



**19° SIMPOSIO ARGENTINO DE
PALEOBOTÁNICA Y PALINOLOGÍA
58° ANNUAL MEETING AASP
THE PALYNOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**TRELEW, ARGENTINA
SEPTEMBER 8-11, 2026**

Second circular

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Presentation

We are pleased to invite the scientific and academic community, as well as the general public, to the 19th Argentine Symposium on Paleobotany and Palynology (SAPP) and the 58th Annual Meeting of AASP – The Palynological Society (AASP-TPS), to be held jointly at the Egidio Feruglio Paleontological Museum (MEF) in the city of Trelew (Patagonia, Argentina) from September 8 to 11, 2026.

Since 1978, the SAPP, organized by the Latin American Association of Paleobotany and Palynology (ALPP), has become the most important meeting in Argentina for the fields of paleobotany and palynology. It regularly gathers over 200 participants from various regions of Argentina and countries such as Uruguay, Brazil, Paraguay, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Mexico, and the United States. Each edition features more than 150 scientific contributions, organized in oral sessions, poster presentations, and plenary lectures covering a wide range of topics: anatomy and morphology, systematics and taxonomy, paleobiology, paleoclimatology, aeropalynology, melissopalynology, biostratigraphy, paleomycology, among others.

The Annual Meeting of the AASP – The Palynological Society, organized since 1967 by that institution, is a key international event in the field of palynology. This scientific society, based in the United States, convenes researchers from around the world each year, addressing both fossil and modern palynology from an interdisciplinary perspective.

The event will also include thematic symposia, keynote lectures, and field trips to sites of paleobotanical, botanical, and geological interest in the region, offering a unique opportunity for academic exchange in direct contact with the Patagonian landscape.





Organizing Committee

The organization of this joint edition of the SAPP and AASP-TPS Meeting was conceived as an opportunity to form a diverse and representative working team that reflects the federal character of the scientific community engaged in paleobotany and palynology in Argentina. The Organizing Committee is composed of 26 members from 19 institutions, located in seven provinces and the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires.



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Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee of the meeting is composed of a broad group of specialists representing the diverse fields of paleobotany and palynology. Its members contribute expertise across different geological intervals, analytical approaches, and research lines, ensuring the academic quality and rigor of the scientific program.

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About Patagonia and Trelew

Patagonia is a key region for the natural sciences of the Southern Hemisphere. Its combination of steppes, mountain ranges, and a vast and well-preserved geological history make it a reference area for paleontological research. Its formations contain exceptional fossil records, essential for reconstructing the evolution of ecosystems and biotas over time.

Located in the heart of the Patagonian region, Trelew offers a privileged environment for scientific and cultural knowledge production and exchange. It lies approximately 60 km from Puerto Madryn, 17 km from Rawson, and 15 km from Gaiman. The city has daily air connections with Buenos Aires via Almirante Marcos A. Zar International Airport (Trelew), and nearby El Tehuelche Airport (Puerto Madryn) also offers regular flights. Trelew has a regional and national bus terminal, as well as a wide range of accommodation, dining, and services, making it a suitable venue for academic events of national and international scope.



Astronomical Center and Cacique Chiquichano Nature Reserve (Trelew, Patagonia)



1. Puerto Piramides, Chubut, Patagonia.

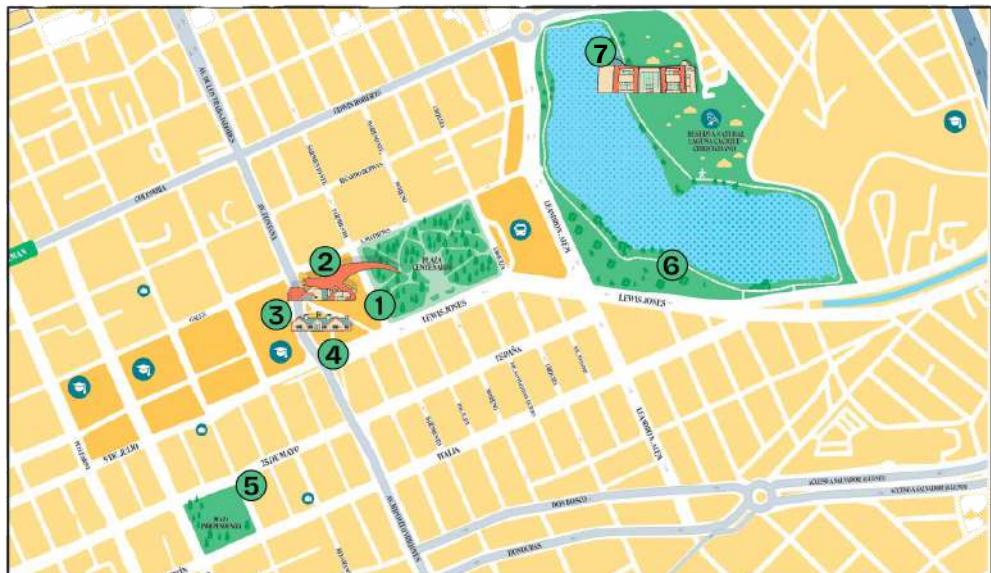
2. Middle Chubut River Valley, Chubut, Patagonia.



