

XIX INQUA CONGRESS

Quaternary Perspectives on Climate Change, Natural Hazards and Civilization

Once every four years, Quaternary researchers from all over the world meet at the INQUA Congress to exchange the latest research results and develop agendas for the future. In 2015, the congress will take place **27 July - 2 August in Nagoya, Japan**. The Congress program will address the various themes of the INQUA commissions during six days of oral and poster sessions, plenary presentations, and side meetings. The scientific program also will include field trips before, during, and after the Congress week. The deadline for submitting abstracts is **January 8, 2015**.

INQUA and the Organizing Committee of the Congress will offer some limited financial assistance for early-career scientists (ECR: less than 8 years since first PhD as of 1 August, 2015) and scientists from developing countries with low GDP that are first authors in their submitted abstracts. For more details, please visit http://convention.jtbc.com.co.jp/inqua2015/Financial_assistance.html. The deadline for applications is also **January 8, 2015**. Also, a travel fellowship program for U.S. students and early career scientists sponsored by the U.S. National Committee for INQUA (USNC/INQUA) will be announced soon.

The USNC/INQUA is sponsoring a session entitled *Interdisciplinary Quaternary Research: Past, Present and Future*. The goal of this session is to demonstrate the broad range of research conducted by Quaternary scientists and the value of interdisciplinary approaches to understanding Quaternary processes and the role they play in the world today. When interdisciplinary collaboration results in new solutions to problems, much information is given back to the various disciplines involved; hence both specialists and non-specialists benefit from such an effort.

This session will include examples of previous and ongoing interdisciplinary Quaternary research at all scales, from very complex projects to relatively small endeavors, with a focus on those involving international collaborations. New directions in interdisciplinary research also will be addressed. We hope that this session will demonstrate the value of cooperative, interdisciplinary Quaternary research and capture the attention of early-career scientists who are beginning new approaches to critical research problems.

To submit your abstract to this session (G02), or to any other session, please visit http://convention.jtbc.com.co.jp/inqua2015/call_for_abstracts.html

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More information about the Congress, the Union, and the USNC/INQUA can be found at the following websites:

- INQUA Congress <http://inqua2015.jp>
- INQUA <http://www.inqua.org/>
- USNC/INQUA <http://www.nationalacademies.org/usnc-inqua>

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