



European Association of Vertebrate Palaeontologists
Extraordinary Meeting
February 9-14, 2009
Brussels, Belgium

Hosted by the **Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences**
at the occasion of the opening of the
New Gallery of Evolution

Tribute to
Charles Darwin and Bernissart Iguanodons:
New perspectives on Vertebrate Evolution
and Early Cretaceous Ecosystems



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1. General Information

Dear Friends and Colleagues!

February 12, 2009 is a key-date for European palaeontologists. Indeed, we are to celebrate the **200th birthday of Charles Darwin**, the Father of the Evolution Theory, and also the official opening of a **new Evolution Gallery in the capital of Europe**. Moreover, February 2009 also corresponds to the closure of the **'Bernissart Iguanodons' Year**, marking the 130th anniversary of the discovery of the jewels of the Brussels Natural Sciences Museum.

In order to celebrate together these important events, the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences and the European Association of Vertebrate Palaeontologists have the pleasure to invite you to an Extraordinary Meeting gathering vertebrate palaeontologists and also worldwide specialists of Early Cretaceous life and terrestrial environments.

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Registration Desk

At the congress, registrants will receive their name badge and all the documentation relating to the conference at the registration office. Registration desk will be placed in the main hall of the Museum of Natural Sciences (rue Vautier, 29) and will be open on the 8th of February (Sunday) from 15.00 to 18.00 and at the start of the meeting on the 9th of February from 09.00 to 10.00 (Monday). For the later arrivals, the registration packets will be available at the registration desk close to the Large Auditorium throughout the meeting or can be collected by asking to members of the Organizing Committee.

2. Provisional Program

Scientific Sections

The meeting will be divided in two main sections:

'Vertebrate Palaeontology and Evolution'

'New perspectives on Bernissart and other Early Cretaceous terrestrial ecosystems'

For each section two days of scientific presentations are scheduled, as well as one field trip.

Section 1. Vertebrate Palaeontology and Evolution (February 9-10)

The first day of this section (Monday, February 9) is devoted to short talks (20'), dealing with various fields of vertebrate palaeontology and aimed to specialists.

The second day (Tuesday, February 10) is organized differently, composed of longer plenary lectures (45') tackling some of the main themes developed in the new Gallery of Evolution of the RBINS (Cambrian radiations, the first vertebrates, Paleozoic fish evolution, the first land plants, the early tetrapods, the Cenozoic birds, the evolutionary history of the cetaceans, domestication...). These talks should be addressed to a wider audience, including university teachers and researchers in the fields of biology and geology, graduate students, scientific journalists...

Section 2. Bernissart and other Early Cretaceous Terrestrial Ecosystems (February 11 and 13)

The first day of this section (Wednesday, February 11) will be held at Bernissart, the village where the famous Iguanodons were discovered in 1878. The transport from and to Brussels will be assured by bus. This first day will be devoted to synthetic communications about iguanodontids and Early Cretaceous ecosystems in Belgium, in Europe, and in the world.

The second day (Friday, February 13) will be held in the RBINS and will be devoted to more technical talks about recent discoveries in Early Cretaceous terrestrial localities in Belgium and Eurasia and about some aspects of dinosaur anatomy.

Field trips

- Thursday, February 12: visit to the Upper Devonian locality of Strud, in Namur Province. This small quarry yielded a rich Famennian vertebrate fauna: placoderms, acanthodians, actinopterygians, sarcopterygian fishes and earliest tetrapods (related to the famous *Ichthyostega*), from estuarine/fluviatile sediments, together with outstanding plant and arthropod material. This visit will be lead by Gaël Clément (MNHN, Paris). In the early afternoon we will also visit a collection of remarkably preserved fossils (fishes, echinoderms, brachiopods...) from the 'fossil Lagerstätte' Carboniferous (Early Visean) 'Marbre Noir de Denée', at the Maredsous abbey (visit lead by Eric Groessens, Geological Survey of Belgium).

