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Part of the Participants at the 3rd year's meeting of IGCP 448, September, 2002. Photo took in front of Gato Cave, NE Sierra de Libor, S. Spain. On the background is the steeply dipping bare Jurassic limestone. Sitting in the middle of front row is Prof. Bartolome Andreo-Navarro, Spanish Coodinator of IGCP 448.

Cover photo: A typical doline developed on Jurassic limestone, outside Pileta cave, eastern part of Sierra de Libor, S. Spain



Karren on Jurassic limestone, outside Pileta Cave, Eastern part of Sierra de Libor, Southern Spain



Dr. Chris Groves, Co-leader of IGCP 448 from WKU, USA, and Director of Hoffman Environmental Inst. is working with Chinese Colleagues to install data-log facilities at the Karst Dynamics Field Experimental Site in Guilin.



Quercus rotundifolia Lam(Bellota in Local name), a calciphile and petrophile tree growing on dolomitic limestone of Triassic-Lower Jurassic systems, Sierra de las Nieves, Southern Spain. Its seed is good for feeding a special kind of pig (Pata Negra, “black leg”) that is the source of a famous ham.



Cancrocaeca Xenomorpha (A False Spider Cave Crab), the first cave species of the Hymenosomatidae family, found only in 3 caves in Maros Karst, SW cape of the Sulawesi is, Indonesia. It has the most extreme reduction of eyes, and is the most highly cave-adapted species of Crab known in the world (body length 5mm). Contribution of Asean RCBC.