

25th Himalaya-Karakoram-Tibet Workshop

San Francisco State University, California, USA

5th- 12th June 2010

First Circular

For a quarter-century the Himalayan-Karakoram-Tibet Workshop has provided students of the India-Asia collision system a wonderful opportunity for workshop-style discussion with other colleagues working in this region. In 2010, HKT returns to North America for the first time since 1996. The 25th International Workshop will be held from 7-13th June at San Francisco State University, California – please mark your calendar and plan to attend! Following the format of previous workshops, thematic oral and poster sessions will occur within a single venue to avoid the distraction of parallel sessions.

Important dates

Icebreaker: Evening of Monday, June 7th, 2010

Main workshop: Tuesday through Thursday, June 8-10th, 2010

Pre-conference field trip: “The Mesozoic-Cenozoic Convergent Margin of Northern California”: Saturday-Monday, June 5-12th, 2010

Post-conference GEO workshop*, “Future directions for NSF-sponsored research in the Himalaya/Tibet”: Friday-Saturday, June 11-12th, 2010 (*NSF sponsorship is anticipated)

Workshop web site and e-mail communication

Updated workshop information will be available on the web at <http://online.sfsu.edu/~leech/hkt25sf>

You can contact workshop organizers at hkt25sf@gmail.com but please check the web site before requesting additional information.

Pre-registration

Please submit the pre-registration form (available on the HKT-25 website) to indicate your interest in attending HKT-25, your housing preferences, and your possible participation in either the post-conference field trip or the post-conference Continental Dynamics workshop.

Abstract submission and payments

Everyone who submits a pre-registration form will receive a copy of the second circular providing details of abstract submission, final costs, and methods of payment. We are currently soliciting NSF and industry funding to subsidize your registration and contribute to some travel costs. Abstracts are invited for both oral and poster presentations. Attendees may request but are not guaranteed an oral presentation. Both oral and poster presentations must be in English. Cost and payment information for the HKT-25 meeting and related events will appear on-line by January 1st, 2010. Reservations for meeting accommodation and space on the field-trip will also commence after 01/01/2010 on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

Abstract submission deadline: March 1st, 2010.

Location

The conference will be held at San Francisco State University, in the city of San Francisco in view of the Pacific Ocean, and within easy reach, via public transport, of both the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) and many local tourist attractions. Visit the website of the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau at <http://www.onlyinsanfrancisco.com/>

Accommodation

HKT-25 participants will be housed in student residences on the campus of San Francisco State University adjacent to the conference venue. Housing reservations will be on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Details of how to book your preferred housing will be included in the second circular. Descriptions of the various levels of accommodation are linked to the conference web site and range from dormitory-style accommodation with shared bathrooms (~\$30/night) to small apartments (~\$100/night). (These 2009 prices may increase slightly.) All participants check in on Monday 7th June and check out on Friday 11th June; those remaining for the post-conference GEO workshop will remove to Tiburon.

Pre-conference field trip

We are planning a three-day field trip to see the geology of the Mesozoic-Cenozoic convergent margin of northern California prior to the main HKT-25 workshop. Participants will make a traverse from the Franciscan accretionary prism and high-pressure terrane, across the Great Valley forearc basin, the Foothills slate and ophiolite belts, and ending at the crest of the Sierra Nevada batholith, looking out over the Basin-&-Range plateau. Advance registration and payment will be required and deadlines will be posted on the workshop web site. Participants will return to San Francisco State University in time to check-in and for the icebreaker Monday evening June 7th.

Post-conference GEO workshop*

“Future directions for NSF-sponsored research in the Himalaya/Tibet”: Friday-Saturday, June 11-12th

The US National Science Foundation has funded numerous large-scale experiments and field campaigns in the Himalaya and Tibet, and would welcome input on where and how future discoveries will be made. We particularly invite those US participants who have received or hope to apply for major NSF funding, together with key international participants from the HKT countries who have participated in these projects, to engage in a discussion about future research opportunities in the HKT region. (*NSF sponsorship is anticipated)

Visas for travel to the U.S.

Participants are advised to check if they need a visa to enter the U.S., or whether they qualify for a visa waiver: see http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1262.html Visitors from India, Pakistan, Nepal, China, and Taiwan are all required to have a visa. Please allow sufficient time for your visa applications to be processed; wait times can be up to a month. We can provide letters of invitation, if requested.

HKT-25 Organizing Committee

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Updated information will be available on the conference web site or you may contact us via e-mail at hkt25sf@gmail.com or via surface mail at:

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