- Saturday, February 14: visit to the clay/sand quarry of Hautrage (Mons basin, Lower Cretaceous, Barremian/Aptian: about 130 - 112 Ma). The site is estimated to be contemporaneous to the site of Bernissart, which contained the famous Iguanodons exposed at the Museum of the RBINS. Recent investigations were performed at the occasion of new drillings at Bernissart, while other Lower Cretaceous sites were investigated, notably Hautrage with a very rich fossil plant flora. Not only leaves and fruits were found, but also big pieces of trunks, some of them being charcoaled, and deposited in an alluvial context. The main results will be presented by Johan Yans (FUNDP, Namur).

Provisional Timetable

If the day and time for your talk does not fit your schedule, please advise us as soon as possible!

Sunday February 8, 2009 - Registration of the participants

15.00-18.00 Arrival of the conference participants and registration at the front desk of the Museum of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (rue Vautier 29, 1000 Bruxelles)

Monday February 9, 2009 - Scientific presentations for the 'Vertebrate Palaeontology and Evolution' section, at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (large auditorium)

- 09.00-10.00 Arrival of the conference participants and registration at the front desk of the Museum of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (rue Vautier 29, 1000 Bruxelles)
- 10.00-10.15 Welcome speech by Etienne Steurbaut, Head of the Section Fossil Vertebrates at the RBINS
- 10.15-10.35 Fack F. & Derycke C. Diet evidences on viséan crushing-tooth (*Cochliodus*) from Soignies (Belgium)
- 10.35-10.55 Olive, S, Goujet, D., Lelièvre, H. A new saoudian taxon of Acanthothoraci (Palcodermi): questions on plates homologies and growth
- 10.55-11.15 Cuny, G., Cavin, L. & Suteethorn, V. Specialized dentition in Lower Cretaceous freshwater hybodont sharks
- 11.15-11.35 Coffee Break
- 11.35-11.55 Sorin Baciu, D., Miclăuş, C., Grădianu, I. & Niculiţă, M. Fish fauna from Oligocene bituminous marls of Marginal Folds Nappe, East Carpathians, Romania
- 11.55-12.15 Gregorova, R. The Remoras (Echeneidae) from the Oligocene of the West Carpathians
- 12.15-12.35 Fischer, V., Guiomar, M. & Godefroit, P. New data on the palaeobiogeography of Toarcian (Lower Jurassic) ichthyosaurs
- 12.35-12.55 Elgin, R. A., Prondvai, E., Frey, E. & Krüger, W. Pterosaur Flight Dynamics: initial experimental findings
- 12.55-14.15 Lunch
- 14.15-14.35 Rabi, M. A review of fossil crocodyliforms in Hungarian collections
- 14.35-14.55 Ósi, A. The vertebrate fauna from the Upper Cretaceous of western Hungary – review of the newest results
- 14.55-15.15 Gilissen, E. & Smith, T. Early mammalian brain diversity: insights from multituberculates
- 15.15-15.35 Hautier L. Description of the masticatory apparatus of *Laonastes aenigmamus* (Rodentia, Diatomyidae), new insights into the evolution of hystricognathy
- 15.35-15.55 Serdyuk N.V. & Vasiliev S.K. Mammalian fauna of Hyena den cave (Altai, Russia)
- 15.55-16.15 Coffee Break
- 16.15-16.35 Hoch, E. Review of cetacean lifeforms represented in the late Miocene gram Formation, eastern North Sea
- 16.35-16.55 Lambert, O., Bianucci, G. & de Muizon, C. New sperm whales from the Miocene of Peru

- 16.55-17.15 Steeman, M. E. Van Beneden's extinct baleen whale (Cetacea: Mysticeti) collection in Brussels, Belgium
17.15-18.00 **Plenary lecture by Simon Conway Morris. Darwin's Compass: Why Evolution is Predictable.**
19.00 Welcome Drink and Beer Party in a typical old-style bar, *La Becasse*, in the centre of Brussels (Rue de Tabora 11, 1000 Bruxelles).

