



SECOND CIRCULAR

14. INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PSEUDOKARST ŚWIĘTOKRZYSKIE (HOLY CROSS) MOUNTAINS, CENTRAL POLAND Chęciny 4-7.06.2020

Pseudokarst caves in present-day exploration and scientific research

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The preparations to the 14th International Symposium on Pseudokarst are continued: program is practically ready, accommodation and food are fixed, etc. However, in dynamic situation around us, connected with coronavirus pandemic, we all are not sure if our meeting is possible to be held in the planned term. Therefore, the Second Circular comprises the most actual data on the Symposium, as it was promised, but further time-schedule of the Symposium preparation is changed and key-dates are postponed to the May 2020, when – we hope – the situation will be clarified and the decision about organisation of the Symposium in planned or other, later term will be made. The only part of the preparation which should be kept more or less according to the former schedule is the submission of participants' papers (manuscripts). These papers will be published by all means, even in the case that the Symposium has to be cancelled because of the pandemic. In this latter case they will be published in the next issue of the Pseudokarst Commission Newsletter (no. 30).

Consequently, you will find in this Circular the detailed data on program and costs as well as bank account number. The second, detailed registration form is also attached to this

Circular. **But, could you, please, do not submit the registration form and pay fee and other costs before May, if you do not need to do it soon.** Please, confirm only that you have received this Circular and send your manuscripts according to the time schedule. The way of further your activeness will be determined in the Third Circular providing the most actual information, which will be distributed at the beginning of May.

KEY DATES

15th April 2020 – deadline of manuscripts' submission,
5th May 2020 – distribution of the Third Circular confirming or calling off the Symposium
15th May 2020 – deadline of payment and submission of the Second (detailed) Registration Form
4-7th June 2020 – 14th International Pseudokarst Symposium, Chęciny
7-10th June 2020 – post-conference excursion

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

Thursday 4.06.2020

13:00-21:00 – registration of participants

18:00-20:00 – dinner

Friday 5.06.2020

8:00-10:00 – registration of participants

8:00-9:00 – breakfast

Scientific session

9:00-9:10 – opening ceremony

9:10-9:40 – J. Urban, A. Kasza: The Świętokrzyskie Mountains (as geological heritage) and their pseudokarst caves

9:40-10:00 – R. Pavuza, P. Oberender: 35 years of “pseudokarst” research in Austria – a synopsis

10:00-10:20 – J. Šafránek: Rock Squad in NPČŠ

10:20-10:40 – P. Oberender: Cave development driven by frost weathering

10:40-11:00 – plenary discussion and poster session

- H. Simmert: Actual state of research of sandstone-caves in Saxony

- E. Knust: Tubes in sandstone

11:00-11:20 – coffee break

11:20-11:40 – H. Simmert: Climatic conditions in small sandstone caves

11:40-12:00 – J. Urban, J. Pukowski: Grzegorz Klassek and its role in cave exploration in Polish Flysch Carpathians in the last 50 years

12:00-12:20 – P. Gądek, J. Pukowski: Cave exploration in Polish Flysch Carpathians (Beskid Mountains)

12:20-12:40 – W.J. Gubała, T. Brzuskowski, K. Piksa: Bats in the caves in Polish Flysch Carpathians: current review

12:40-13:00 – P. Bella, R. Pavuza, J. Urban: The term “pseudokarst” and its meaning

13:00-13:20 – plenary discussion

13:20-14:30 – lunch

1st field session – panorama of structural relief of the Świętokrzyskie Mountains from the Chęciny Castle; as well as anthropogenic undergrounds and consequential caves in the Świętokrzyskie Mts.

Guides: J. Urban, A. Kasza, Z. Złonkiewicz

14:30-16:00 – Chęciny castle (start in the ECEG)

16:15-18:15 – site Góra Miedzianka (Copper Hill), its mines and caves

19:00-22:00 – grill

Saturday 6.06.2020

7:30-8:30 breakfast

2nd Field session – erosional, gravitational and other pseudokarst caves in Mesozoic and Palaeozoic sandstones of the Świętokrzyskie Mts.

