



## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the AASP-The Palynological Society Meadowview Convention Center, Kingsport TN

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The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the AASP-The Palynological Society is being held in the Appalachian Mountains of east Tennessee, bordering Virginia, and North Carolina.

Plans for a Sunday workshop “Working with Palynodata and Palynplot” by Chris Jessop and James White promises to be valuable to any one that has purchased the program or is planning to purchase the program. We have room for 10 participants that have not purchased the program that wish to assess its capabilities and additional space for those that have purchased the program and wish to get the most from this software. Please let me know who is interested in this workshop by email as soon as possible ([zavadam@etsu.edu](mailto:zavadam@etsu.edu)). Plans for a Saturday workshop "Understanding Pollen and its Application to Forensic Palynology" are moving forward and will be valuable to students and instructors. In addition this workshop will be open to regional teachers that may want to incorporate this aspect or some other aspect of palynology in their secondary education curriculum. Please let me know who is interested in this workshop by email as soon as possible ([zavadam@etsu.edu](mailto:zavadam@etsu.edu)).

Thematic sessions on forensic palynology, and in honor of R. Kapp are also being planned for the technical portion of the meeting. In addition the society will be sponsoring three general lectures open to the public featuring, David Pocknall: *Palynology and Petroleum: Supplying Americas Energy Needs*, Vaughn Bryant: *Pollen, Much More than a Sneeze*, and Lucy Edwards: *Buried Surprises – A Paleontologist Tells Tales of the Largest Impact Crater in the U.S.* will be open to the public.

**I also want to remind every member and non-members whether attending the meeting or not, you are welcome to submit your best “artistic photographs” that depict any aspect of palynology (including industry, organic petrology, ultra-structure, etc.) for a photographic display that will be presented at the Natural History Museum and Gray Fossil Site.** The exhibit opens on the night of the ice breaker September 27, 2009 and will run about 2 months. We will also take suggestions for the name of the exhibit. Send an electronic version of the photograph(s) or a high quality photograph on paper to Michael S. Zavada, Department of Biological Sciences, Box 70703, Johnson City, TN 37614 or electronically to [zavadam@etsu.edu](mailto:zavadam@etsu.edu) . The museum will mount and label the photographs, and will be returned the photographs at the end of the public display.

Immediately following the meeting we are planning, but awaiting to assess interest in two field trips sponsored by the meeting organizers. One is **Appalachian Habitats: Flora, Bears, and Birds**, Organizer: Fred Alsop an ornithologist in our department who has written a number of books on the birds of North America. The trip will cost about \$450, this includes food, transportation, and accommodation, guides and materials. We need a minimum 10 participants. A second trip **Tennessee Ball Clays, Collecting the Clairborne**. The organizers are Chris Liu and Mike Zavada. The cost is \$450, and includes transportation, accommodations, light breakfast, a visit to the Courthouse and Museum in Dayton, TN, the site of the Scopes Monkey Trial (<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/FTrials/scopes/scopes.htm> or <http://www.bryan.edu/1990.html>), and fossil collecting near Paris, TN. Does Not include lunch and dinner Thursday-Saturday. We need a minimum 10 participants. In addition, the International Storytelling Festival is in nearby Jonesborough, TN. This festival annually attracts tens of thousands of people for down home fun, and includes crafts, music, and showcases the rich folklore and oral traditions of the Appalachian people.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting will be held at Meadowview Resort (<http://www.bookmarriott.com/329/index.html>) at the foot of Bay's Mountain, in the Tri Cities (Bristol-Kingsport-Johnson City) and offers a stunning setting with swimming, golf (18 holes only \$45 with cart) and local tourist attractions (Barter Theatre, and all that Asheville, N.C., Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg have to offer less than 90 minutes away). It is especially fun for children. The airport is located just a few miles from the resort (<http://www.triflight.com/>). In addition, *the cost of the meeting is all inclusive*. This means the prices include the entire meeting package, i.e., meeting registration, resort hotel accommodations, food (outstanding Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner buffets), Icebreaker with music by *The Bearded* (<http://www.thebearded.org/mnuHome.htm>), Tuesday Evening Banquet with music by the ETSU Music Department Jazz Ensemble, transportation to and from events, the Wednesday business luncheon, and workshop (if applicable). Field trip or attendance at the International Story Telling Festival is separate. **The costs are very reasonable for students especially for 2 or more students occupying a room and for international attendees.**

The website linked to the AASP-The Palynological Society web site is open for registration, however, we are still working on securing the online payment. So do not hesitate to register and follow that with a check to the indicated address. As soon as we are absolutely sure of the security of the payment link I will inform the membership. Continue to check the web page for updates, and if anyone has any questions contact me at [zavadam@etsu.edu](mailto:zavadam@etsu.edu) or 423-439-6919, I will respond within 24 hours to all queries.