Arab Impact Cratering and Astrogeology Conference
AICAC II Fieldtrip in Morocco from
16th to 21st November 2011

DETAILED FIELD TRIP PROGRAM

Day 1-Wednesday, 16/11/2011 – Casablanca/Fès 300 Kms:
Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Fès at 7:00. Arrival at 11h00 and the beginning of the visit of the most authentic of the Imperial Cities: Karaouiyine mosque, Medersa Attarin. Lunch at a former palace in the heart of the medina. After lunch continue the visit by Moulay Idriss and Bab Boujloud, then visit the new city: the Merinides Tombs and stop outside the Royal Palace. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Fès.

Day 2-Tuesday, 17/11/2011: Fès/Midelt/Erfoud/Merzouga 530 Kms.
Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Erfoud at 7/00 through the small city Ifrane (called the small Swiss of Morocco) known by snow in winter and pleasant weather in summer time; Azrou and Midelt for lunch. After lunch continue by Errachidia. Stop at blue source of Meski, then continuation to Erfoud. Visit the cutting and polishing of the famous Devonian fossilious limestones. The group leaves the bus and embarks on 4x4 cars with drivers for Merzouga at 50 km from Erfoud. According to arrival time there is an opportunity to watch the sunset, a unique show in this beautiful region of Morocco. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in front of the beauty of the desert in Merzouga.
Day 3 - Friday, 18/11/2011 - Merzouga / Erfoud / Tineghir / Ouarzazate 400 Km.
Wake up very early to watch the sunrise. Breakfast at the hotel and back to Erfoud to leave the
4x4 cars and continue by bus to visit Imiter Silver Mine. Then go to Tineghir, the city of roses,
and to the Todra gorges cut into the red rock, 30m wide and 250m high. Walk across the river
and lunch at a restaurant. Continuation to Ouarzazate. According to arrival time possibility to
visit Ouarzazate and its Kasbah of Taourirt. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 4 - Saturday, 19/11/2011 - Ouarzazate / Marrakech 200 Km.
Early breakfast at the hotel then departure for Marrakech across the High Atlas and its natural
beauty. Arrival and lunch at a restaurant, then visit of the Menara Gardens and Koutoubia
mosque. Dinner at the hotel then departure to the Atlas Golf Marrakech Cultural center,
Museum and Observatory to see the Minerals, fossils and meteorites exhibition and observe
the sky by the new very sensitive 600 mm telescope. This telescope is unique in the Arabic
word and the second one in Africa. We will try to observe leonides.
Breakfast at the hotel. Continuation of the visit of Marrakech by Saadian Tombs, the magnificent Bahia Palace and tour of the ramparts. Lunch at a restaurant. After lunch walk through the famous Jemaa El Fna square known for its continuous day and night entertainment. Departure for Casablanca. Arrival, dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 6- Monday, 21/11/2011 – Casablanca, flight back.
Breakfast at the hotel, free time and 3 hours prior to flight departure time transfer to Mohamed V airport, assistance at embarkation for the flight back. End of our services.