

**EASTERN AFRICA QUATERNARY RESEARCH SOCIETY
(EAQUA)**

INAUGURAL WORKSHOP

7 – 8th June, 2007

Ridar Hotel Seeta –Mukono, Kampala, Uganda

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND FINAL CALL FOR PAPERS

Workshop theme:

“Understanding human-environment interrelationships in the Great Lakes Region of central Africa during the Late Quaternary”

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Deadline for submission of abstracts: 16th April, 2007
Deadline for submission of full papers is 25th May, 2007

Invitation to participate:

The EAQUA organizing committee with pleasure invites scientists to submit abstracts and papers for **oral** and **poster** presentation during the inaugural workshop of the *Eastern African Quaternary Research Society (EAQUA)* planned for 7th to 8th June, 2007 at Ridar Hotel Seeta, Mukono near Kampala - Uganda.

Workshop Objectives:

The workshop is intended to inaugurate the *Eastern Africa Quaternary Research Society (EAQUA)*, with a view to unite and enhance active communication on Quaternary research issues among research scientists working in eastern and central African region, together with scholars from developed countries. The workshop also aims at integrating data from multi disciplinary Quaternary

researches to better understand the history of human-environment interactions in the Great Lakes region of central African during the late Quaternary (late Pleistocene to late Holocene).

Presentations:

Oral and poster papers will be presented during the workshop. 25 minutes of presentations will be allocated for the key note papers, followed by 15 minutes of discussions at the end of the plenary session. Oral papers will be allocated 15 minutes of presentation, followed by 15 minutes of discussions at the end of each session. Posters will be on display throughout the conference. *Students are encouraged to present poster papers.*

Workshop themes:

- a) Archaeology & historical linguistics
 - Human movements/ migration in interlacustrine region.
 - Beginning of pastoralism.
 - Establishment of settlements.
 - Formation of political and social complexity.
 - Response to environmental and human population changes.
 - Beginning of agricultural & technological transformations etc.
- b) Palaeoclimate & Palaeoenvironment
 - Climate variability in central African region during the late Quaternary.
 - Historical and instrumental records of long term water level changes as indicators of climate variability.
 - Biogeochemistry and stable isotopes as indicators of climate change.
 - Vegetation dynamics and drivers of change e.g. anthropogenic, fire etc.
 - Pollen or non-pollen palynomorphs as indicators of anthropogenic activities, e.g. deforestation, fires, cultivation, pastoralism etc.
- c) Palaeontology/ palaeoanthropology
 - Time range and successes of the hominids.
 - Movement /dispersal of hominids in Eastern Africa and out of E. A.
 - Evolution of anatomically modern humans in East African region.

Registration:

Deadline for registration: 30th April, 2007.

Deadline for receiving abstracts: 16th April, 2007.

Deadline for receiving full papers is 25th May, 2007.

International participants: US\$ 100

East African participants: US\$ 50

Students: US\$ 25

Please note that the conference fee can be paid on day of registration

Sponsorship

INQUA and PAST have kindly provided some seed funds to support a limited number of participants from East African region. Other sponsors are however, requested and encouraged to sponsor the workshop and other participants.

Organizing Committee

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Field excursion:

There will be a field excursion to a cultural /archaeological site.

Accommodation and Transport:

Transport to and fro the airport will be available for the participants.
International participants are however, encouraged to provide details of their

Initiatory to the secretariat to easy transport and accommodation arrangements. Accommodation will be available at the conference venue on full board at US\$ 65-70 per night for single rooms (includes break tea, mid morning tea, lunch, evening tea and dinner).

Updates of the workshop and registration forms will be available from the following website: http://www.must.ac.ug/events/eaqua_workshop.htm