



THE THIRD MOSASAUR MEETING



18-22 May 2010



MUSEUM NATIONAL D'HISTOIRE NATURELLE PARIS (France)



Mosasaurus hoffmanni Mantell, 1829



Georges CUVIER



Prognathodon mosasauroides (Gaudry, 1892)



Hainosaurus gaudryi (Thévenin, 1896)

FIRST CIRCULAR

After the success of the First (Maastricht, The Netherlands, 2004) and Second (Hays, Kansas, 2007) Mosasaur Meetings, the Third Mosasaur Meeting will be held in May 2010 by the *CNRS UMR 7207 / Département Histoire de la Terre* of the *Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle* of Paris, under the patronage of the *Société Géologique de France* and of the *Association Paléontologique Française*.

The registration will take place on Tuesday 18 in the afternoon and on Wednesday 19 in the morning.

The meeting will be held from Wednesday 19 to Friday 21, in the *Auditorium* of the *Grande Galerie de l'Evolution*.

A reception will take place on Tuesday 18 at the end of the afternoon. The Symposium dinner is expected on Thursday 20 night. A field trip (site to be specified on the Second Circular) may be run on Saturday 22.

The registration fees (Symposium program & abstract volume, Tuesday reception, coffee breaks) and other fees (Symposium dinner, excursion) will be specified in the second circular.

ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

During the meeting, the MNHN's mosasaur collections will be accessible to participants, probably on Tuesday 18 (day when the Gallery is closed). Those who are interested are invited to contact me directly.

The mosasaur collections of the MNHN include: 1) The type specimen of *Mosasaurus hoffmanni*; 2) Types and referred specimens described from France; 3) Material from the Phosphates of Morocco; 4) Some specimens of the Kansas Chalk from the Sternberg's collection.

GENERAL INFORMATIONS

The *Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle*, founded in 1626 under the name *Jardin royal des plantes médicinales*, is a large garden area situated in Paris city center, near the Seine river. It is easily accessible with metro lines (Austerlitz, Censier or Jussieu stations). No car parking will be available at the venue, therefore you are strongly advised to use Public Transportation.

Paris is touristic all the year so that hotel reservations have to be made as early as possible. Booking for student accomodation can be made on the following websites (<http://www.cisp.fr>) and (<http://www.fiap.asso.fr>). A list of hotels located around the MNHN as well as informations regarding how to get to Paris will be sent in the Second Circular.

The weather is generally sunny and temperate in May (between 15 and 25°C) but can be rainy and fresh.

Pre-registration should be addressed to me or fill out electronically (available in September only): <http://www.sgfr.org/general/calendrier.html>

People who have answered to the First Circular will automatically get the Second one.

DEADLINES

First circular return	September 30, 2009
Second circular sending	November 15, 2009
Registration fee payment	January 31, 2009
Abstract submission	February 15, 2010
Last circular	March 31, 2010

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