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# Perissodactyla Workshop

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition JURASSICA Museum

Porrentruy, Switzerland

## First Circular – Perissodactyla Workshop – Porrentruy 2026

### Dates and localization

The Perissodactyla Workshop will be held at the **JURASSICA Museum** in **Porrentruy** (Jura, Switzerland) from **Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2026**. For directions, see the attached map and photo at the end of this circular.

Address: JURASSICA Museum  
Route de Fontenais 21a  
2900 Porrentruy, Switzerland

### Topics

Perissodactyls form a group of diverse ungulate mammals including horses, rhinoceroses and tapirs, as well as many families that are now extinct such as palaeotheres and brontotheres. Research on perissodactyls in deep time offers critical insights into how a once highly abundant, diverse, and successful group confronted major climatic and environmental changes—ultimately leading to their recent decline. Building on this foundation, the **Perissodactyla Workshop – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition** will be focused on all aspect of perissodactyls' paleontology, including but not limited to, taxonomy, phylogeny, paleoecology, conservation paleobiology, evolutionary history, zooarcheology, molecular systematics, and comparative anatomy. The first edition, held in France in 2024, focused on rhinoceroses to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rediscovery of the Gannat rhino. For this edition, the taxonomic scope has been broadened to encompass all perissodactyls (i.e. horses, rhinoceroses, tapirs, and their extinct relatives). The program will feature keynote presentations, scientific sessions, and a half-day field trip to showcase significant Swiss localities to international attendees. Participants will also have the opportunity to visit the museum's collections and preparation lab, fostering future research collaborations and specimen valorization.

### Contributions

We invite submissions that synthesize data. The workshop aims to encourage debate and dialogue, with ample time allocated for discussion. Information regarding presentation slots, talk durations, and poster opportunities will be provided in the second circular.

## Preliminary program

Day 1 Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> of September	Day 2 Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> of September	Day 3 Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> of September
	Registrations all day	Registrations all day
	09:00 – 12:30	09:00 – 10:30
	Field trip in the Swiss Jura	Scientific session
		10:30 – 11:00
		Break
		11:00 – 12:30
		Scientific session
	12:30 - 14:00	12:30 - 14:00
	Lunch break	Lunch break
14:00 – 18:00	14:00 – 15:40	14:00 – 17:00
Registration of attendees	Keynote presentations	Scientific session
	15:40 – 16:00	15:30 – 16:00
Visits of the JURASSICA scientific collections and of the preparation lab	Break	Break
	16:00 – 16:50	16:00 – 17:30
	Keynote presentation	Scientific session
	17:30	18:00
	Posters Session	Round table
19:00	19:00	19:00
Icebreaker	Conference diner	Conference diner

## Conference fees

The workshop fee is estimated at **35 CHF** (~ 38 €). This fee covers organizational costs, an abstract book, coffee breaks, and the field trip (in Switzerland). It does not include the participation to the icebreaker (~ 20 CHF), lunches, nor diners (~ 35 CHF/each).

## Financial contributions / Grants

The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) has agreed to fund at least **7 student grants** to partially or fully cover travel, subsistence, and accommodation costs (excl. participation fees, conference fees, field trip). Funding will prioritize early career researchers (master students, PhD and young post-docs < 2 years since their defense) and researchers without proper funding to attend the meeting. The selection process will take into account scientific potential and achievements, gender and geographic origin.

Application process: Interested participants must submit a CV (which will be provided to SNSF) and a motivation letter to Manon Hullot ([manon.hullot@jurassica.ch](mailto:manon.hullot@jurassica.ch)) addressing the following criteria:

- General and academic background;
- Research topic(s) related to Perissodactyla research;
- How will this workshop benefit their research and how this research aligns with the workshop's themes;
- Statement confirming the unavailability of other funding sources;
- Career goals.

## Excursions

Half a day of field trip in the Swiss Jura is planned on the Friday morning. This will allow us to present the localities of Pommerat with dinosaur footprints (Jurassic) and the mammal locality of Birse/Poillat (Oligocene) which is the type locality of *Epiacetherium delemontense*.

## Food

Several options are available nearby, with variable budgets (10-50 CHF). The **icebreaker** will take place in a bar (L'antre Pot.es), and the **diners** will be organized at local restaurants (Hôtel de la Gare and Les Deux Clefs). More information will be provided in the next circular.

