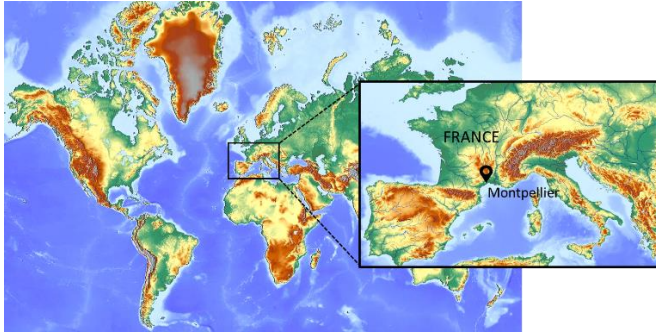


56th Annual Meeting AASP-The Palynological Society – 24-28 June 2024

We are pleased to announce that the next annual meeting will take place at the University of Montpellier, France



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Location: the famous Botanical Institute of Montpellier

Conferences will take place in the "Amphitheatre *Charles Flahaut*" of the former University of Montpellier's Botanical Institute which is listed as a Historical Monument of France. This building houses the Montpellier Herbarium.



Scientific themes

Here are some scientific themes we can focus on, but others may also be presented:

- From palynological data (pollen, dinoflagellate cysts etc...) to climate reconstructions and model simulations
- Human-environmental interactions and vegetation change in and out of America
- Vegetation dynamics beyond the Quaternary as a source of information about mountain uplift, sea-level fluctuations, plate tectonics, etc...

Field trips

A pre-conference (on Monday) and a post-conference (on Friday) field trips will be organised

Scientific visits

- Visits to the **ISEM palynological reference collection** may be organised. Accounting with more than 30000 taxons, this is certainly one of the world largest and collections.
- Visits to the **Montpellier Herbarium** may be organised for those who would like to sample flowers of some species to extract and observe the pollen grains.

Tourists visits

Visits to the **Botanical Garden** "Jardin des plantes", right next to the Botanical Institute, are possible
Visits to the **Fabre Museum**, located in the city center, can be organized

Conference Dinner on Wednesday evening

The Dinner will be held at **Château de Flaugergues**. This château, listed as a Historic Monument, was built at the late 17th century in the Montpellier countryside. Flaugergues is one of the so-called "folies", an aristocrat/bourgeoise reception mansion. Around the Château, the park and gardens are a place of charm and harmony. In front of the château, the "à la française" garden has been classified as a "remarkable garden".