Tuesday February 10, 2009 - Plenary lectures: 'Key Moments of Evolution in a Nutshell', at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (Large Auditorium)

- 09.00-09.15 Welcome speech by Camille Pisani, General Director of the RBINS
09.15-10.00 Mayr, G. Early Cenozoic Evolution of birds
10.00-10.45 Bultynck, P. To be or not to be: can conodonts be vertebrates?
10.45-11.05 Coffee Break
11.05-11.50 Blicek, A. Palaeozoic biodiversity, ecosystems and evolution: the case of Ordovician to Devonian vertebrate-dominated assemblages
11.50-12.35 Gérienne, P. Early land plant evolution: a tremendous success story
12.35-13.20 Clément, G. Biodiversity of the Devonian tetrapod-bearing locality of Strud, Belgium
13.20-14.30 Lunch
14.30-15.15 Clack, J. Provisional title: Early tetrapod evolution
15.15-16.00 Milner, A. R. Carboniferous amphibians and reptiles – experimentation and diversification
16.00-16.45 Bardet, N. Provisional title: Adaptations of Mesozoic reptiles to marine environment
16.45-17.05 Coffee Break
17.05-17.50 de Muizon, C. From land to sea, the early evolution of cetaceans
17.50-18.35 Germonpré, M., The domestication of the dog during the Upper Palaeolithic
18.35-19.20 Vignaud, P. Origine de l'Homme: les nouvelles du Tchad
20.00 Symposium Dinner at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (registration needed)

Wednesday February 11, 2009 - Scientific presentations for the 'Bernissart and other Early Cretaceous Terrestrial Ecosystems' section, at the 'salle communale' in Harchies

- 09.00-10.00 Bus travel to Bernissart-Harchies
10.00-10.10 Welcome speech by Dr. Philippe Mettens, President of the Belgian Federal Science Policy Office
10.10-10.30 Buffetaut, E. L'importance historique de la découverte des Iguanodonts de Bernissart
10.30-10.50 Yans, J. et al. Integrated results of the material from the 2002-2003 boreholes in Bernissart
10.50-11.10 de Ricqlès, A., Godefroit, P. & Yans, J. Vertebrate remains in the 2003 Bernissart drill: histological assessment
11.10-11.30 Coffee Break
11.30-11.50 Pouech, J. & Mazin, J.-M. Faunal assemblages at the Jurassic/Cretaceous boundary: comparison between some West European continental sites
11.50-12.10 Buffetaut, E. Early Cretaceous tetrapods from the eastern Paris Basin
12.10-12.30 Wilde, V. & Riegel, W. The terrestrial Lower Cretaceous („Wealden“) of Germany
12.30-14.30 Lunch and visit of the discovery place of the Bernissart Iguanodonts
14.30-14.50 Pereda Suberbiola, X. Les dinosaures du Crétacé inférieur d'Espagne
14.50-15.10 Fuentes Vidarte, C., Mejjide Calvo, M., Mejjide Fuentes, F. & Mejjide Fuentes, M. *Iguanodon golmai* nov. sp. (Dinosauria, Ornithischia) from the Lower Cretaceous of Soria (Spain)
15.10-15.30 Posmoanu, E. Early Cretaceous ornithomimid dinosaurs from Romania

- 15.30-15.50 Taquet, P. The African cousins of the Iguanodons
- 15.50-16.10 Coffee Break
- 16.10-16.30 Rui, P. A new Iguanodontid from the Early Cretaceous Yixian formation of Western Liaoning, China
- 16.30-16.50 Godefroit, P., Jin, L. & Chen, J. A new middle Cretaceous vertebrate locality from Jilin Province, northeastern China
- 16.50-17.10 Goussard, F. *Zalmoxes*, *Rhabdodon* and Rhabdodontidae: How many genera and how many species?
- 17.10-17.55 **Plenary lecture by David B. Norman. Iguanodontians from the Wealden of Britain and Europe**
- 18.00-19.30 Speech by Mr. Roger Vanderstraeten, Mayor of Bernissart.
Visit of the 'Musée de l'Iguanodon' at Bernissart by Corinne Detrain
Special auction organized to raise funds for the Raymonde Rivoallan Fund.
- 19.30 -22.00 Dinner at Bernissart-Harchies
- 22.00-23.00 Bus travel to Brussels