Guides: J. Urban, A. Kasza, Z. Złonkiewicz

8:30 – departure from the ECEG

9.30-11:00 – site Skałki Piekło pod Niekłaniem (Hell Crag near Niekłań)

11:20-13:00 – site Piekło Dalejowskie (Hell Crag in Dalejów)

13:15-14:00 – site Rejów

14:20-15:40 – site Kamień Michniowski (Michniów Stone)

16:00-17:30 – Podgórze, site Góra Miejska (City Hill)

17:45-18:00 – Kraiński Grzbiet

18:50-19:50 - dinner

20:00-21:00 – plenary meeting of the UIS Pseudokarst Commission

Sunday 7.06.2020

8:00-9:00 breakfast

Field session – geological attractions of the Kielce town area

Guides: J. Urban, A. Kasza, M. Poros

9:00 – departure from the ECEG

9:20-9:40 – site Śluchowice Quarry, J. Czarnocki Rock Nature Reserve

9:50-10:50 – site Kadzielnia and the Underground Touristic Trail

11:00-13:00 – site Wietrznia and the Geo-Educational Centre

13:30-14:30 lunch (in ECEG)

Sunday-Wednesday (7-10.06.2020)

Post-Symposium excursion – caves of the Beskid Wyspowy Mountain Group (Flysch Carpathians), and the Pieniny Mountains.

Guides: W. Gubała, A. Kapturkiewicz, J. Urban.

The excursion will start directly from ECEG Chęciny with own cars and will be finished in Kraków or every other place on its way.

COSTS

Symposium fee – 200 PLN = 50 Euro

Symposium fee covers the participation in scientific and field sessions as well as conference booklet.

Accommodation:

One-person room – 75 PLN/night = 18 Euro/night

Two-persons room – 45 PLN/night/person = 11 Euro/night/person

Meals:

Breakfast – 15 PLN = 4 Euro

Lunch and dinner – 28 PLN = 7 Euro

Grill – 45 PLN = 11 Euro

Sandwiches (for excursion) – 12 PLN = 3 Euro

Could you, please, calculate your costs of accommodation and meals on the basis of the Second (detailed) Registration Form, attached to this Circular.

Costs of the post-Symposium excursion – 200 PLN = ca. 50 Euro

Due to small number of participants of this excursion we decided not to book special bus and meals but to use own cars and organise meals “ad hoc” in restaurants met by the way using own money. This greatly lowers the costs which must be transferred by bank and generally diminishes total costs of this event.

In the case of significant changes in PLN (Polish złoty) and Euro exchange rate after the coronavirus pandemic, the given above quotes will be adequately modified in the Third Circular.

Payments (calculated by participants) must be paid via bank transfer to the bank account of the Institute of Nature Conservation, Polish Academy of Sciences:

SWIFT: GOSKPLPW, No. PL 30 1130 1150 0012 1267 6720 0001

with the description: 14 Pseudokarst Symposium – name, surname

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SCIENTIFIC SESSION AND CONFERENCE PUBLICATION

The language of presentations is English, time length of presentations is estimated at 15-20 minutes. All materials presented during the scientific session can be published in the booklet that will include field sessions' guidebook and papers accepted by the Scientific Committee. The proposed length of papers is up to 5 pages A4 of a text (Times New Roman 12pt, line spacing 1,5), i.e. maximum 10 000 characters, including reference list and figures. The text should be sent as a WORD file, whereas figures should be prepared as JPG files of high quality (scanned maps will not be accepted, except for historical materials).

FIELD SESSION AND EXCURSION

The field sessions during the Symposium will include visiting several geomorphosites of the Świętokrzyskie Mountains in which crags and caves occur. The caves are rather short, some of them are narrow but dry and not dirty. Therefore, part of them are easily accessible, while an entry to the others requires light and touristic clothes, but typical cave coverall (suit) is not necessary for most of them. The access to some sites requires 1-2 km long walk in forest, so touristic shoes are necessary and cap/umbrella could be needed (depending on the weather).

During the post-Symposium excursion typical gravity induced caves in the Beskid Wyspowy Mountain Group and the Pieniny Mountains, several hundred metres long, will be explored, therefore typical cave equipment (light, hardhead and coverall, but not rope) and adequate skills are necessary. The access to the visited caves requires walks up and downhill (0.5-2 hour). The excursion will be closed at midday/afternoon, 10th June in Kraków, using your own car you can leave the group in every place. We can also help in an arrangement of longer stay in Kraków.

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