## IPPA 2015 Courses 12-18 September Fontainebleau, France

## Where nature meets culture

Local organisers: Aurore Coulomb, Charlotte Mechler

### Nature first

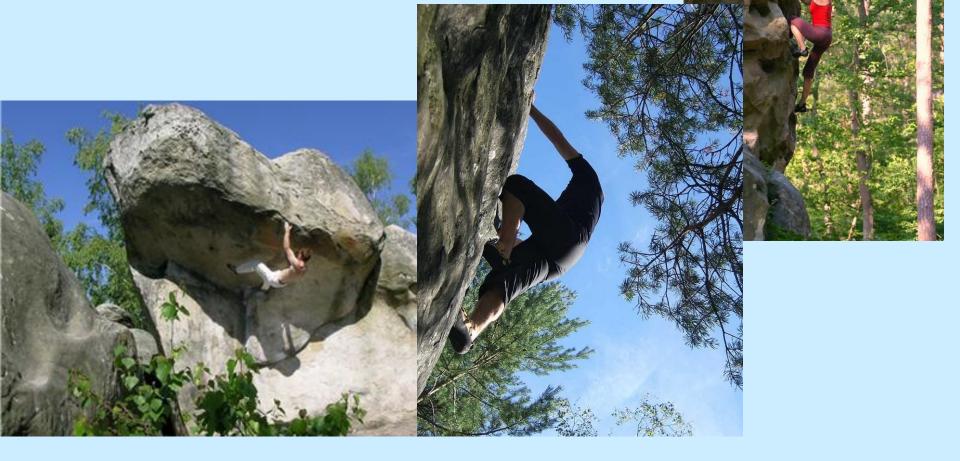
### former sea

### sand

### sandstone



### A natural paradise for climbers: Up to 17 m of vertical path



Fontainebleau forest About 25 000 hectares of forest: the oxygen of Paris

- Recognized by UNESCO as a biosphere reserve
- A place for horse riders
- A former royal hunting park



### The royal palace: Château de Fontainebleau



## The royal palace

- Every king of France from Louis VII (12<sup>th</sup> century) to Napoleon lived there as secondary residence after Louvre Castle and Versailles
- The palace of Fontainebleau exhibits architectural features from the middle age until the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century
- Master Painters used to come for the kings (from Italy, School of Fontainebleau...)





We will spend an unforgettable afternoon in this Royal place, a walk through French history





#### Vaux-le-Vicomte, built for Nicolas Fouquet, inspired the Versailles palace (unfortunately...only for your partners as we will be working)



## Around Fontainebleau Moret-sur-Loing



We will visit this charming village featuring a royal fortified castle built before Fontainebleau

## 19<sup>th</sup>: Paintings...

## Barbizon: a village renowned for the "Ecole de Barbizon" (1825-1875)



### Barbizon: a place that attracted many poets too..



George Sand

Alfred de Musset







Alphonse de Lamartine

Stéphane Mallarmé

We will spend an afternoon visiting the village of Barbizon, seeking to recapture the artists' mood



The venue will be the Novotel-Fontainebleau, located in a 5-hectare park featuring a SPA, a heated swimming pool, tennis court, ping pong...

## Our classroom maybe not so poetry inspiring... but much more functional



### The dining room for our banquets



### Gala dinner

# The gala dinner will take place in a very pleasant place in Fontainebleau





• We are waiting for you in Fontainebleau in September 12-18, 2015

 For more informations about complementary visits and activities, please contact <u>aurore.coulomb@gmail.com</u>

