

July 2022 KC NEWS



**Karst
Commission**



Annual Karst Commission meeting at EUROKARST 2022 Malaga – 23 June 2022

The regular annual meeting of the IAH Commission on Karst Hydrogeology was held on Thursday 23 June 2022 18:00 CET in Sala de juntas hall at Facultad de Derecho (Law Faculty) of Málaga University, opened and led by the two of the three KC Chairmen that were present on the Conference – Peter Malik and Avi Burg. After a two-year hiatus due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, KC members were able to meet face-to-face. Together 22 KC members were present, with another 5 online participants, with an MS Teams link for online meeting was provided by the EUROKARST 2022 organizers. The 50th Commission anniversary was finally (after two years behind the “planned schedule”) commemorated by an unmistakable presentation by Jim

LaMoreaux. Greetings and speech by the UIS (International Union of Speleology) president George Veni was conducted online, while a short presentation of lifetime achievement awards to three KC members (will be described in more detail later in this text) was presented by KC chairman-in-charge Peter Malík. Additionally:

- George Veni presented his vision for collaboration between UIS and KC,
- Nico Golscheider reminded us of the wonderful work in water tracing by the recently deceased Prof. Werner Käss,
- Philippe Meus invited those who would be interested, to join recently established water tracing initiative (details later in this text),
- Zoran Stevanović presented his project proposal on selection and protection of the most important karst springs around the world – this initiative will be presented in more detail in the next KC News,
- in conclusion, co-chair, Avi Burg, discussed the Young Karst Researcher Prize competition, solicitations for donations and the request for informative karst photos for the website,
- a geotrip is planned to take place in 2023, three different sites have been proposed for this activity, the chairmen will discuss all options and decided in the near future.



Awards to the distinguished honorary KC members Yuan Daoxian, Derek Ford and Petar Milanović

As a part of the EUROKARST 2022 Closing Ceremony, awarding of the distinguished honorary members of the Karst Commission took place. Yuan Daoxian, Petar Milanović and Derek Ford were recognised and received lifetime achievement awards, a celebration that had been postponed from the 2020 Bowling Green KC 50th celebration. All three received printed graphic diplomas and a small piece of rock (...of course, carbonate rock). Petar Milanović was delighted to be able to receive his award in person, Yuan Daoxian and Derek Ford were not able to attend EUROKARST 2022 Conference but will receive their awards shortly by postal services. During the

ceremony, Nico Goldscheider had a speech on Yuan Daoxian life's journey, Jim LaMoreaux reminded us on Derek Ford and Zoran Stevanović introduced us to a lifelong professional work of Petar Milanović.



