

# FLAG 2010 – Final Information Circular – July 2010

Dear FLAG colleagues this is an information update for those members who have registered to participate in the FLAG2010 meeting. The circular contains reminders and updates of the following information:

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We look forward to seeing you in September 2010.

The FLAG 2010 organisers (Pedro, Antonio, Alberto, Jorge, Martin and Geert-Jan)

## 1. Conference dates and location

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September inclusive:

- Icebreaker = Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September (Hotel Colina do Castelo in Castelo Branco)
- Scientific presentations = Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September (V. V. Ródão)
- Fieldtrip = Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September (Castelo Branco to Lisbon)
- Conference end and first opportunity for return travel = Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September

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## 2. Travel to the conference accommodation

Most delegates will arrive by flights to Lisbon International airport. From Lisbon the best ways to travel to Castelo Branco are by train or bus. The train is the most comfortable! The train or bus stations can be accessed by taxi (easiest) or by bus (Aeroshuttle – departs every 30 mins, every day between 7am and 11pm. Tickets can be bought in the bus [€ 3.5]).

Bus travel (Rede Expressos)

Timetable information and online ticket: <http://www.rede-expressos.pt/>

Buses to Castelo Branco depart from the Sete Rios bus station (Lisbon) with a 2hrs45min travel time.

- Departures: 09h50, 16h30, 17h15, 18h45 and 20h30.

Train Travel

Timetable information and online tickets at: <http://www.cp.pt/cp/>

From the airport you will need to travel to the nearest railway station: Gare do Oriente.

Lisbon (Gare do Oriente) to Castelo Branco (only morning transport):

- IC (Intercity fast trains) depart at 8h26, 13h27, 18h37, 19h26 and take 2hr50mins. A single (one-way) ticket is priced at €18.50 (1<sup>st</sup> class) and €13.50 (2<sup>nd</sup> class).
- Regional (slower) trains depart at 9h56 and takes 3hr51mins. Single ticket = €11.60

Arrival in Castelo Branco - the bus and train station are located next to each other. The Hotel Colina do Castelo is approximately 1.2km northwest and can be accessed via taxi or by walking (but the climate will be hot!). See Google Earth / Google maps for information.

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### 3. Icebreaker Information

The icebreaker is on the early evening of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September at the conference hotel accommodation (Hotel Colina do Castelo) in the town of Castelo Branco: (<http://www.trypcolinacastelo.com/en>).

The icebreaker is free to all conference delegates and will commence at 19.00 and end by ~20.30hrs. The room for the icebreaker will be signposted from the hotel reception.

At the icebreaker, the conference delegates should collect their conference packs (name badges, abstract volumes etc).

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### 4. Scientific programme information

The scientific programme will take place in an auditorium in the small town of Vila Velha de Ródão. Vila Velha de Ródão is located approximately 30km from the accommodation at Castelo Branco.

- Travel to conference venue - Return coach travel will be provided for all conference to delegates between Castelo Branco and Vila Velha de Ródão. There will only be one outbound and one return coach journey per day. Delegates wishing to return to the accommodation early will need to arrange their own transport.
  - Outbound coach departure - 08.30hrs from the hotel. Please arrive by 08.20hrs at the bus so that we can depart on time.
  - Return coach times will depend upon the evening activities (e.g. conference meal) and will be advised accordingly.
- Scientific programme – the scientific programme is provided in a separate document (FLAG2010 Scientific programme schedule.pdf). Each day is organised to start at 09.00hrs and end ~19.00hrs. We will have 1 hour coffee and poster sessions in the morning and afternoon with a 1.5 hour lunch break. Access to the Internet will be available.

#### Talk information:

- Talk format: all talks are scheduled for 15minutes length and 5 minutes for questions
- Talk format: all talks should be prepared using Microsoft Powerpoint 2007 and saved onto a USB memory stick using a .ppt extension (i.e. saved in a 2003-2007 format).
- Talk uploading: all talks should be uploaded in the coffee or lunch break prior to the session of delivery.

