



IGCP Project # 592 (2012-2015) “Continental construction in Central Asia”

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Dear Colleagues,

On February 20-21, 2012, the IGCP Scientific Board held in Paris their annual meeting which discussed newly submitted proposals and ongoing projects of the International Geoscience Program (IGCP) co-funded by IUGS-UNESCO.

It is our great pleasure to inform you that our project “*Continental construction of the Altaids (Central Asian Orogenic Belt) compared to actualistic examples from the Western Pacific*”, short title “**Continental construction in Central Asia**” was approved for funding as one of the few new IGCP projects. We would like to congratulate you on behalf of the team that organised our IGCP proposal and wish to thank everybody for help, participation, kind support and encouragement.

We also would like to use this opportunity to send you updated information on our IGCP Project. For 2012 we are planning four conferences which will be related to IGCP 592:

1. 1st International Workshop “*Geodynamic evolution of the Central Asian Orogenic Belt*”, Institute of Precambrian Geology and Geochronology, St. Petersburg / Russia, May 24-28, 2012; Contact: Dr. Victor Kovach - v.p.kovach@gmail.com
2. The 6th International Siberian *Early Career Geoscientists* Conference, Institute of Geology and Mineralogy SB RAS, Novosibirsk / Russia, June 9-23, 2012; Website: <http://sibconf.igm.nsc.ru>
3. The 4th International conference “*Ultramafic-mafic complexes of folded regions and their minerageny*”, Geological Institute SB RAS, Ulan-Ude, Lake Baikal, August 27-31, 2012; contact: Dr. Eugene Kislov - evg-kislov@ya.ru.
4. International Association for Gondwana Research (IAGR) Annual Convention and 9th International Symposium on “*Gondwana to Asia*”, University of Adelaide, Adelaide / Australia, November 18-20, 2012; Contact: Prof. Alan Collins - alan.collins@adelaide.edu.au; Registration: <http://ees.adelaide.edu.au/research/gg/>

In addition, our project will be co-organiser of Session 9.7 “*Mineral deposits: episodes, accumulation of metals and related geodynamic processes in China and adjacent regions*” (IAGOD/IGCP-592) at the International Geological Congress in Brisbane, Australia, August, 2012; Conveners: Profs. Jingwen Mao, China (contact: jingwenmao@263.net), Franco Pirajno, Australia, and Reimar Seltmann, UK; <http://www.34igc.org/scientific-themes-symposia.php#theme-9-mineral-deposits-and-ore-forming-processes/>

To join any of above listed meetings please kindly contact the organizers directly by email. As we will report about our research activity through peer-reviewed publications, conference volumes, and guidebooks of field missions, could you kindly add reference to our project to the acknowledgements of your publications (including abstracts), specifically those related to studies of the Central Asian Orogenic Belt and western Pacific. Sending us for the annual report group photos from conferences and field campaigns in Central Asia and Pacific are greatly encouraged (preferably displaying also our logo). Our current website is at <http://www.iagod.org/igcp/> and will be modified and updated soon.

With best regards,

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