Thursday February 12, 2009 - Field trip in Strud, poster session and official inauguration of the new Gallery of Evolution at the Museum of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences

- 09.00-10.15 Bus travel to Strud
- 10.15-11.00 Visit to the Late Devonian (Famennian) quarry of Strud
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch at the Abbey of Maredsous
- 13.30-14.30 Visit to the collection of fossils from the Carboniferous (Early Visean) 'Marbre Noir de Denée', at the Abbey
- 14.30-15.45 Bus travel back to Brussels
- 15.45-16.05 Coffee break
- 16.05-17.30 Poster session
- 17.30 Official inauguration of the new Gallery of Evolution and Dinner at the RBINS

Friday February 13, 2009 - Scientific presentations for the 'Bernissart and other Early Cretaceous Terrestrial Ecosystems' section at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (large auditorium)

- 09.00-09.20 Vandycke, S. & Spagna, P. Crustal tectonic control of the Early Cretaceous deposits in the Mons Basin (Belgium)
- 09.20-09.40 Licour, L. Mississippian formations and Cretaceous tectonics : The impact of the actual geothermal reservoir genesis on the past landscapes of the Mons Basin
- 9.40-10.00 Quinif, Y. The karstic phenomenon of Bernissart pit and the geomorphologic situation in the Mesozoic times
- 10.00-10.20 Baele, J.-M., Quesnel, F., Bourdillon, C. & Dupuis, C. Cretaceous coastal environments in the Mons Basin. Evidences from Cenomanian deposits in the Bettrechies Quarry
- 10.20-10.40 Coffee Break
- 10.40-11.00 Masure, E. Title not communicated
- 11.00-11.20 Schnyder, J., Yans, J., Spagna, P., Tshibangu, J.-P., Dupuis, C., & Baudin, F. Organic matter characterization of the dinosaur-bearing lacustrine wealden facies of Bernissart, Belgium (middle Barremian to earliest Aptian)
- 11.20-11.40 Yans, J., Gerards, T., Gerienne, P., Dejax, J., Spagna, P., Keppens, E. Carbon geochemistry on woody material from Wealden facies of Bernissart and Hautrage
- 11.40-12.00 Gomez, B., Yans, J., Gillot, T., Spagna, P., Coiffard, C. & Daviero-Gomez, V. From past collections of Bernissart to recent collections of Hautrage: new taxonomical and environmental insights
- 12.00-12.20 Leduc, T. The diagenesis of the Iguanodon of Bernissart

- 12.20-14.00 Lunch
- 14.00-14.20 Dejax, J. & Yans J. Palynological overview of Wealden facies sediments from Mons Basin (Belgium) and Northern France
- 14.20-14.40 Leloeuff, J., Godefroit, P., Yans, J., Carlier, P. & Pirson, S. Early Cretaceous sauropod remains from Baudour (Belgium)
- 14.40-15.00 Lauters, P., Caudyzer, W., Vercauteren, M. & Godefroit, P. *Iguanodon*'s brain and perspectives on ornithomimid evolution
- 15.00-15.20 de Santisteban, C. New geological data from Arcillas de Morella Formation (Spain)
- 15.20-15.40 Moreno-Azanza, M., Gasca, J. M. & Canudo, J. I. Ootaxa diversity of Pochancalo 1 Locality from the Iberian Range (Valanginian-Hauterivian, Saragossa,
- 15.40-16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.00-16.20 Badiola, A., Canudo, J. I., & Cuenca-Bescós, G. Early Cretaceous multituberculate mammals from the Iberian Range (Iberian Peninsula)
- 16.20-16.40 Suteethorn, S. Dentures of sauropods from the Early Cretaceous of Thailand
- 16.40-17.00 Stein, K. & Sander, M. Growth curve of the island dwarf sauropod *Europasaurus*
- 17.00-17.20 Mallison, H. Rearing for food? Kinetic/dynamic modelling of bipedal/tripodal poses in sauropod dinosaurs
- 17.20-17.40 Christian, A., Dzemski, G. & Möller, J.-T. Neck utilization and feeding strategies of sauropod dinosaurs
- 17.40-18.00 Closing of the meeting

Saturday February 14, 2009 - Field trip to Hautrage

Important: Pair of boots and a windcheater are strongly recommended because of the humid environment of the visited site.

