2025
- **Opening registration**: February 1st, 2025
- **Deadline for abstract submission**: March 10th, 2025
- **Notification** oral and poster communication: April 15th, 2025
- **Deadline for early bird registration**: April 30th, 2025
- Publication of **final scientific program** and **third circular**: June 1st, 2025

*see you in
Toulouse !*