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Dear Professor Yang Chen,

IGCP 709 Conference and Field Excursion

As International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) New Zealand national representative, it is my great pleasure to invite you to participate in an IUGS-UNESCO International Geoscience Programme Project (IGCP) 709 conference and field excursion. This will be held in New Zealand from 29 October to 3 November 2023.

The topic of IGCP 709 is *High pressure-ultrahigh pressure (HP-UHP) metamorphism and geochemical cycles in subduction zones*. IGCP 709 provides a platform for international experts to conduct a comparative study of HP-UHP metamorphic belts across the globe. The main purpose of the 2023 conference in New Zealand is to discuss challenging problems and to exchange ideas on subduction zone processes. The conference will include a field excursion to New Zealand's Fiordland, led by Professor Geoff Clarke from the University of Sydney. The Fiordland region showcases a unique occurrence of high pressure metamorphism in the roots of an Early Cretaceous magmatic arc.

Your documented experience on, and interest in, HP-UHP metamorphism will be central to the conference discussions on comparative subduction zones. Hence this invitation to come to the conference and field excursion.

The logistics and registrations are being handled by the Fine Tours New Zealand. The total cost for the conference is NZD6000 per person, which will cover all meals, accommodation and fieldtrip (including boat and helicopter) expenses from 29 Oct through to 3 Nov 2023. A day to day schedule is appended below. Please let me know if you have any questions with regard to this invitation letter. I look forward to welcoming you to New Zealand.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Mortimer'.

Dr. Nick Mortimer, FRSNZ

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Conference and fieldtrip schedule

- Day 1, 29 Oct: Check in at Distinction Luxmore Hotel, Te Anau
- Day 2, 30 Oct: Conference talks and workshops. Distinction Luxmore Hotel
- Day 3, 31 Oct: Field excursion Breaksea Tops. Stay on boat overnight
- Day 4, 1 Nov: Field excursion Breaksea Sound. Stay on boat overnight
- Day 5, 2 Nov: Field excursion Doubtful Sound. Return to Distinction Luxmore Hotel for dinner
- Day 6, 3 Nov: End of conference. Travel to Queenstown.