



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

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Dear Colleagues,

Our IGCP project #592 “Continental construction of the Altaids (Central Asian Orogenic Belt) compared to actualistic examples from the Western Pacific” has successfully finished its first year. Our major activities comprised 5 scientific meetings including training program for young scientists and fieldwork in different parts of Central Asia and western Pacific. All the meetings provided forums for fruitful discussions on the CAOB history and IGCP#592 plans. Our project activities during 2012 stimulated international and interdisciplinary collaboration between leading and young scientists from more than 25 countries. New approaches and methods of studying the formation and evolution of the CAOB were reported. A tentative plan of activities of IGCP#592 in 2013 emerged from discussions including three related meetings and field trips:

Meeting region	Field targets	Tentative date	Contacts
NW China: Urumqi- Dunhuang- Hami	Beishan Orogenic belt: accretionary tectonics, magmatism, eclogites and granulite complexes	August 22-28, 2013	Wenjiao Xiao wj-xiao@mail.iggcas.ac.cn ; Zhiyong Zhang zhang.nju@gmail.com ; Songjian Ao asj@mail.iggcas.ac.cn ; Inna Safonova inna@igm.nsc.ru
South Korea, Daejeon	Gondwana to Asia Symposium	October 1-4, 2013	Sanghoon Kwon skwon@yonsei.ac.kr
New Zealand, South Island	Mesozoic accretionary orogen	November 2013	Nick Mortimer N.Mortimer@gns.cri.nz

Please find more details about our project activities, including meeting programs and materials, field and conference photo reports, publications and the annual report to UNESCO-IUGS at <https://sites.google.com/site/igcp592/home>.

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