- 9.00-10.00 Bus travel from Brussels, to Hautrage
- 10.00-12.00 Visit of the Hautrage Quarry
- 12.00-13.00 Bus travel from Hautrage to Brussels

Provisional list of posters

The posters will be on display in a special room during the whole meeting time. Therefore, the posters will be available during talks, coffee breaks and lunch. A special poster session is scheduled for Thursday 12, between 16.05 and 17.30, just before the official inauguration of the new Gallery of Evolution of the RBINS, when the authors are asked to be present besides their poster.

- Bianucci, G., Gatt, M., & Catanzariti, R. The evolution of the Oligo/Miocene odontocete fauna from Malta Islands.
- Chanthasit, P. The Braincase of *Rhabdodon* (Dinosauria : Ornithomimidae): new specimens from the late Cretaceous of southern France.
- Codrea, V., Godefroit, P., Smith, T. & Jipa-Murzea, C. Maastrichtian land vertebrates in Rusca Montană Basin (Romania).
- Dumont, M., Borbely, A., Sander, M. & Pyzalla, A. Structure of sauropod bones: characterization by tomography.
- Falconnet, J. Redescription of *Stereorachis dominans* from Autunian beds of France and its bearing on the evolution of ophiacodontids (Synapsida, Eupelycosauria).
- Galobart, A. & Santos-Cubedo, A. New dinosaur findings from Arcillas de Morella Formation (Spain).
- Garcia, G., Codrea, V., Van Itterbeeck, J., Valentin, X., Smith, T. & Godefroit, P. Amniotic eggshells from the Hațeg Basin (Upper Cretaceous, Romania).

- Garcia, G., Mackaye, H.-T., Vignaud, P. & Brunet, M. Chelonians from the Late Miocene of Chad (the hominid site TM 266).
- Gasca, J. M., Moreno-Azanza, M., & Canudo, J. I. The dinosaur assemblage of the El Castellar Formation (Upper Hauterivian - Lowermost Barremian, Teruel, Spain).
- Gasulla, J.M., Sanz, J.L., Ortega, F., & Escaso, F. *Iguanodon bernissartensis* from the Arcillas de Morella Formation (Early Aptian, Early Cretaceous) of Morella, Comunidad Valenciana, Spain.
- Godefroit, P., Golovneva, L., Shchepetov, S., & Alexeev, P. The last polar dinosaurs: high diversity of latest Cretaceous arctic dinosaurs in Russia.
- Krempaská, Z. The historical description of dragons (*Ursus spelaeus*) by Johan Paterson Hain (1615 -1675), from the cave Aksamitka in The National park Pieniny - The North part of Slovakia.
- Martin, T., Yans, J., Dupuis, C. & Kaufmann, O. 3D modelling of the palaeozoic top surface in the Bernissart area and integration of data from boreholes drilled in the "Cran aux iguanodons de Bernissart".
- Mazin, J.-M., Pouech, J. & Raslan-Loubatié, J. The Bernissartids: common European crushing crocodiles.
- Métais, G., Buffetaut, E., Claude, J., Gagnaison, G., Gheerbrant, E., Priour, J. & Solé, F. A new thanetian biota from the Oise Valley, Paris Basin, France.
- Pouech, J. & Mazin, J.-M. Description and West European affinities of the mammalian fauna of Cherves-de-Cognac (France).
- Robaszynski, F. Planktonic foraminifera from the Bernissart boring, in the context of the mid-cretaceous transgression.
- Spagna, P. Comparison of sedimentological data in two wealden facies site: The Bernissart natural pit and the Danube-Bouchon Quarry of Hautrage (Mons Basin, Belgium).
- Valentin, X., Godefroit, P., Tabuce, R., Vianey-Liaud, M., Garcia, G. & Wu, W. First Upper Maastrichtian vertebrate assemblage from Provence (Vitrolles-La-Plaine, France).
- Vincent, P. & Suan, G. Diversity and paleobiogeographic distribution of Early Jurassic plesiosaurs.
- Wu, W. A new Cretaceous sauropod dinosaur from Jilin Province, P.R. China.

