

INAUGURAL WORKSHOP ON WEST AFRICAN SEDIMENTOLOGY AND SEDIMENTARY BASINS

IBADAN - NIGERIA 2014

July 27 - August 2, 2014

THEME: SEDIMENTARY BASINS OF WEST AFRICA AND THE RELEVANCE OF SEDIMENTOLOGY TO THE SOCIETY

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACT



INTRODUCTION

Located ca. 128km inland northeast of Lagos in the south-western of Nigeria, Ibadan – a city at the cross road of the savannah and the forest is the capital city of Oyo State and the third largest metropolitan area, by population, in Nigeria, after Lagos and Kano. Ibadan is a prominent transit point between the coastal region and the areas to the north.

The city ranges in elevation from 150 m in the valley area, to 275 m above sea level on the major north-south ridge which crosses the central part of the city. Ibadan is home of magnificent landscape wonderfully tailored by tectonic, and erosion through geologic time and presently drained naturally by Ona River in the North, Ogbere River towards the East, the dreaded Ogunpa River flowing through the city.

The first university to be set up in Nigeria was the University of Ibadan along with the University College Hospital (UCH). But Ibadan is also a cross road of other established tertiary and various noteworthy research institutions such as the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA); Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN); and Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER) etc. The rich culture of the Yorubas of Ibadan indigenes along with its breath taking natural geomorphological landscape provides an ideal location for the inaugural workshop on sedimentology of West African Sedimentary Basins



Panorama view of Ibadan taken from Mapo Hill

INVITATION

Ibadan welcomes sedimentologists working in various West African Sedimentary Basins. The Workshop Organizing Committee (WOC) cordially invites you to the inaugural International Workshop on Sedimentology and Sedimentary Basins of West Africa. Following the business meeting of the International Association of Sedimentologists (IAS) held in Brisbane during the 34th International Geological Congress (IGC), the idea to organize the inaugural workshop on Sedimentology was midwived with the aim of bringing together international and local experts in sedimentology to share experiences with possibility of harmonizing sedimentological boundaries etc. The workshop is expected to serve as a forum for research career scientists and advanced students working in the subdisciplines of basin analysis, sedimentology, stratigraphy and ichnology in the various West African sedimentary basins to showcase their research findings and exchange information. It will also provide opportunities for scientists from developing countries to share experiences with experts working in similar disciplines in developed countries and foster chances of collaboration. Younger researchers will use the forum to find established and more experienced experts in sedimentology as mentors. The workshop is expected to be a spring board for establishing a West African Chapter of the International Association of Sedimentologists.

Ibadan has a long tradition of being 'FIRSTS' as venues for major meetings and it is a host to some international and national research institutions. The Department of Geology of the University of Ibadan is one of the renowned centres conducting research in all fields of sedimentology. The university has prominent zoological and botanical gardens for leisure and recreational purposes. The

city of Ibadan amalgamates all these advantages coupled with peaceful serenity and provides a unique environment for meeting colleagues in a relaxing atmosphere.

On behalf of the Workshop Organizing Committee, we are looking forward to welcome you to this highly populated city of Ibadan with diverse cultural heritage. We are sure it will offer an ideal environment to discuss recent developments in the sedimentology of West African Sedimentary Basins as well as explore new scientific frontiers that are relevant to various societal energy challenges facing West Africa

VENUE

The Workshop will be held at the University of Ibadan in one of the conference Centres or Faculty of Science Lecture Theatres. Conveniently located within the campus with its peaceful atmosphere, the proposed halls possess well equipped plenary rooms and lecture halls for technical presentations. The centres are within walking distance from the University of Ibadan Ventures Hotels. There are also buses and taxis shuttling on campus. However, the organizers provide free bus shuttles.

LANGUAGE OF THE WORKSHOP

Because West Africa consists of Anglophone and Francophone countries, English and French will be the official language of the meeting and there will be provision for translation facilities. Nigeria has three major languages (Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo) and many other ethnic minorities. The official language in Nigeria is English. Most people in cities like Ibadan speak English or at least Pidgin English.

SUBMISSION OF EXTENDED ABSTRACT

Extended abstracts will be accepted for oral or poster presentation by June 15, 2014. Please indicate preference when submitting. Extended abstracts are to be submitted by email as attached file (in MS Word format) to the Local Organizers using the email address: izumike@daad-alumni.de or izumike1970@gmail.com or reallizkay@yahoo.com or boboyegbenga@yahoo.com or oa.boboye@mail.ui.edu.ng

FORMAT

The extended abstract should not exceed 400 words with no figures, tables or references.