Venue

The event will be held at the Egidio Feruglio Paleontological Museum (MEF) and the newly inaugurated Trelew Convention Center. Both venues are located in downtown Trelew and offer modern facilities, accessibility, connectivity, and support services for the successful hosting of an international scientific event.

City map of Trelew, highlighting key locations for the event:



- 1. Trelew Convention Center
- 2. Egidio Feruglio Paleontological Museum
- 3. National University of Patagonia
- 4. Pueblo de Luis Museum
- 5. Independencia Park and downtown Trelew
- 6. Cacique Chiquichano Natural Reserve
- 7. Trelew Astronomical Center



Trelew Convention Center (TCC)

This modern facility includes a main auditorium with a capacity for over 800 people, additional rooms for parallel sessions, spacious circulation areas, state-of-the-art projection and sound technology, and common areas for breaks and services.

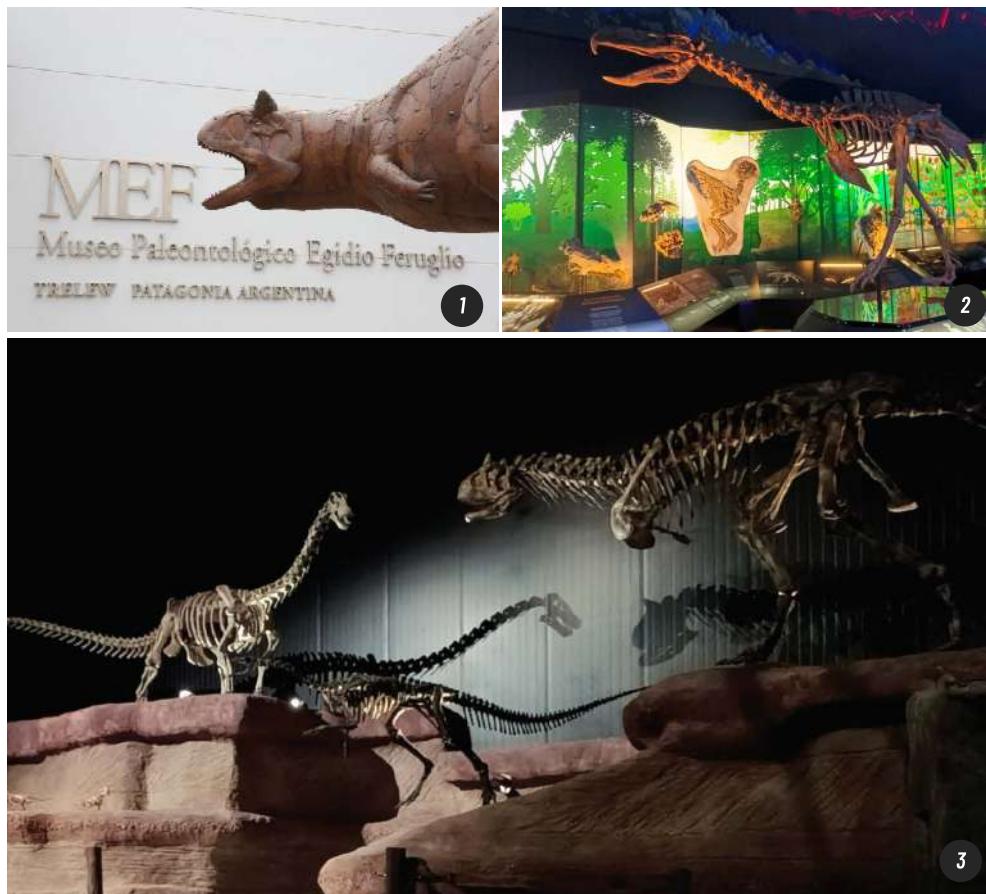


1. External view of the Trelew Convention Center, next to the MEF. Both institutions are internally connected.
2. Main Hall of the TCC. The hall is modular and can be divided into five separate rooms.