3. Instructions for Abstracts, Communications and Posters

Instructions for abstract submission

Authors are requested to review the instructions below before preparing and submitting an abstract.

All abstracts for oral and/or poster presentations are to be submitted by e-mail as ***.doc** following the rules given on the “Abstract Form” in appendix. Please follow these rules as they will help us considerably in preparing the conference material.

Indeed, the exact program will be constructed on the basis of the abstracts. Abstracts will be published exactly as submitted and will not be proofread by the congress organizers. Thus, the person submitting the abstract is fully responsible for checking it for accuracy, spelling, correct grammar usage, and format prior to submission. All abstracts must be submitted in English, and only standard abbreviations may be used. Each abstract should describe the content of the presentation to be given and should be concise, technically accurate, and well written. The maximum length of the abstract text is one A4 page and must include the abstract title, authors' names and affiliations, as well as the figures, diagrams, tables, and graphs, if any.

The abstracts will be published in a special book, which will be distributed to registrants at the meeting.

Instructions for oral presentations

Talks are scheduled to last for 15 minutes, followed by 5 minutes for questions/discussion after each. All the usual audio-visual equipment will be available, but please indicate when you send your abstract which equipment you require. PowerPoint presentation is highly recommended. Please save your presentation in the version 11 (PowerPoint 2003) or any older version of the program.

Instructions for poster presentations

Posters should not exceed **84 cm wide by 118 cm high** (A0 portrait). The size of the letters in the text should be big enough to be clearly read at a distance of 2 metres.

Registrants are required to hang their poster at the beginning of the meeting, during coffee breaks or lunch.

4. Proceedings of the meeting

The editorial staff of Indiana University Press contacted us and kindly offered us the possibility to publish the proceedings of this meeting in a book of the prestigious series ‘Life of the Past’. If you are interested in publishing your contribution in this book, please contact us as soon as possible. The instructions to the authors will be set out on the conference web site (www.naturalsciences.be/science/colloquia) and explained during the conference itself. We must point out that the value of both types of presentation is the same and that both oral and poster presentations will be eligible for publication in the proceedings.

5. Social Events

- Monday February 9, evening: **Welcome Drink** and beer party in a typical old style bar, *La Becasse*, in the centre of Brussels (Rue de Tabora 11, 1000 Bruxelles).

- Tuesday February 10, evening (19.30): **Symposium Dinner** at the Museum.

- Wednesday February 11, evening: Iguanodon party in **Bernissart. Special auction organized to raise funds for the Raymonde Rivoallan Fund. Exceptional sale of publications, decorative objects, delicatessen, ... related to the Iguanodons!**

- Thursday February 12, evening (17.00): Official Inauguration of the new **Gallery of Evolution**, at the Museum.

6. Registration Fees

Registration Fees

	Students	Others
"Vertebrate Palaeontology and Evolution" section	50 €	70 €
"New perspectives on Bernissart and other Early Cretaceous terrestrial ecosystems" section	50 €	70 €
Registration to both sections	70 €	100 €

Symposium Dinner and Excursions Fees

Symposium Dinner	40 €
Field trip to Strud	25 €
Field trip to Hautrage	25 €

Methods of payment

Participants have two possibilities for paying the fees:

1. Bank transfer prior to the meeting (preferred)

from Belgium: (Bpo-banking, CCP-PCR) 679-0091681-16

**from other countries: IBAN : BE72 6790 - 0916 - 8116
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2. Cash payment at the moment of the registration at the front desk of the Museum of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences.

