

# SAVE THE DATE!



**June 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Bob Wright Centre, University of Victoria  
Victoria BC**

The:

British Columbia Paleontological Alliance (BCPA)  
Victoria Palaeontology Society (VicPS)  
School of Earth and Ocean Sciences (SEOS), University of Victoria (UVic)  
Royal British Columbia Museum (RBCM)  
BC Fossil Management Office

Are delighted to bring you the 14<sup>th</sup> BC Paleontological Symposium. This 4-day, in-person Symposium is expected to draw a mix of professional and avocational individuals in the field of paleontology and provide opportunity to present and hear the latest news and breakthroughs in paleontology within British Columbia and beyond. **Please reserve key dates in your 2023 calendars** and

visit our website periodically for details as they are confirmed. Planning is in the early stages and details are subject to change. Further circulars will be issued with updates and reminder of key dates and deadlines.

### **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:**

Organizers are planning for one day of workshops and paleontology-related tours, two days of oral presentations, posters and displays, a day of fieldtrips on scenic Vancouver Island, an evening dinner, and other social events to provide ample time throughout the weekend to socialize, network and engage in informal discussion. The main events will take place at the Bob Wright Centre at the University of Victoria.

#### **Friday, June 9: Workshops, Tours & Social Event**

Workshops (hands-on and demonstrations) are in planning. Participation will be limited and require pre-registration. Additional fees may apply, to be confirmed when online registration opens. Workshops under development include:

- Identification of ammonites
- Identification of plants
- Silicone peel demonstration

Tours will include advanced scientific facilities in the Bob Wright Centre (chemical, analytical and isotope facilities, and advanced microscopy facilities), and tours of the Royal BC Museum in downtown Victoria.

An evening social event will provide opportunity for registrants to meet and mingle in a relaxed atmosphere.

#### **Saturday, June 10: Presentations & Awards Dinner**

Saturday will feature a keynote speaker to be announced soon. The speaker will kick off a full day of oral presentations, interspersed with poster and fossil displays. The evening will feature a dinner to mingle and provide an opportunity to present awards and/or recognize contributions to paleontology in British Columbia.

#### **Sunday, June 11: Presentations**

Sunday will also feature a keynote speaker, to be announced soon. The speaker will begin day two of presentations with further time to enjoy posters, displays and interaction with other registrants. No official events are planned for Sunday evening to accommodate departure for those not remaining to participate in fieldtrips.

#### **Monday, June 12: Field Trips**

Fieldtrips will be offered on Southern Vancouver Island, featuring current research, where possible. Participation will be limited and require pre-registration. Transportation and lunches will be provided. Additional fees may apply, to be confirmed when online registration opens.

### **WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:**

#### **Offer Suggestions:**

At this early stage in the planning process, organizers invite your suggestions and/or offers to lead workshops and fieldtrips.

#### **Call for Abstracts (Presentations & Posters):**

Organizers invite abstracts for oral presentations and posters. Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words excluding title, author(s)'s name, address and email address. They must be submitted online (via the Symposium website) by 11:59 PST, Feb. 28, 2023. The duration of each talk and their follow-up question period will be decided once the full program is established. Poster dimensions must not exceed

4' by 4'. Display boards and pins will be provided.

**Call for Displays:**

Secure space is available to showcase fossil collections. Please contact [vicpalaeo@gmail.com](mailto:vicpalaeo@gmail.com) or 250-812-3970 if you are interested in participating.

**Call for Award Nominations:**

Organizers seek nominations for the Rene Savenye Award to honour an amateur paleontologist who has demonstrated outstanding service to the science of paleontology or to paleontological education in British Columbia. If you would like to nominate a non-professional for this award, please review previous award recipients of the Rene Savenye Award ([bcfossils.ca](http://bcfossils.ca)) and contact the BC Paleontological Alliance using the contact information provided on their website.

**Offers of Support:**

This Symposium is funded by membership fees and donations; offers of support, both monetary and in-kind, are appreciated to help defray costs. Further information regarding sponsorship is available on the Symposium [website](#).

Online registration will commence early in **REGISTRATION:**

2023 with discounted rates for early registration. Workshops and will be priced separately from other Symposium activities and participation will be on a first come, first serve basis.

**ACCOMMODATE AND TRAVEL:**

Registrants are responsible for their own accommodation reservations. Suggestions and links are available on the Symposium 2023 [website](#).

**KEY DATES:**

For your convenience, key dates are summarized below.

February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 –	Tentative date for opening of online registration
February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 –	Abstracts due
March 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 –	Last call for fossil displays
March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 –	Last day for early registration
April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 –	Last day for Rene Savenye award nominations
May 1 <sup>st</sup> 2023 –	Registration closes

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU.**