Egidio Feruglio Paleontological Museum (MEF)

The MEF is one of the most renowned scientific institutions in Latin America, with a paleontological collection of international relevance. Its permanent exhibition explores the history of life on Earth from its origins to the present, including iconic discoveries of the largest known dinosaur. In addition to its renewed galleries, the museum includes research laboratories, collections, educational spaces, a gift shop, and a café.



1. Front of the MEF, Trelew.

2. Neogene-Paleogene Hall, Egidio Feruglio Paleontological Museum

3. Cretaceous Hall, Egidio Feruglio Paleontological Museum



National University of Patagonia San Juan Bosco (UNPSJB)

Located across from the MEF and TCC, the UNPSJB is an institution with a long-standing commitment to education and scientific research in southern Argentina.



It hosts the Trelew Herbarium and the Palynology Laboratory, centers of excellence dedicated to the study of both modern and ancient vegetation. These facilities conduct research in botany, paleobotany, and palynology, and play an active role in the local scientific network that provides academic support for this event.



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1. Botany laboratory, UNPSJB.

2. Palynology laboratory, UNPSJB.



Early-bird registration fees

Early-bird registration will be available from December 15, 2025, to May 1, 2026.

Registration includes access to all academic activities of the meeting, coffee breaks, and the welcome reception.

		Category 1		Category 2	
		Member	Non-member	Member	Non-member
Professionals		USD 110	USD 190	USD 165	USD 270
Graduate students		USD 55	USD 100	USD 90	USD 150
Undergraduate students		USD 40	USD 70	USD 60	USD 100

Values are expressed in USD. Payments in Argentine pesos (ARS) will be accepted at the official Banco Nación exchange rate in effect on the day of payment.

 [Exchange rate](#)

Category 1 Participants affiliated with institutions in South American countries or with a Human Development Index (HDI) ≤ 0.880 , according to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). [Official ranking](#) 

Category 2 Participants affiliated with institutions in countries with an HDI > 0.880 , according to the UNDP. [Official ranking](#) 

Member Active membership in any of the following scientific societies



Asociación Latinoamericana de Paleobotánica y Palinología



AASP - The Palynological Society



Asociación Paleontológica Argentina



Sociedad Argentina de Botánica





Registration

Registration for the XIX Argentinian Symposium of Paleobotany and Palynology – 58th AASP-TPS Annual Meeting is now open.

IMPORTANT

This meeting offers two main payment methods: one for participants based in Argentina and another for participants from all other countries.

Argentina

Payment must be made via bank transfer or digital wallet. The transfer should be made to the following account:



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Once the payment has been completed, you must fill out the registration form and upload proof of payment.



[LINK](#)

All countries (except Argentina)



[LINK](#)

Registration and payment will be completed through the following link.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please write to trelew2026@gmail.com and we will get back to you shortly.



Important dates

Some of the dates presented in the first circular **have been modified or updated**. We recommend checking the latest version of the circulars and the official meeting website to ensure you have access to the most current information.

15 December 2025 Opening of early-bird registration

15 February 2026 Deadline for Thematic Session proposals.

20 February 2026 Announcement of accepted Thematic Sessions.

1 March 2026 Opening of abstract submission.

1 June 2026 Deadline for abstract submission.
End of early-bird registration.

15 August 2026 Publication of the last circular and the final programme.

September, 2026

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REFERENCES

- 1 Graduate courses
- 2 Outreach activity: school visits
- 3 SAPP and AASP Annual Meeting (Trelew 2026). Keynote lectures, regular talks, thematic sessions, posters, and festival
- 4 Field trip: Steppe, monte, and whales
- 5 Field trip: Paleobotanical Patagonia
- 6 Visit to collections and herbaria



Field Trips

The meeting will offer a range of field trips and excursions for participants interested in exploring the geology, modern flora, and the exceptional paleobotanical and palynological record of Patagonia.

