

International Field Excursion and Workshop on
Tectonic Evolution and Crustal Structure of the Tien Shan
Belt and Related Terrains in the Central Asian Orogenic Belt
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 8-17 June, 2009

First Circular

Background

The Central Asian Institute of Applied Geosciences (CAIAG) in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, together with the Institute of Geology of National Academy of Sciences of Kyrgyz Republic, in cooperation with ILP-Projects Topo-Central Asia and ERAS (Earth Accretionary Systems), will organize an international geological transect across the Kyrgyz Tien Shan, followed by a 2-day workshop in Bishkek. The purpose of this meeting is to compare the Tien Shan in Kyrgyzstan and China, present and discuss new data from both terrains, and to discuss future international cooperation on geological and geophysical research in the Central Asian Orogenic Belt, including a proposed seismic/geological transect from North China to Siberia. The field trip will be limited to about **20** participants, but the workshop will be open to any interested participant.

The field trip will be an 8-day N-S transect across the Northern, Central and Southern Tien Shan to compare and contrast the rock types, structures, metamorphism and tectonic evolution of the Kyrgyz Tien Shan with the Chinese Tien Shan and to discuss the evolution of the Tien Shan within the general frame of Central Asian geology. The following workshop will provide the opportunity to present new research results and to discuss future cooperative work. The meeting language will be English.

Primary topics of the workshop:

- Composition and evolution of the Tien Shan in Kyrgyzstan and China and related areas of the Central Asian Orogenic Belt in Mongolia, Kazakhstan and Siberia
- Phanerozoic continental growth in Central Asia

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Supporting Organizations:

- Central Asian Institute of Applied Geosciences (CAIAG), Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- Deutsches GeoForschungsZentrum (GFZ), Potsdam, Germany
- Institute of Geology of National Academy of Sciences of Kyrgyz Republic
- Topo-Central Asia (Coordinating Committee 4, International Lithosphere Program)
- ERAS (Task Force 1, International Lithosphere Program)
- Centre for Russian and Central EurAsian Mineral Studies (CERCAMS), NHM London, UK
- Institute of High Temperature of Russian Academy of Sciences, Geodynamic polygon, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China
- Institute of Geology, Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences, Beijing, China

Conference venue

Lecture hall of the Central Asian Institute of Applied Geosciences (CAIAG)

Travel

You can travel to Bishkek by plane from London (British Airways, British Midland) or from various European airports via Moscow (Aeroflot) or Istanbul (Turkish Airlines), and from Asia via Urumqi (China Southern) or Almaty (Air Astana). Arrivals from the west are early in the morning. Arrival on June 8 is possible with direct transfer to Issykul Lake on the first day. The night from 7 to 8 June not included in registration fee.

Visa requirements

Visitors to Kyrgyzstan from the Russian Federation and CIS countries as well as Cuba, Czech Republic, Japan, Korea and Mongolia don't require visa, while visitors from all other countries do. You can obtain your visa at Kyrgyz Embassies and Consulates, and you will need an invitation from the host institution CAIAG.

Deadlines and key dates:

Submission of Registration Form: 15 January, 2009

Submission of Abstract for workshop: 1 April, 2009

Confirmation of participation: 1 May, 2009 (confirmation is absolutely required)

General information is available on the website: <http://www.caiag.kg>

Rates and Payment

The Excursion and Registration Fee for the combined field trip **and** scientific meeting will be approx. USD 1000 and includes transportation, accommodation and meals as well as an abstract volume, excursion guidebook, opening and closing parties, and daily tea/coffee service during the scientific sessions. Accommodation in Bishkek during the meeting will be arranged in middle-class hotels (single room including breakfast ca. \$ 60). Upgrade in accommodation is possible but will be additional.

The Registration Fee for the two-day workshop in Bishkek **only** will be approx. USD 100, including abstract volume, parties, lunch and transportation.

The respective fees should be paid in cash (in US Dollars) at the reception desk on 8 June, 2009. Local currency can be obtained in Bishkek from banks, exchange places and ATM-machines. Credit Cards are widely accepted in Bishkek but not in the country.

Time Table

7-8 June 2009: Arrival in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Registration for field trip, overview lecture (all airplanes from the West arrive early in the morning)

8-15 June 2009: Transect across Kyrgyz Tien Shan

16-17 June 2009: Workshop at CAIAG, Bishkek, Discussion of results and future work.

Registration

Please complete the attached Preliminary Registration Form and return it to the address below by 15 January 2009. Registration by e-mail or fax is accepted. Please state specifically whether you want to participate in both the excursion and workshop or only in the workshop.

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Accommodation

Room reservations in Bishkek in the hotels will be made by the Workshop Secretariat. Room rates vary at your choice (information on workshop hotels will be provided in due course). Hotel arrangements in Bishkek will be made after your confirmation of participation and choice (by May 1, 2009).

Weather conditions

The weather in Kyrgyzstan during June is generally pleasant, with daily maximum temperatures around 25° Celsius, and a minimum between 15 and 20 degrees at night. Rain is possible in the mountains, and excursion participants are advised to bring a raincoat and good field boots. Additional information will follow after registration.

Preliminary Registration Form

General Information

Family Name _____

Given Name _____

Sex ____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

Phone _____

FAX _____

E-mail _____

Participation in 8-day field trip

Yes _____, No _____

Paper Presentation at Workshop

Oral _____ Poster _____

Author's Name(s) _____

Title _____

Please return this form before 15 January, 2009 to:

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