



**20th CARIBBEAN GEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE**  
**Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago**  
**May 17-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**  
hosted by the  
**Geological Society of Trinidad and Tobago (GSTT)**

**First Circular & Call for Abstracts**  
**April 2014**

The 20th Caribbean Geological Conference will be held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, in the South Eastern Caribbean, from May 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, under the auspices of the Geological Society of Trinidad & Tobago. The Steering Committee is comprised of a number of regional directors of geological sciences.

The conference aims to bring together geoscientists working within the Latin America and the Caribbean region so that they can present their work and share their experiences, and is dedicated to the exchange of information on Geology and Tectonics of Caribbean Region and their impact on natural hazards, natural resources and environmental problems.

Specific conference topic sessions will be organized around the general themes listed below, based on the interest of the participants and submitted abstracts.

**Seismology and Tectonics**

**Marine Geology & Geophysics**

**Stratigraphy**

**Paleontology & Paleoecology**

**Active Volcanism**

**Sedimentology**

**Igneous & Metamorphic Petrology**

**Carbonate Geology**

**Metaliferous Deposits**

**Hydrocarbons**

**Environmental & Engineering Geology**

**Hydrogeology**

**Landslides & Geohazards**

**Earth Science Education**

Suggestions for additional themes or specific topics are welcome.

## **Abstract Guidelines**

- Abstracts should cover the objectives, procedures, results and conclusions of the research and should be no more than 500 words in length. The title, authors, and authors' affiliations are not included in the word limit.
- Titles are required — they should be brief and state the topic.
- Abstract titles should not include company names.
- Evaluation and ranking of abstracts are based on relevance and timeliness of subject matter; usefulness of contribution to the advancement of knowledge, techniques or practice; and overall clarity, organization and presentation of ideas.
- Sessions will be determined from the abstracts submitted to each theme.
- Submit your abstract in the form in which you would like it published. Abstracts will not be edited.
- Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection by **September, 30th 2014**.
- Authors of accepted abstracts will have the option to submit an extended version of their abstract which will then be reproduced on CD-ROM and made available at the conference.
- Presenters must refrain from making subtle or blatant sales pitches including but not limited to: repeated use of product names, trade names or pictures, or repeated use of company logo.
- Final booth design will be announced in the poster kit and sent to all confirmed poster presenters prior to the start of the conference.

**Important:** GSTT will not be funding any speakers. Do not submit an abstract unless at least one author is certain to attend the conference. All session chairs, speakers and poster presenters must register to attend the conference. No exceptions.

## **Submissions**

Abstracts for all sessions should be submitted to the GSTT Secretariat via email to [gstt@tstt.net.tt](mailto:gstt@tstt.net.tt) before **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2014**.

## **CONFERENCE SITE & FACILITIES**

The Conference will be held at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Trinidad.

1 Wrightson Road  
Port-of-Spain  
Trinidad and Tobago, W.I.  
Tele: 868-623-2222 Fax: 868-821-6401  
<http://www.trinidad.hyatt.com>

Modern presentation facilities will be available in each conference room. Simultaneous sessions will be held. A dedicated space near the conference rooms will be allocated for Poster sessions.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Hotel rooms at negotiated rates are available at the Hyatt Regency Hotel; the conference centre. Other hotels include The Raddison in Downtown Port of Spain, the Kapok Hotel, Carlton Savannah, Hilton Hotel and the Normandie Hotel all located within close proximity of the scenic Queens Park Savannah

## **TRAVEL**

The main port of entry to Trinidad is the Piarco International Airport. (<http://www.piarcoairport.com>). IATA code is 'POS'. Several airlines fly to Trinidad from the Caribbean, North America and Europe (American Airlines, British Airways, Caribbean Airlines, Copa Airlines, Conviasa, Jet Blue Airways, LIAT, Surinam Airways, WestJet).

Upon arrival at the Piarco International Airport, attendees can take an official taxi to their hotel. This journey normally takes 45mins, although at peak hours it can take between 60-90mins.

## **VISAS & CURRENCY**

The currency in Trinidad & Tobago is the TT Dollar.  
Attendants coming to the conference and accompanying persons should check with their travel agent or embassy for visa requirements for entry into Trinidad & Tobago.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

All field trips will run post-conference and will depart from the conference site – the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Call for Abstracts expires on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2014**. Registrations will commence on **12<sup>th</sup> January 2015**. Early registrations will close on **March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**.

## TRINIDAD & TOBAGO:

The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago comprises of two islands at the southern-most end of the Caribbean archipelago. Trinidad – the larger of the two islands – has an area of 4,828 sq km (1,864 sq mls) and is situated 10 km (7 miles) from the east coast of Venezuela. The capital city and main centre of government, Port of Spain is a hub of business activity and a major financial centre. San Fernando is the second largest city in the country, and is considered the industrial capital.

Tobago is 32 km (20 miles) off the north-east coast of Trinidad and has an area of 300 sq km (116 sq mls). Its' principal administrative centre is Scarborough, and is situated in the southern region of the island.

The two islands are a study in contrast, Trinidad is rich in natural resources, predominantly oil and gas, and is known for its cosmopolitan lifestyle and many festivities. The richness of its flora and fauna reflects its past linkage to the South American mainland. The more serene Tobago is the centre of the country's tourism industry, with its coral reefs, sugary-white sand beaches, natural beauty and a charisma all of its own.

To find out more about Trinidad and Tobago follow this link:-

[www.gotrinidadandtobago.com](http://www.gotrinidadandtobago.com)



*This fractured Late Miocene f-vf grained sandstone boulder of the deltaic Cruse Formation, Southern Basin Trinidad was extruded from a mud volcano along the south western coastline of Trinidad at Galfa Point. The Cruse formation to date serves as the most prolific oil producing reservoir for most fields within southern Trinidad and this boulder summarizes in a handful, the complexity of Trinidad's geology and the challenges posed to reservoir compartmentalization. (Photo credit: Karuna Ramasray, Petrotrin)*

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