7. Meeting venue and Local Transportation

The meeting will be held in two different places:

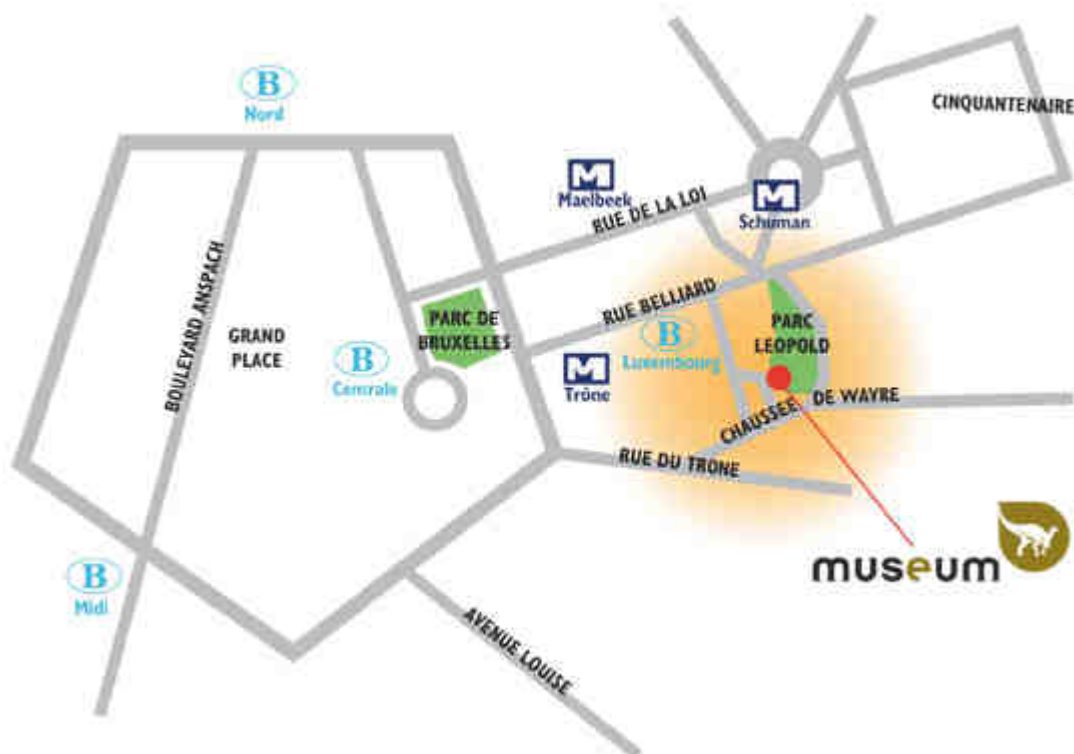
- The Large Auditorium of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences in Brussels. Information can be found at www.naturalsciences.be.

- The 'Salle communale d'Harchies', close to the discovery place of the Bernissart Iguanodons!

The organizers will ensure the transport of the participants by bus between both places.

Transport

The Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences is situated in the centre of Brussels, near to the European Parliament. It is close to Brussels-Luxemburg railway station, and to 'Trône', 'Maelbeek', and 'Schuman' metro stations.



