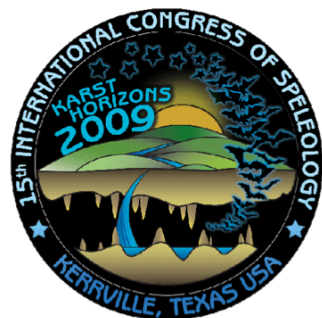


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events

International Congress of Speleology (15th edition)

July 19 – 26, 2009, Kerrville, Texas (USA)



The International Congress of Speleology (ICS) is the world's premier speleological event. A function of the International Union of Speleology (UIS), it is held once every four years in a location selected by the delegates of the UIS member nations. An estimated 2,000 people from nearly 60 countries are expected to attend to share the results of their latest exploration, research, and techniques.

The 15th ICS will offer fifteen symposia (<http://www.ics2009.us/symp.html>). All will include specially invited presentations and will welcome volunteer submissions. If you are interested in participating in any of the symposia, see Submission of Papers and Posters for deadlines and information on submitting abstracts and papers for the following symposia:

Archaeology and Paleontology in Caves Symposium
Educating Citizens about Living in Karst
Evolution and Ecology of Salamanders in Karst
Frontiers in Cave Mineralogy Studies
Geomicrobiology of Cave and Karst Environments
Inventory of Cave and Karst Resources
Island Karst Symposium
Latest Advances in Karst Geophysics
Lava Caves
Protection and Management of Rare and Endangered Subterranean Fauna
Speleogenesis in Regional Geological Evolution and its Role in Karst Hydrogeology and Geomorphology
Unearthing Secrets of the Past from Speleothem Studies

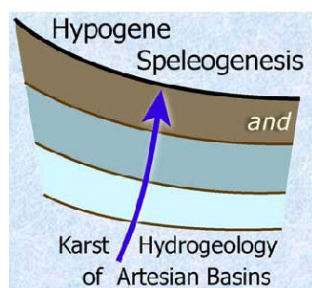
The 15th International Congress of Speleology will be offering a wide variety of pre- and post-Congress field camps and excursions. Some excursions provide some easy wild caving, but the primary focus will be on touristic caving, surface karst features, cultural activities, and other easily accessed activities.

Further information:

<http://www.ics2009.us/welcome.html>

Hypogene Speleogenesis and Karst Hydrogeology of Artesian Basins

May 12 – 17, 2009, Chernivtsky, Ukraine



The goal of this conference is to advance our knowledge of hypogene speleogenesis and karst hydrogeology of artesian basins and to increase awareness of their importance and specifics

among the academic and applied geoscience community. The objectives of the Conference are:

- To share knowledge and experience by discussing a broad spectrum of topics and case studies related to hypogenic speleogenesis and karst hydrogeology of artesian basins;
- To reveal the global variety and extent of hypo-

genic karst systems;

- To reveal specifics and identify problems of karst hydrogeology of artesian basins as related to hypogenic speleogenesis;
- To better determine scientific and practical significance of hypogenic karst systems;
- To generate ideas for research projects.

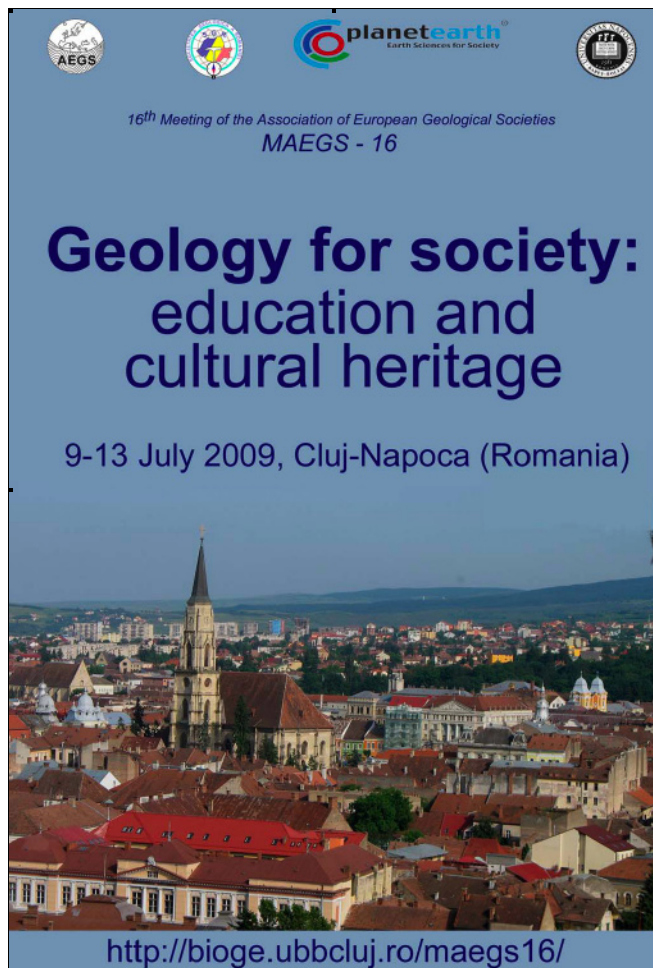
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16th Meeting of the Association of European Geological Societies

July 9 – 13, 2009, Cluj Napoca, Romania



The Association of European Geological Societies (AEGS) and the Geological Society of Romania (GSR) cordially invite you to join the 16th Meeting of the Association (MAEGS-16) and the Annual Meeting of the Romanian Geological Society which will be held between 9 to 13 July

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Important dates:

Deadline for submission of abstracts
 Notifying of acceptance of abstracts
 Deadline for payment of the field trip and registration fees
 Second circular and provisional program

February 1, 2009

March 1, 2009

April 1, 2009

June 15, 2009

2009, in Cluj-Napoca - the heart of Transylvania (Romania).

The AEGS is an international organization promoting all fields of geosciences, and is supported by subscriptions from 30 national geological societies from Europe, with the General Assemblage held every two years in one of the subscribing countries.

The aim of MAEGS-16 is to bring together geoscientists and the representatives of the society to discuss recent progress and future trends. Thus, the following topics will play a major role:

EDUCATION IN GEOLOGY

and

GEOLOGY and CULTURAL HERITAGE

During MAEGS-16, the **Percival Allen Medal** award will be given to a geoscientist for outstanding achievements in the field of international relations in Earth Science.

We whole-heartedly look forward to meet you in Cluj-Napoca at MAEGS-16, which will provide you with outstanding scientific information and an opportunity to interact with many colleagues in an excellent environment.