



NECLIME Annual Meeting 2017, Yerevan, Armenia

The 18th Annual Meeting of the NECLIME (Neogene Climate Evolution in Eurasia) Consortium was held in Yerevan, Armenia, at the Botanical Institute of the National Academy of Sciences, from September 18 to 24, 2017. Thanks to the dedication of our hosts, Ivan Gabrielyan and Astghik Papikyan, the perfectly organized meeting was a great success. On a three-day post-conference field trip, the outstanding natural and cultural heritage of Armenia was introduced to the participants.



28 colleagues from 12 countries joined the conference which included two key note lectures (Anush Nersesyan: Vegetation of Armenia; Ivan Gabrielyan: Palaeobotany of Armenia), 15 oral and ten poster contributions. The contributions were arranged in the following topical sessions: (1) The environmental history of the Caucasus – flora, fauna, vegetation and climate, (2) Plant biodiversity in time and space, (3) Climate data from non-plant proxies: vertebrates, insects and geochemical proxies, (4) Early human environment, and (5) Neogene climate evolution in Eurasia (as a general topic of NECLIME).

In the context of the NECLIME conference, a three-day workshop was organized by ROCEEH (in the frame of the PlantBITES project) that introduced young scientists from Georgia and Armenia into quantitative techniques of palaeoenvironmental reconstructions developed in NECLIME.