

Thematic set of papers on the Silurian System

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Siluria revisited was held in July 2011 as a field and indoor meeting of the *International Subcommittee on the Silurian System*. A field guide (Ray 2011, available also from the IGCP 591 website: http://igcp591.org/downloads/siluria_revisited_excursion_2011.pdf) was published to accompany the pre- and post-conference field trips. Those attending the meeting were invited to submit papers on any aspect of the Silurian System and this issue of the *Bulletin of Geosciences* is the result. Topics covered range from conodont and graptolite biostratigraphy (Corradini & Corriga 2012, Loydell 2012, Legrand 2012) through carbon isotope stratigraphy (Marshall *et al.* 2012) and excursions integrated into automated stratigraphic correlations (Sadler 2012), correlations based upon metabentonites (Kiipli *et al.* 2012) and digital integrated stratigraphy (Munnecke *et al.* 2012), to systematic study on scolecodonts (Tonarová *et al.* 2012). The conference papers are supplemented by four other papers devoted to various aspects of the Silurian System and its biota (Brett *et al.* 2012, Štorch & Schönlaub 2012, Turek & Manda 2012, Slavík & Carls 2012). I hope that you enjoy reading the papers presented here and find them useful for your research.

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Ludlow Castle and Ludlow town which hosted biannual meeting of the ISSS in July 2012; view from Whitcliffe ridge (photo by Anthony Butcher).

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