Title: Upper and Lower Case; Left justified, Times New Roman Font: 14 pt bold
Contributors Names: Upper and Lower Case; Left justified First Name first and Surname last. Times New Roman Font: 11 pt.

Affiliation: Upper and Lower Case; Left justified; Times New Roman Font 10 pt.
Numbered superscripts should be used to indicate affiliation of each co-author. Email address can be in parenthesis at the end of the corresponding contributor's affiliation.

Main Text: Single-spaced text, Times New Roman 10 pt font

FIELD EXERCURSIONS

Two field excursions are planned respectively within Nigeria to cover siliciclastic sedimentary and carbonate sedimentary basins. They will be held after the workshop. Details of the fieldtrips, requirements and cost implications will be available soon at the IAS, GIRAF and GSAf websites.

ACCESS

Ibadan has an airport, Ibadan Airport, and is served by the Ibadan railway station on the main railway line from Lagos to Kano. Ibadan can also be accessed through highways by buses and taxis from Lagos which has the nearest International Airport. The distance is roughly 130 kilometres. There are quite a few kilometres of dual carriageways in Ibadan. The primary routes go from Ibadan to Lagos and to Benin City.

Modes of transport in Ibadan city include taxis, taxi-vans commonly called danfos, private cars that are hired out by the day with a driver, tricycles (keke NAPEP) and motorbikes called okada and walking. All fares are negotiable depending upon the number in the party and the distance to be travelled.

ACCOMMODATION

Ibadan and its vicinity have more than enough rooms in more than 100 hotels in various classes and standards. Within the University of Ibadan campus is located the UI Ventures hotel which has all classes of rooms for lodgings covering all categories of purses.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

The scientific program will include a series of keynote lecturers on a daily basis. Three days of technical presentations and a short training on project design and what reviewers want in writing journal paper are planned as well as a post conference field trip. Themes include:

Theme I: Petroleum Sedimentology

Theme II: Sedimentary Basins and Tectonics

Theme III: Sedimentary environments and facies

Theme IV: Provenance of Sedimentary rocks

Theme V: Sediment hosted Mineral Deposits

Theme VI: Sediment Diagenesis

Theme VII: Coal Sedimentology

Sedimentology Field Workshop and Report Writing Techniques

Suggestions for more themes and/or modifications on these themes will be welcome.

REGISTRATION FEES

The first estimate of the registration fees including workshop bags and materials, opening ceremony, coffee breaks and lunch packages is:

Students	50.00 Euro	
Academia:	100.00 Euros	
Ministry and Industry Employee:	200.00 Euros	

SPONSORSHIP

The organizing committee is currently soliciting corporate and government sponsorship to keep fee as affordable as possible.

KEY DATES

Deadline for Distribution of Second Circular: **January 2014**

Deadline for applying for travel grants: **May 18, 2014**

Deadline for field trip registration: **May 30, 2014**

Deadline for abstract submission: **May 5, 2014**

Notice of acceptance of abstracts: **June 15, 2014**

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REGISTRATION FORM

Surname First**			Nationality		
Title			Affiliation		
Field Trip*	(Yes)	(No)			
Contact Address			Phone		
			Fax		
			Dietary Needs*	Vegetarian	Others
Email					
To Attend*	(Yes)	(No)	Type of Presentation*	Oral	Poster
Author (s)					
Title					

COMMENTS:

*Tick (X) where appropriate. Please complete all sections.

** Underline the name to appear on your Name Tag

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SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FORM

For a **limited number of participants**, the workshop organizers will provide partial financial support for travel or accommodation. Those who wish to apply for such support are required to complete this form and submit on or before **May 18, 2014**. One application form per participant only.

First Name		Surname	
Email			
Nature of Sponsorship*		Please Indicate the cost Estimate in US \$	US \$
Partial	Full	Phone	
		Fax	
Designation /Title			
Name of your Institution/Organization and Address:			
Explain why you would want to attend this inaugural workshop on West African sedimentology and how it is relevant to your professional roles & responsibilities (max. 150 words).			

* Tick (X) where appropriate

Please return completed forms to izumike@daad-alumni.de or reallizkay@yahoo.com or boboyegbenga@yahoo.com or izumike1970@gmail.com by Sunday, **May 18, 2014**. **Only selected applicants will be notified by June 15, 2014.**