



## Mother Earth

### 5<sup>th</sup> International Geologica Belgica Congress GB2016

26-29 January 2016 | Mons, Belgium

The 5<sup>th</sup> International Geologica Belgica Congress will be held in Mons, January 26-29, 2016. The main theme is « Mother Earth ». We therefore encourage topics related to environment, resources and past life. However, contributions from a wide range of Earth Science disciplines are welcome, including :

Paleoclimatology  
Geoenergy & reservoirs  
Hydrogeology  
Geomaterials and ore geology

Geoenvironment  
Geohazards  
Deep geological processes  
Stratigraphy and sedimentary geology

Early and past life  
Plate tectonics and structural geology  
Geoheritage and geoeducation  
Geoarcheology

#### Sessions with keynote lecture

African geology & mineral resources in a global world (conveners : J. Gustzmer and Th. De Putter)  
Chalk: impacts of geology on engineering (conveners : R. Mortimore and S. Vandycke)  
Patterns and mechanisms of past climate change (conveners : M. Melles and D. Verschuren)  
Major transitions in Early Life evolution (conveners : F. Westall and E. Javaux)  
Terrestrialization and the return to the sea (conveners : A. Houssaye, O. Lambert and V. Fisher)

The Dumont and Vandenbroeck medals will be awarded during the congress.

#### Important dates

Abstract submission closing : 25 September 2015. To submit an abstract, please use the template available for download from our website, follow the instructions in this file, and select the appropriate session topic.

Abstracts have to be sent to [infogbmeeting2016@gmail.com](mailto:infogbmeeting2016@gmail.com). The congress program is still under construction. Any suggestions about complementary session topics are welcome until the 15<sup>th</sup> of July.

Information regarding venue, travel, accommodation and program can be accessed online at <https://sites.google.com/site/5thgbmeeting/home>.

Looking forward to seeing you in Mons !

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