

ISSS Meeting 2027

**“The Silurian of Southwestern Gondwana:
High-Latitude Geology and Life”**



San Juan, Argentina, 19th–23th July 2027

FIRST CIRCULAR

Introduction

The official 2027 Annual Meeting of the International Subcommittee on Silurian Stratigraphy will take place in San Juan, Argentina, as agreed by the delegates at the annual meeting held in Seville, Spain, in September 2025.

After over 20 years, the ISSS Meeting returns to South America, representing a significant milestone in the history of the ISSS and an excellent opportunity to strengthen international scientific cooperation in the field of geoscience.

On behalf of the organizers, we are pleased to invite the scientific community to participate in this important event, which will combine academic sessions with the opportunity to explore the classic and well-exposed Silurian sequences of the Argentine Precordillera.

Schedule and Deadlines

Due to the need for advanced logistical planning, an immediate response to the questionnaire at the end of this circular is required.

- October 31st, 2026: Response to the First Circular questionnaire (see below).
- December 1th, 2026: Distribution of the Second Circular with definitive fees.
- February 15th, 2027: Deadline for paying the early birds registration fee.
- May 15st, 2027: Deadline for short papers and abstracts.
- June 30th, 2027: Distribution of the Third Circular with the Final Programme.
- July 18th, 2027: Arrival in San Juan.
- July 19th–21th, 2027: Scientific sessions, official dinner.
- July 22th -23th, 2027: Silurian Excursion to the classic Silurian localities from the Precordillera.
- July 24th, 2027: Departures from San Juan.

About the San Juan Province

San Juan city is the capital of the homonymous province, located in west-central Argentina, in a region known as Cuyo. The city lies in an oasis irrigated by the San Juan River, at the foot of the imposing Andes Mountains. It is the administrative and cultural center of the province, with a metropolitan population of approximately 500,000 inhabitants.

The city is known for its modern layout, having been rebuilt after an earthquake in 1944, which resulted in wide avenues and spacious squares. It serves as the gateway to one of the most important geological and paleontological regions in South America. In July, San Juan experiences its coldest, driest, and sunniest winter weather. Days are mild and sunny, while nights are cold, often with clear, starry skies. Temperatures typically range from 0 °C to 20 °C, dry and windy conditions, with very little rain.

Travel

Airport: The Domingo Faustino Sarmiento International Airport of San Juan (UAQ) is the main gateway to the province. It receives daily flights from Buenos Aires (Aeroparque AEP and Ezeiza EZE) operated by major Argentine airlines (Aerolíneas Argentinas, Flybondi, JetSmart). The flight duration from Buenos Aires is approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Connections: The most common route is via Mendoza airport. International visitors will arrive at Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) or Aeroparque (AEP) in Buenos Aires and must take a domestic flight to Mendoza and then continue by bus from Mendoza to San Juan with a journey of approximately 2 hours.

Visas: Please check if you need a visa to enter Argentina. Citizens of many South American and European countries do not require a visa for short-term tourist stays (generally up to 90 days). However, it is imperative that you consult with the Argentine consulate in your country of origin. If you require an official letter of invitation for academic or visa purposes, please contact the organizers well in advance.

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation for the entire period of stay. Keep in mind that July is high season in the region due to the winter holidays. Therefore, we suggest booking in advance to secure these prices before availability runs out.

San Juan offers a variety of accommodation options, from downtown hotels to tourist apartments and inns.

Estimated price range (for 6 nights, July 20th to 24th): Hotels (mid-range): USD 300 – 600; Budget hotels / Hostels / Tourist apartments: USD 150 – 350.

As with any city, standard precautions are advised. The downtown area and university surroundings are safe for tourism. The organizers will recommend specific areas in the Second Circular.

Conference Venue

The scientific sessions will be held at the Paleontological Museum of San Juan. This newly developed building, strategically situated in Plaza Belgrano, is conceived as a dynamic core for scientific dissemination and cultural exchange. The infrastructure includes a dedicated conference room suitable for scientific sessions, accommodating up to 60 people. Additionally, the Museum Exhibition Hall offers a significantly larger space with a capacity for 300 people, ideal for hosting poster sessions.



Paleontological Museum of San Juan

Fees and Payment

The registration fee amounts are indicative and will be set for an early bird registration between December 31th, 2026, and February 15th, 2027, depending on the acquisition of new financial support. The final fees will be announced in the Second Circular, distributed on December 31th, 2026.

Concept	Payment until February 15th,2027	Payment after February 15th,2027
Senior Researcher	USD 300	USD 350
Accompanying Person	USD 120	USD 150
Extras		
Subcommission Dinner	Approx. USD 40-50	Approx. USD 40-50

The participant registration fee includes: Admission to all sessions, the conference programme and abstract volume, publication in the conference volume, snacks and coffee breaks as scheduled, social events, and the Field Trip to the Silurian of Precordillera. The accompanying person fee includes attendance at social events.

Payment methods and registration payment options will be provided in the next circular.

Support

Very limited support covering registration expenses for early career researchers from the ISSS may be available; please contact the ISSS chairman Prof. Carlo Corradini (ccorradini@units.it) for further details. Note that only participants giving an oral presentations will be considered for support.

Presentations

Oral: Depending on the final numbers, regular oral presentations will be limited to either 15+5 or 12+3 minutes. Slides should be prepared in MS PowerPoint (.ppt, .pptx) or PDF formats.

Posters: Vertical A0 size will be displayed throughout the entire meeting and presented during dedicated poster sessions.

Abstracts and Papers

The short abstracts and up to 10 papers will be published in the PEAPA- Publicación Electronica de la Asociación Paleontológica Argentina (free open access without APC) of the APA (Asociación Paleontológica Argentina) (<https://peapaleontologica.org.ar/index.php/peapa/about/submissions>). They must be formatted according to the requirements that will be sent in the second circular.

Excursions

Two days of field trips to the Silurian of Precordillera will complement the indoor sessions. Access to the outcrops is via dirt roads and tracks. Transportation will be provided in 4x4 vehicles or minibuses with limited capacity. The total number of seats for the excursions is limited to 30 people, with preference given to the officers and titular members of the Silurian Subcommittee/ICS. The remaining places will be allocated in order of registration and payment.

Main Field Trip (23-24th July - included in the fee):

A tour of the classic Silurian localities in the Central Precordillera. We will visit key sections such as the Quebrada Ancha and Quebrada Poblete, near the town of San Juan, and Cerro del Fuerte, near the Jáchal Village. These sections are world-renowned for their Early Paleozoic successions.



Quebrada Poblete Section

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Pre-registration form

Please complete the questionnaire using the link provided by October 31st, 2026.
For any questions or further information, contact us at issssanjuan2027@gmail.com

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If you cannot access to the Google pre-registration form, please send a mail to issssanjuan2027@gmail.com reporting your name, institution, country, and if you intend to attend the meeting or not.

Thanks for your cooperation

See you in San Juan in 2027!