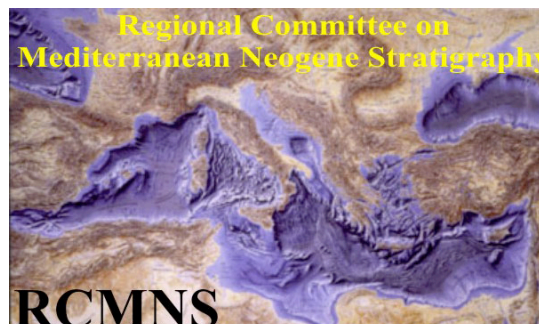


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events



The Department of Geology, Babeş-Bolyai University (BBU) is pleased to announce the dates of the **3rd International Workshop on the Neogene from the Central and South-Eastern Europe**. The workshop will be organized in Cluj-Napoca, Romania during May 20-24, 2009 together with the Regional Committee on Mediterranean Neogene Stratigraphy. It is open to all participants interested in the complex aspects of the Neogene in the Central and South-Eastern Europe, and follows workshops previously held in Fruska Gora and Kapfenstein. The workshop will consist of three days of technical sessions and field excursions in the Transylvanian Basin.

The meeting will be held at the Department of Geology of the Babeş-Bolyai University, Kogălniceanu 1, 400084 Cluj-Napoca. Facilities will be available for presentation and demonstration purposes.

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Preliminary program:

20 May - arrival
21-23 May - technical Sessions and field trips
24 May - departure

Field excursions to the main Neogene formations in the Transylvanian Basin will be organized. The subjects will be focused on stratigraphy, sedimentology, paleontology, Neogene volcanism, tectonics etc.

Web site: <http://bioge.ubbcluj.ro/NCSEE/>

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.

Further information:

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

20th General Meeting of IMA (IMA2010)

August 21 – 27, 2010, Budapest, Hungary



The International Mineralogical Association (IMA), *the oldest international scientific body* of mineral sciences celebrates 50 years of quadrennial world conference series with the occasion of the 20th IMA General Meeting. The IMA2010 conference will take place in August 21-27, 2010, hosted by the Eötvös L. University (ELTE) Budapest. The conference is organised by the IMA2010 Consortium, consisting of the

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Important dates:

Second Circular

Expected deadline for paying *reduced rate* registration fee

Expected deadline for *grant applications*

Expected deadline for *abstracts* and for paying *normal rate* registration fee

End of 2008

November 2009

November 2009

February 2010

national mineralogical societies of seven Organising Countries (Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia) and of three Supporting Countries (Bulgaria, Serbia, and Slovenia). The logo of the meeting is “*Bonds and Bridges: Mineral Sciences and their applications - Everything on natural and analogous solid matter and its interactions*”.

Contributions are welcome from all fields of research and education related to mineral sciences and their applications. Field trips of 1-5 days length will offer a healthy mixture of scientific and cultural sites to visit, located in all the organising and supporting countries. Though the normal registration fee will be kept low, there will be several grant options advertised in the Second Circular, especially addressed to *active researchers, students* and *young scientists* as well as *retired researchers*.

The IMA2010 will be a meeting of multidisciplinary.

The IMA2010 will be a meeting for all continents.

The IMA2010 will be a meeting for all living generations.

Come and celebrate the 50 years of IMA and rediscover a traditional region of mineral sciences!