



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

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Dear Colleagues,

Our project “Continental construction of the Altaids (Central Asian Orogenic Belt) compared to actualistic examples from the Western Pacific” started with the launch meeting in St.-Petersburg, Russia, during the 1st International Workshop “Geodynamic evolution of the Central Asian Orogenic Belt”, which was hosted by the Institute of Precambrian Geology and Geochronology on May 24-27, 2012. The meeting was a successful forum for discussions on what is known about the CAO. It stimulated international and interdisciplinary collaboration between leading and young scientists from Russia, China, Mongolia, Tajikistan and western countries, who reported new approaches and methods of studying formation and evolution of the CAO. During the meeting a tentative plan of future IGCP#592 activities was discussed which at the moment includes five related meetings and field trips.

Meeting region	Field target	Tentative date
Kazakhstan, Almaty - Oskemen	Saryozek-Usharal transect; Char belt, Rudny Altai, Irtysh shear zone, Kalba granitoids	September 2013
Indonesia, Java-Bali	Paleogene volcanic arc, Luk Ulo accretionary complex	March-April, 2014
China, Urumqi	Northern Chinese Tianshan and Altay	August-September 2014
Japan, Tokyo	Mino terrane, Inuyama area	March-April 2015
Russia, Irkutsk	East Sayan, ophiolites of Late Neoproterozoic	July-August 2015

* - all your ideas, comments or other proposals are greatly welcome

The next meeting, the 6th International Siberian *Early Career Geoscientists* Conference, was held in the Institute of Geology and Mineralogy SB RAS, Novosibirsk, Russia, on June 9-13. The participants from Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Iran and other countries discussed at the sessions devoted to geodynamics and magmatism the results of their studies and future collaborative research and field works related to continental constructions in Central Asia.

There is still time to plan your participation in the final IGCP#592 meeting of 2012, which will be the 9th International Symposium on “Gondwana to Asia” at the University of Adelaide, Australia, November 18-20, 2012. The deadline of abstract submission is August 31 (3 pages in Gondwana Research format). Contact: Prof. Alan Collins, alan.collins@adelaide.edu.au.
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