

# JURASSICA

## Paleontological Field School

10<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016

In 2016, the JURASSICA Museum will organize two weeks of paleontological fieldwork in the Late Jurassic of the Ajoie region (Canton Jura, NW Switzerland). Participants to the Field School will gain first-hand experience in paleontological field techniques. This is a research-oriented program. The collected material will join the collections of the JURASSICA Museum and be used for ongoing and future research projects.

Excavations will focus on a particularly productive level (Lower *Virgula* Marls, Reuchenette Formation, upper Kimmeridgian) deposited about 152 Ma ago in a protected shallow lagoon. Marine vertebrates (fish, turtles, crocodylomorphs) are usually relatively common alongside abundant invertebrates.

### Organization

Volunteers will be housed free of charge in a large dormitory in Porrentruy, but must cover costs of transportation and bring their own sleeping bag and other personal supplies. Food will be provided during fieldwork.

### Applications

Volunteers should send a brief cover letter (motivations and background in English or French) to Dr. Jérémy Anquetin no later than **19<sup>th</sup> June 2016**. We are expecting to recruit 10–15 participants. Priority will be given to university students with an interest in paleontology, but all applications are of course welcome. The minimum age is 18, no exceptions. Volunteers must stay for at least a week, but ideally they will participate for the two weeks of fieldwork.



Prospective students are invited to contact Dr. Jérémy Anquetin for any questions about the Field School.

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