



Flugsaurier 2018: Los Angeles

The 6th International Symposium on Pterosaurs: First Circular

Welcome to Los Angeles

We invite all individuals working on, or interested in, pterosaur biology or associated geosciences to submit abstracts for the 2018 Flugsaurier meeting in Los Angeles, CA, USA. The meeting will be held **August 10-14** at the University of Southern California and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. Please mark your calendars for what we are sure will be an exciting meeting!

Current Draft Calendar

all events at USC, except Welcome Reception/Specimen Viewing and Field Trip

August 10th: Ice Breaker at USC (AM) and afternoon technical sessions

August 11th: Technical Session; Welcome Reception and Specimen Viewing at NHMLA

August 12th: Technical Session (AM); Workshops (PM); Paleoart Exhibition

August 13th: Technical Session (AM); Workshops (PM); Conference Dinner (PM)

August 14th: Field Trip (TBD)

Notes: The NHMLA is located adjacent to the main campus of USC. The Conference Dinner location is TBD, but we expect to use a venue either on the USC campus or in nearby Downtown Los Angeles. The Field Trip costs will be included in the registration. We hope to arrange a trip to the Moreno Formation of California.

Abstract Information

Abstracts have a limit of 500 words with up to 3 references (Harvard format) and 1 figure.

For details, or to determine if abstracts meet criteria, please contact Michael Habib:

habibm@usc.edu. Abstracts can be submitted [here](#). We will accept multiple submissions from authors but only one talk per lead author. Abstracts will be reviewed. We cannot guarantee speaker or poster slots. *Abstracts submissions are due by midnight, Pacific Time, on March 26th.*

Host Committee:

Host committee will also be the review committee for all abstract submissions

Michael Habib, David Hone, Brent Breithaupt, Elizabeth Martin-Silverstone, Taissa Rodrigues, Lu Junchang, Nathan Carroll

Special Thanks goes to Luis Chiappe for hosting the NHMLA components of the program.

Travel Information

Accommodations

The closest hotel is the Radisson Hotel Los Angeles Midtown at USC. Rooms at this hotel average 178 USD per night: <https://www.radisson.com/los-angeles-hotel-ca-90007>

Less expensive options can be found in some parts of Downtown Los Angeles. The American Hotel often has rooms for 85 USD per night: <http://www.americanhotella.com/>. The hotel is

walking distance from a light rail station, from which rail travel to USC and the NHMLA is approximately 10-12 minutes.

We are currently working with USC to secure some low-cost housing on campus. We expect this to be limited and available mostly to students. More information about on-campus housing will follow as soon as it is confirmed.

Travel to Los Angeles

The closest airport to the conference venue is Los Angeles International (LAX). However, travelers can also fly into Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR) or Long Beach Airport (LGB). LAX runs regular buses to Union Station, from which light rail can be taken to Downtown Los Angeles and USC.

Note that travel to the United States for a conference typically requires a B Class Visitor Visa, unless the port of origin is part of the Visa Waiver Program. For details on Visitor Visa applications, and to determine if your country of origin is associated with a VWP, please check here: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/business.html>

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is the largest natural and historical museum in the western United States. Its collections include nearly 35 million specimens and artifacts and cover 4.5 billion years of history. The NHMLA houses an extensive collection of specimens from the Niobrara Chalk and Pierre Shale, including a sizeable collection of *Pteranodon* specimens and one of the few partial skeletons of *Nyctosaurus*. In 2016, the NMHLA hosted *Pterosaurs: Flight in the Age of Dinosaurs*, from the AMNH.

Other Area Museums

Alf Museum, Claremont CA: The Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology, located on the campus of The Webb Schools, houses extensive vertebrate fossil collections, including multiple excellent pterosaur specimens. It is the only nationally accredited museum in the USA on a high school campus. The Alf Museum provides a unique research program for Webb students where they study fossils they find on collecting trips and publish the results of their research in collaboration with museum staff, a unique program for secondary school students.

Tar Pits Museum, Los Angeles CA: Part of the LACM system of museums (along with the NHMLA), the Tar Pits Museum in Los Angeles has one of the largest Pleistocene collections in the world. Active excavation continues throughout the year on the grounds of the museum, which is located in the Miracle Mile district. The museum is surrounded by an extensive park from which asphalt continues to seep.