

SECOND CIRCULAR

International Field Symposium

“Glacials and interglacials of the Middle and Upper Pleistocene in central Poland”

INQUA PERIBALTIC WORKING GROUP MEETING 2026

June 28 – July 3, 2026, Łódź, central Poland

This year, between 28 June and 3 July, another meeting of the Peribaltic Working Group will take place. This time, we will meet in central Poland. The oral and poster sessions will be held on 29 June, and the remaining days will be devoted to discussion and presentation of research results during the field part of the conference, in accordance with the schedule below. All topics related to geology, geomorphology, and related Quaternary sciences are welcome during the first part of the meeting.

Central Poland has been a classic area of Quaternary research for over a hundred years. Due to the well-developed marginal zones of the last and previous glaciations, it is an area extremely rich in various types of erosional, deformational, and accumulation forms, which are a direct result of the activity of the Scandinavian Ice Sheets in this area. Tectonic processes resulting from the activity of the sub-Quaternary substrate, including salt tectonics, played also a significant role in shaping the landscape. In the periods between successive advances of the Scandinavian Ice Sheet, fluvial and aeolian processes developed intensively, and lake sedimentation took place in glacial depressions. The last, but equally important, morphogenetic factor was periglacial processes, for which the area of central Poland is extremely important for the development of research into these processes. Finally, we will also have the opportunity to see how environmental features influenced the settlement of central Poland by humans in past centuries.

Our field trips will take us from the marginal zone of the last glaciation to areas within the reach of the Middle Pleistocene glaciations. For this reason, we will change our place of stay twice. However, we believe that this minor inconvenience will be compensated by the charming places where we will be staying and the interesting research sites that will be presented. Of particular importance will be two large open-cast lignite mines, which we will have the opportunity to visit during our field trips. We hope that our proposal for a scientific meeting will be met with great interest on your part.

Organizing Committee:

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Important dates:

1 March 2026 – Final registration and abstract submission

15 April 2026 – Conference fee payment deadline

28 June – 3 July 2026 - International Field Symposium

Registration and fees:

The conference fee is **400 EUR** for regular participants and **250 EUR** for students and PhD candidates. Participants from Poland may make the payment in Polish zloty: **1700 PLN** (regular fee) and **1000 PLN** for students and PhD candidates. The fee covers accommodation, field trip transportation, full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner), and conference materials.

Please note that it does not cover any health or travel insurance. The registration fee can be paid by bank transfer to the University of Łódź account. Invoices for participants who indicate the need for one in the [designated form](#) will be issued and sent before the conference. Participants who require an invoice within a specific timeframe are kindly asked to contact us.

Payment details:

- Beneficiary: University of Lodz, Narutowicza 68, 90-136 Lodz, Poland
- IBAN: PL54 1240 3028 1111 0011 6224 3953
- SWIFT/BIC: PKOPPLPWXXX
- Bank: Bank Pekao S.A.
- Payment title: PWG + participant name and surname

Conference programme:

28 June 2026 (Sunday)

Arrival of participants; ice-breaker party

Accommodation: Łódź – Training and Conference Centre of the University of Łódź (Centrum szkoleniowo-konferencyjne Kopcińskiego)

29 June 2026 (Monday)

Official opening of the conference; oral and poster sessions

Accommodation: Łódź - Training and Conference Centre of the University of Łódź) Centrum szkoleniowo-konferencyjne Kopcińskiego)

30 June 2026 (Tuesday)

Field trip: geomorphology of the edge zone of Łódź Plateau; Geopark Owadów–Brzezinki (renowned for world-class palaeontological discoveries)

Accommodation: Spała

1 July 2026 (Wednesday)

Field trip: Szczerców Outcrop - Bełchatów Lignite Mine (one of the largest geological exposures of Quaternary in Central Europe); Ludwików pit (aeolian sediment site)

Accommodation: Spała

2 July 2026 (Thursday)

Field trip: Siedlątków site (Pleistocene glacial flood deposits); post-mining areas of the Adamów Lignite Mine

Accommodation: Mikorzyn

3 July 2026 (Friday)

Field trip: Tomisławice Outcrop – Konin Lignite Mine, medieval stronghold in Tum and the Warsaw-Berlin Proglacial Valley
Closing of the conference (Łódź)

Abstracts for oral and poster presentations:

Participants are invited to submit abstracts related to the general theme of the symposium by **1 March 2026**. Please use the provided abstract template. The abstract may be a maximum of two pages long and should be sent to the following email address: joanna.rychel@pgi.gov.pl. All accepted abstracts will be published digitally in the Conference Abstract Volume.

Posters should be prepared in B1 format (70 × 100 cm) in vertical (portrait) orientation. Please ensure that all text, figures, and maps are clearly legible from a distance. Due to the high number of submissions and the limited time available for oral presentations, the organizers reserve the right to change the form of the presentation.

Travel information and venue:

The conference will start and end in **Łódź**, a centrally located city in Poland with very good transport connections. Łódź is easily accessible by train and FlixBus from major Polish and European cities. There are also convenient connections from Warsaw airport (Chopin Airport) to Łódź. There is also an airport in Łódź – Łódź Władysław Reymont Airport (LCJ). The **Faculty of Geographical Sciences, University of Łódź**, where the first day of the conference will be held, as well as the Training and Conference Centre of the University of Łódź (accommodation site), are both located within a short walking distance from the Łódź Fabryczna Railway Station. **Participants arriving by car** are kindly informed that on 30 June we will leave Łódź and return on 3 July, and during this time, we will not be in the vicinity of the city.

Other information:

For entry to the strategic facility – the lignite mines – ID or passport details will be required. For this purpose, please complete the [designated form](#). Without providing the required details, entry to the mine will not be possible; therefore, participants who fail to submit the information by the deadline will have to wait for the entire group.

Following the conference, a special issue of *Quaternary International* is planned, comprising papers based on topics presented during the PWG meetings in Germany (2025) and Poland (2026). In the registration form, a significant number of participants have expressed interest in the publication. In the [designated form](#), participants are required to specify the article topic in 2–3 sentences, outlining its general theme and objective. This information will be forwarded to the QI editorial board.

Contact information:

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