

## **Announcement**

### **International Association for Gondwana Research 2026 Convention, the 23rd International Conference on Gondwana to Asia and International Conference on Tectonics of South East Asia (ICTSEA2026), Chiang Mai University, Thailand**

The 2026 Annual Convention of the International Association for Gondwana Research (IAGR), the 23rd International Conference on Gondwana to Asia and the International Conference on Tectonics of South East Asia (ICTSEA 2026) will be held onsite at Chiang Mai University in Chiang Mai, THAILAND, from Wednesday, November 11, to Sunday, November 15, 2026.

The Department of Geological Sciences, Faculty of Science, Chiang Mai University and the IAGR cordially invite you to participate in this important international conference, which will cover state-of-the-art research on all topics related to the solid Earth, particularly regarding the origin and evolution of continents, continental assemblies, and their environments and resources.

The conference sessions will run for two days on November 12-13, 2026, in Chiang Mai, with an ice-breaker session on the evening of November 11. We are also planning a two-day post-conference field trip on November 14-15.

Chiang Mai University is the first university of the Lanna people, born out of a struggle and public demand for the establishment of a higher education institution in Northern Thailand. The newspaper *Kon Muang* played a particularly prominent role during that era, publishing a campaign from June 6 to July 24, 1953—eight consecutive weeks—through its editorial section and the column *Ok Khuang* under the headline “Should a University be Established in the North?” This opened the door for free public discourse and expression of opinions. The intensity of the movement was further demonstrated through the creation and distribution of tags, stamps, and circular signs bearing messages such as: In the North, we want a university. Join the fight to bring a university to our region. The campaign was also strongly supported by front-page newspaper headlines, including: "Fight with all your heart for the university of Lanna Thai" and "For the dignity of the northern people, we must have a university of Lanna Thai."

Chiang Mai University, the first regional university in Thailand, was established in accordance with government policy and the will of the people in the northern region, to serve as a center for higher academic and professional education. The first academic term began on June 18, 1964, and the university had the great honor of receiving royal grace from His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who presided over the official opening ceremony of Chiang Mai University on January 24, 1965.

The IAGR conference will provide valuable opportunities to meet renowned geoscientists and exchange scientific ideas. The conference will address a wide range of topics related to the solid Earth, focusing particularly on:

- Geology and tectonic evolution of continental assemblies
- Earth system dynamics
- Geology of subduction zones, past and present

- Metallogeny and critical minerals
- Sedimentary basin evolution and petroleum system
- Geoenergy and future sustainability
- Data science and natural hazards
- Life evolution and surface environment

During the conference, the GR 2026 Best Paper Award Ceremony, IAGR General Assembly and Council Meeting, Gondwana Research Editorial Meeting and other business meetings including GSF Editorial Meeting will also be held.

The symposium registration fee will be \$300 USD (Student delegates: US \$200 USD), which includes the abstract volume, ice breaker, working lunch, symposium banquet, and refreshments. The registration fee for participants who join the post-symposium excursion will also be \$150 USD, covering the field guidebook, food, and transportation during the excursion, in addition to the items included during the symposium.

Please submit your registration form and express your interest in joining the excursion as soon as possible, and no later than June 1, 2026. Abstracts for both oral and poster presentations must be submitted by July 1, 2026. Abstracts should follow the format specified by Gondwana Research (<http://www.elsevier.com/locate/gr>) and should be up to three printed pages, including a maximum of one figure and one table. The abstract volume will be published as a Conference Series volume of the IAGR.

We look forward to meeting you in Chiang Mai and Chiang Mai University, a university of Lanna Thai.

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