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As a conference that is only run once every four years, The International Palaeontological Congress (IPC), held in 2010 at Imperial College and The Natural History Museum (London), was an event I had set my sights on from the very beginning of my PhD. This conference, which brought together 800 members of numerous palaeontological associations and societies from across the globe was greatly anticipated and provided me with the perfect opportunity to put some of my Ph.D research findings forward to the palaeontological community.

With between five and eight sessions running at any one time, covering a diverse range of topics, choosing which talks to attend was a real challenge. Sessions focusing on functional morphology, data analysis and taphonomy were of particular interest to me, the latter being the session in which I presented my own work "Seeing through the diagenesis of schizochroal trilobite eyes". Questions raised and feedback given by members of the audience proved invaluable in helping me draw conclusions from my work and identify new directions for my research.

IPC was a great networking opportunity, allowing me to make new contacts and come away with exciting ideas for future collaborations. The support provided by the Mineralogical Society has been received with sincere thanks as this experience was much too valuable to have been missed.