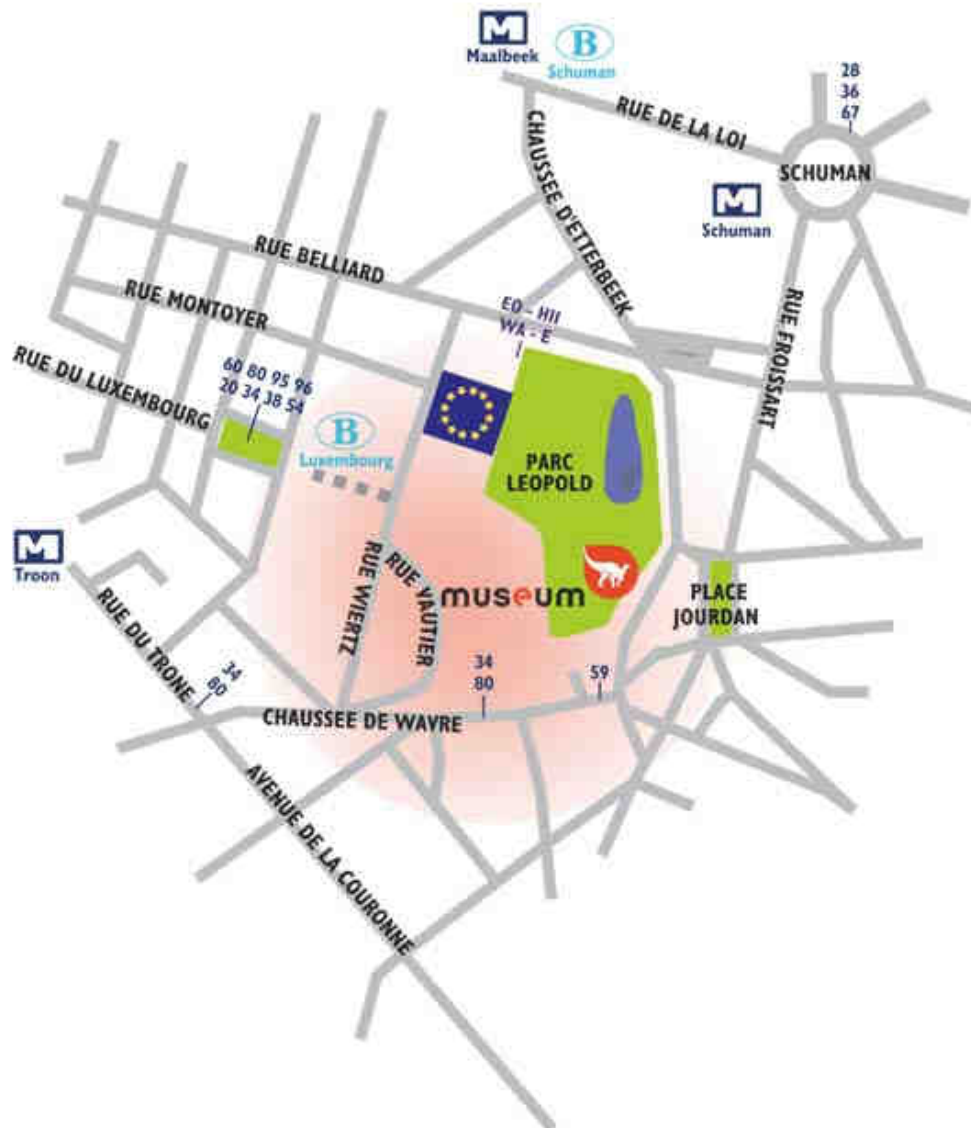
Brussels is served by two airports:

- Brussels International Airport ('Zaventem': www.brusselsairport.be), 14 km from the city centre.

- Brussels South Charleroi Airport (www.charleroi-airport.be), 46 km from Brussels. It hosts low cost companies.

To get downtown from Brussels International Airport you can choose between taxi cabs, trains (www.sncb.be) or shuttle busses (www.stib.be), and none will take you any longer than 20 minutes. To reach Brussels from Brussels South Charleroi Airport you may take a bus shuttle to Charleroi train station, then a train to Brussels.

Intercity and international express trains connect Brussels with all parts of Belgium and with all major cities in Europe. There are 3 international railway stations in Brussels: “Brussels Midi”, “Brussels Central” and “Brussels North” depending on from which part of Europe you leave. To reach the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, stop in one of these stations, and then take the train in the direction of Etterbeek, Namur or Luxembourg, and stop at “Brussels- Luxembourg” station.



8. Accommodation

Hotels are rather expensive in Brussels, especially in the European Institutions area. Please find below a list of hotels from different parts of the city, together with youth hostels and links to Bed & Breakfast websites. The Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences is located at the boundary of three communes: Brussels (1000), Etterbeek (1040) and Ixelles (1050), so accommodations in any of these communes are within walking distance or can be reached with a short metro/bus travel.

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10. Key Dates

Deadline for abstract submission: **December 23, 2008**

Opening of the meeting: **February 9, 2009**

Official inauguration of the Gallery of Evolution: **February 12, 2009**

Closing of the meeting: **February 14, 2009**

We look forwards to seeing you in Brussels!!

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