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JANUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

16 JANUARY

The next PGK meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 16, 2007**. The programme will be as follows:

17:00-18:00 hrs: Social hour
18:00-19:00 hrs: Lecture by Marita Felder

*“Grube Messel
Eocene Oil Shale: a Window at Eocene Life”*

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FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting will be held on **Wednesday February 20, 2008**.

NEW MEMBERS

Application for membership has been received from Marlies van Dienst (University of Utrecht), Elisa Guasti (TNO), Frans de Reuver (Panterra), Paul Huibregtse and Sjoukje de Vries (Horizon-EP), Reinoud Botman (University of Utrecht), Jasper Bloemsma (VU University Amsterdam), Gerrit Louwaars (Shell) and Matthijs de Rooij (Shell). If no objections are received prior to or during the next meeting, he/she will be automatically admitted as member of our society.



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Monthly meeting: Wednesday 16 January 2007
Address: KiVi, The Hague
Social hour: Between 17:00 and 18:00 hrs
Lecture: 18:00-19:00

Title: “*Grube Messel*
Eocene Oil Shale: a Window at Eocene Life”

ABSTRACT

Grube Messel is an oil shale deposit located about 8 km east of Darmstadt (Germany). This Eocene oil shale deposit formed in a small, volcanic lake (a 'maar'). The oil shale was mined for about 80 years to produce oil. Later usage of the abandoned open cast mine as landfill was prevented, as the deposit is one of the most important Eocene fossil sites anywhere in the world. In the oil shale exquisitely preserved plants, invertebrates, as well as articulated insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals are abundant. This unique fossil assemblage provides an unrivalled view of life during the Eocene. Primitive horses and other, also extremely rare vertebrate fossils are important for understanding evolution during the early Tertiary. These were the major reasons for the UNESCO to declare this deposit a World Heritage site.

Paleontology, geology, geophysics and geochemistry in combination moreover allow a detailed reconstruction of the surrounding paratropical ecosystem and its development.

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Terra Incognita, het grootste aardwetenschappen-antiquariaat van Nederland wenst alle PGK'ers een Voorspoedig 2008 toe.

(motto : uiteindelijk komen Uw boeken toch wel bij ons terecht !). Email h.duyverman@chello.nl

Terra Incognita organiseert van 9-23 augustus 2008 voor de 5e en voorlopig laatste keer een Oost-Java/Bali/Lombok expeditie. waar vulkanen, milieu, snorkelen, cultuur, goede hotels en een prima sfeer voorop staan. Er zijn nog een paar plekken vrij, mailt U maar naar h.duyverman@chello.nl

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