## Accommodation

In Porrentruy, there are a number of hotels where you may book accommodation:

<https://www.j3l.ch/fr/G4118/hebergement/hebergements-a-porrentruy?bounds=7.05410+47.40951+7.09476+47.43917>

Additionally, you may explore accommodation options (Airbnb / Hotels) in the nearby areas (Glovelier, Delémont, CH) or even across the French border (Delle, FR). Rail and bus connections to Porrentruy are convenient and reliable.

## Invitation letters

If you require an invitation letter to confirm your participation in the workshop or for a Schengen visa application, please contact us (see details below). If yes please provide your passport number and date of birth by email to Olivier Maridet ([olivier.maridet@jurassica.ch](mailto:olivier.maridet@jurassica.ch)).

## Travel information

By car: Porrentruy is easily reachable by car via the A16 highway. Please note that you will need a "tourist pass" to park your car everywhere in the city (CHF 5.- per day):

<https://www.porrentruy.ch/mobiliteindividuelle/88099>

By train: there is a train station in Porrentruy, that can easily be reached from Basel SBB via Delémont or from [Belfort - Montbéliard TGV](#) (France) taking a connecting train at Méroux (same location as Belfort-Montbéliard TGV but using the rails above the TGV station) via Delle.

By plane: the closest airport is the Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg Airport, near Basel. From the airport, you can take a tram or a bus to get to Basel SBB train station and then reach Porrentruy by train (around 1h15min).

## Interested in joining?

Please submit your pre-registration by 29.05.2026 by:

- filling in the details form: <https://framaforms.org/pre-registration-perissodactyla-workshop-2026-1772188707>

- if interesting in contributing, send an abstract to Manon Hullot ([manon.hullot@jurassica.ch](mailto:manon.hullot@jurassica.ch))

**Abstracts** should have the following format:

Title (500 characters)

Abstract body (2500 characters)

Keywords (up to 5)

Funding sources (200 characters)

The second circular with the program will be distributed in Summer 2026.

## Organizing Committee

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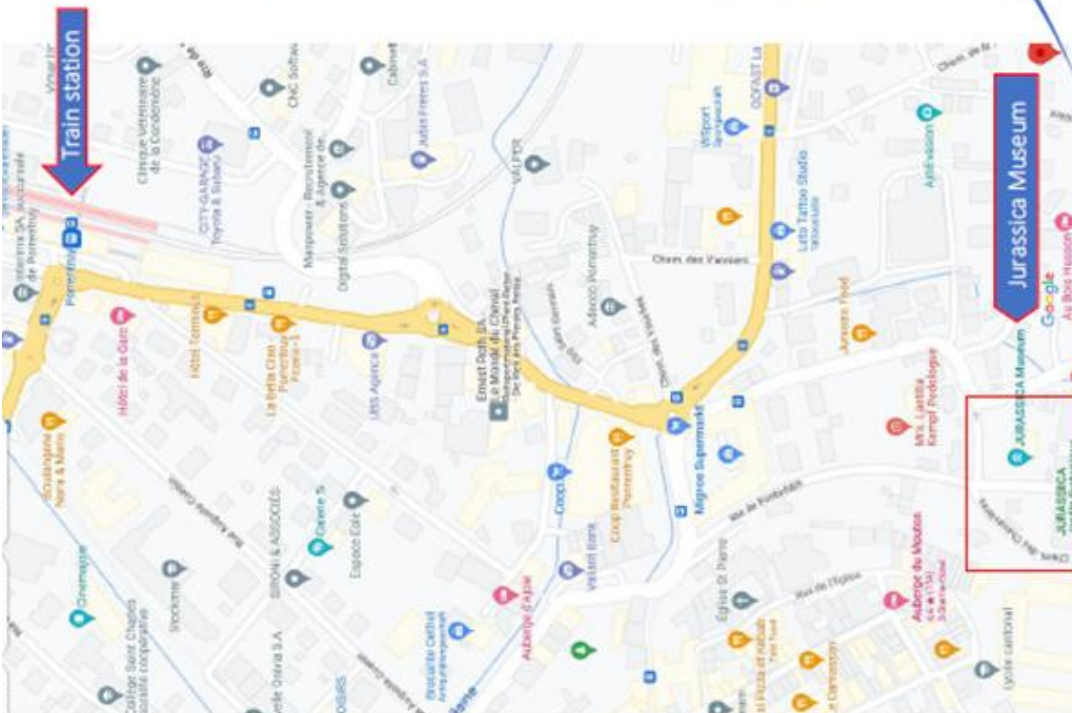
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### Road description

It is an around 15-20 minutes walk from the train station to the JURASSICA Museum.

Workshop venue: CRC, Route de Fontenais 21a, CH-2900 Porrentruy.  
It is next to the main building of the museum.



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