



# POWDERS & GRAINS 2017

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### Conference papers

We thank all contributors for their time and effort during the last 4 months for preparing and submitting their papers and having followed the suggestions of the reviewers to improve their manuscripts. We have received all signed copyrights transfer forms in time and the collection of nearly 400 papers was sent last week to the production service of the EPJ. We hope that the online open-access publication will be ready before the conference. The papers were reviewed by the members of the Scientific Committee, Invited Speakers, selected experts, and members of the Organizing Committee. The editors needed nearly four months to get all papers reviewed, and would like to sincerely acknowledge the valuable help and efforts of all reviewers, some of whom reviewed more than 30 papers! Most papers got two reviews with the exception of a few papers for which one of the reviews was not available in time.

The oral presentations will be selected in April. The poster sessions are as much important for this conference as it brings together nearly 500 researchers from all over the world and from different communities. Apart from the posters based on the accepted papers, we have decided to accept more posters based on a one-page abstract. The abstract should be prepared using the EPJ format (see Downloads and Forms on the conference site [www.pg2017.org](http://www.pg2017.org)) and sent in pdf format to [franck.radjai@umontpellier.fr](mailto:franck.radjai@umontpellier.fr). The deadline is **June 1, 2017**.

We would like also to recall here the video sessions and awards. The aim of the video abstracts is to increase the visibility of scientific work by conveying scientific results beyond the constraints of the written articles. Each video abstract can be introduced through a 3 minutes oral presentation in a dedicated session. The deadline for the submission is **June 1, 2017**. All conference participants (including those who present an oral talk or a poster) can contribute and the content can be either experiments or simulations. The instructions are available on the conference web page (<http://pg2017.org/en/author-area>).

## Registration

According to our initial program, the **standard registration fees** apply until April 1, 2017. However, we have decided to change this deadline for early-bird registration to **April 15** in order to allow the largest number of registrations with a standard fee. Please note that the fees are higher beyond this deadline. Optional supplements include gala dinner as well as a one-day geological excursion (on July 8, see below) that we strongly recommend to those who are interested in environmental granular processes. The guided tour of the historical site of Montpellier is included in the registration fee.

For **accommodation**, the conference offers the competitive fee of 210 euros for 6 nights in a university room (but does not need to be student). Please refer to the conference internet page for more details.

To request a **visa letter** (or invitation letter) please visit <http://pg2017.org/en/general-information/travel-visa>.

## Geological excursion

A one-day excursion is proposed on Saturday, July 8th. It will focus on natural granular processes related to hillslope erosion and river transport. We will visit several outcrops along the 'Hérault' river near Saint-Bauzille-de-Putois (30 km northward of Montpellier). In this area, the river shows two flow regimes: a) a canyon in which the flow is confined in a bedrock channel, and pebbles impact and erode the bedrock; and b) a large alluvial valley in which pebbles are transported and deposited. We will also observe hillslope granular deposits named stratified scree, composed of dipping layers of angular rock fragments resulting from frost weathering. We will visit the Grotte des Demoiselles, an impressive cave located in a nearby limestone relief. The fee for this excursion is 50 euros and it covers transport and lunch expenses as well as the entry fee to the "Grotte des Demoiselles" cavern. For more details about the visit program and nice pictures of the sites, please go to <http://pg2017.org/en/program/social-program>.