#### Poster information

- Poster format – posters should be A0 in size and in portrait format.
- Poster display boards – each poster will be allocated a display board in an area adjacent to the main auditorium. Fixings for posters will be available.
- Poster viewing – posters will be available for viewing from the start until the end of the formal scientific programme. We will have 1 hour coffee and poster sessions in the morning and afternoon so that posters get sufficient time for presentation.

#### Lunch information

- Lunches during the scientific programme on the 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> September are free to all delegates (no alcoholic beverages included)
- Lunches will take place in the nearby Complexo Turístico Portas de Ródão <http://estalagemrodao.blogspot.com/>.
- A coach will be available for the short transfer to and from the lunch venue.

#### Conference dinner information

- The conference meal is free to all delegates.
- It will take place on the evening of the September 6<sup>th</sup> and will comprise an open-air buffet at "Castelo do Rei Vamba" (see Google Earth/Maps 39°38'51"N, 7°41'25"W). This is a spectacular location

looking down onto the River Tejo and the Ródão gorge. Bring your cameras!

- A coach will be available for the transfer from the Auditorium to the restaurant and later to return delegates to the hotel in Castelo Branco.

#### FLAG Focus / business meeting

- The end of Day 1 of the scientific programme is allocated to a FLAG business meeting. We will use this opportunity to discuss the focus of FLAG and future FLAG activities. FLAG founder (David Bridgland) and the current chair of FLAG (Jef Vandenberghe) will lead discussions.

#### Visit to the V. V. Ródão Museum (Archaeology and Geology)

- Subject to time, there will be an opportunity to visit the local museum in Vila Velha de Ródão. The museum has some excellent information about the geology and archaeological history around the River Tejo in the Vila Velha de Ródão region.

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## 5. Post-conference field trip

The post conference fieldtrip (8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September) has been organised by Antonio Martins (Evora, Portugal), Pedro Cunha (Coimbra, Portugal), Geert-Jan Vis (Geological Survey of the Netherlands) and Portuguese / Dutch collaborators based upon their ongoing research in the region.

The fieldtrip will start in Castelo Branco and move to Lisbon (c. 250 km), along the Tejo valley. Field sites in the upstream reaches will provide excellent opportunities to see: 1) the geomorphology of a spectacular river gorge where the Tejo River has cut down through uplifted blocks of Palaeozoic basement; and 2) to examine and comment the sedimentology, stratigraphy, luminescence dating and archaeology of river terrace landforms where the Tejo has incised into Tertiary deposits.

Collectively, upstream field locations will provide excellent opportunities to discuss climate and tectonic controls on a river system that drains a large part of the Iberian interior. Sites visited in the downstream region will focus upon the Pleistocene, Holocene and historical evolution of the Tejo and its estuary, providing opportunities to discuss climate and human influences on river system dynamics.

The Field trip registration fee includes a field guide, all transportation by bus, lunches and evening meals (8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September) and hotel accommodation on the evenings of the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September. The field trip ends at the hotel in Lisbon on the evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> September and participants will be free for their return travel from Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Information updates about the fieldtrip will be provided during the scientific programme days (6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September).

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## 6. Conference publication

There will be an opportunity to submit papers presented at the FLAG2010 conference to a special edition of the Elsevier journal [Geomorphology](#). FLAG meetings have an excellent track record for output of journal special editions with many high quality reviews and case studies on Quaternary river terrace records from around the world. Geomorphology has an excellent international reputation as one of the top physical geography and Quaternary science journals.

'Techniques for analysing Quaternary river terrace records'  
Stokes, Cunha and Martins (guest editors)

We would welcome original articles / case studies or review papers that cover river terrace dating techniques (luminescence, cosmogenic etc), river terrace sediment provenance techniques, stratigraphic techniques, techniques for climate analysis of terraces (glacial, periglacial, humid etc), techniques for tectonic interpretations of terrace datasets and techniques for archaeological analysis.

The deadline for paper submission is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010. The intention is for an end 2011 publication date.

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## FLAG 2010 Biennial Meeting

“Long term river evolution and fluvial dynamics”

Vila Velha de Ródão (Castelo Branco), Portugal

September 5<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Organized by the Department of Earth Sciences, Univ. Coimbra

