



IGCP Project # 592 (2012-2015)

“Continental construction in Central Asia”

Circular #4

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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 annual Report was highly evaluated by the IGCP Committee at a UNESCO-IUGS Forum in February, 2013. The 2012 activities comprised 6 scientific meetings including training program for young scientists and fieldwork in different parts of Central Asia and western Pacific. All the meetings provided platforms for fruitful discussions on the CAOB history and IGCP#592 plans and stimulated international and interdisciplinary collaboration between leading and young scientists from more than 27 countries. New approaches and methods of studying the formation and evolution of the CAOB were reported. Below is the final plan of activities of IGCP#592 in 2013, which currently includes four related meetings and field trips:

Meeting region	Meeting targets	Tentative date	Contacts
Russia: Baikal-Irkutsk	Continental rifting and its related processes	August 20-23, 2013	Sergey Rasskazov; rassk@crust.irk.ru Yasnygina Tatyana: ty@crust.irk.ru
NW China: Urumqi-Dunhuang-Hami	Beishan Orogenic belt: accretionary tectonics, magmatism, eclogite 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	Accretionary orogens of SW Pacific: models for the Central Asian Orogenic Belt&	November 24 –December 3, 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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