Paleobotanical Patagonia

A journey into the green past of the region

From 12 to 16 September 2026, a multi-day trip will take place from the Atlantic coast to the Andes. The itinerary will include visits to formations and classic localities preserving paleobotanical and palynological records from the Neogene, Paleogene, Cretaceous, Jurassic, and Permian.

The route follows a scenic geological corridor that highlights major units of the Patagonian landscape and narrates key chapters of the history of Gondwana. The trip crosses the steppe and the monte, and also includes a visit to the Andean Patagonian forest and the Valdivian rainforest during a full-day excursion to Los Alerces National Park.



5 días | 12 -16 de Septiembre

Steppe, monte, and whales

Botanical excursion to Península Valdés

On September 12, a one-day excursion to Península Valdés will be offered, combining interpretive walks through the austral shrubland and the steppe-shrubland ecotone, along with coastal and/or boat-based observation of Eubalaena australis (southern right whale).



1 día | 12 de Septiembre

Other activities

Additional optional activities are being coordinated with local agencies for those wishing to visit other attractions in the region, such as Punta Tombo Provincial Reserve.



Information on trip costs and pre-registration will be announced soon. Please stay tuned to our official communication channels.



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Scientific Programme: updates

We are currently working on defining the Scientific Programme, including thematic and regular sessions, invited lectures, poster sessions, and other activities aimed at promoting scientific exchange.



Thematic Sessions

Thematic Sessions will be held on different aspects of Paleobotany and Palynology. We invite you to submit your proposals until 15 February 2026.



Planilla de inscripción

Keynote Lectures

Keynote Lectures will be a central component of the scientific programme. Below, we present the confirmed speakers:



Mario Coiro
Senckenberg Research
Institute and Natural
History Museum
Germany



Alejandra Gandolfo
Cornell University
United States



Carlos Jaramillo
Smithsonian Tropical
Research Institute
Panama



Claudia Rubinstein
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Vivi Vajda
Swedish Museum of
Natural History,
Sweden



Sophie Warny
Louisiana State University
United States



Outreach and Engagement



Patagonia holds an exceptional fossil heritage and a long-standing tradition of community participation in the natural sciences. In this context, the meeting seeks to extend its reach beyond the academic sphere, creating spaces for exchange with students, teachers and the general public of the region.

School Activities

7 de Septiembre

Educational presentations will be held in schools in Trelew and surrounding towns, by members of the Organising Committee. These sessions will provide an accessible introduction to what a scientific meeting is, how it develops and what its contribution to knowledge is, together with basic content on paleobotany and the fossil record of Patagonia. These activities aim to spark curiosity and foster dialogue between researchers, teachers and students.

Community Festival

11 de Septiembre

On the final day of the event, a public festival will be held at the Egidio Feruglio Paleontological Museum, featuring short talks, participatory activities and outreach materials for all ages. The festival will also include the presence of local entrepreneurs and artists whose work relates to botany and paleobotany, creating a shared space between science, territory and community.

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"Paleobotanical stories from Patagonia: schools and communities engagement programme"

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Graduate Courses

The courses offered in the framework of this meeting will include an online component and an in-person component to be held in the days prior to the conference. In the coming weeks, we will provide information on course titles, accreditation and costs.



Student Grants

Food and accommodation grants have been secured for students participating in the meeting, and additional support options are currently being developed. We will provide updates once registration becomes available.

Visit the MEF Collection

The Egidio Feruglio Paleontological Museum houses a scientific collection of more than 40,000 fossil specimens, including paleobotanical and palynological reference material, with several type specimens that are key to the study of Patagonia's fossil flora. If you wish to consult the collection for academic purposes during your stay, you may complete the visit request form, after which a date and time will be coordinated.



[Apply for a visit](#)

Visit the UNPSJB Herbarium and Palynotheca

The Trelew Herbarium (HTW) houses a scientific collection of approximately 20,000 specimens, including several that are emblematic for the study of Patagonian flora and its geographic distribution. It also contains a collection of 300 macroalgae specimens from the Patagonian coast. The UNPSJB Palynotheca holds palynological preparations primarily from specimens of the Trelew Herbarium and Patagonian valleys, including a unique collection of pollen from some of the southernmost honeys in the world. It also maintains the aeropalynological record for the city of Trelew.



Contacts, Website, and Social Media



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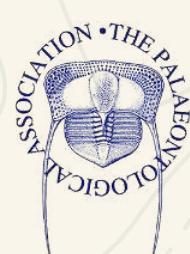
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