2022 Young Karst Researcher Prizes

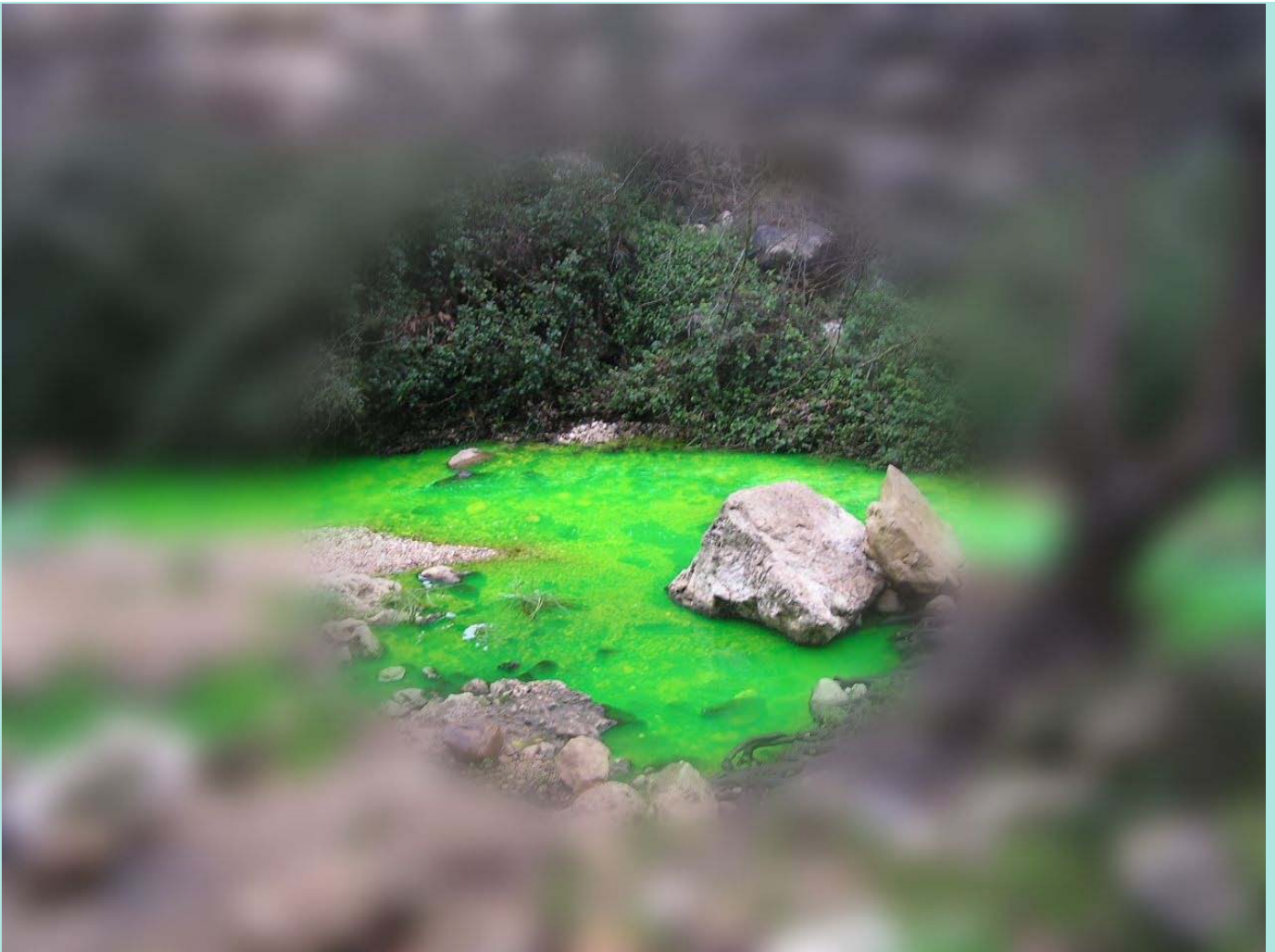
The Young Karst Researcher Prize (YKRP) was introduced for the first time in 2009 by Nico Goldscheider in order to encourage and promote young scientists in the field of karst hydrogeology. The prize was intended to be awarded once per year at the conference where the Karst Commission organizes its annual meeting, for three awardees with equal prize value. During the Malaga EUROKARST 2022 Conference, the committee of Joanna Doummar, Andreas Hartmann, Avi Burg and Peter Malík decided to award presentations by Leïla Serène from France, Max Gustav Rudolph from Germany and Alexis Neven from Switzerland. The awardees received commemorative diplomas and souvenirs and books from the EUROKARST 2022 organizers, as well as book on karst hydrogeology – The Dinaric Karst System of Croatia by Mladen Garasić – published by Springer. Awarding of young karst researchers was also a part of the EUROKARST 2022 Closing Ceremony.



Karst Commission water tracing initiative by Philippe Meus

During the EUROKARST 2022 Conference in Málaga, a group of participants interested in water tracing issues met on Wednesday 22 June 2022, courtesy of Conference organizers and initiated by Philippe Meus. Several issues were discussed, including legal environment and tracing methodology, but the two main issues seems to be a) presenting clear standards for international regulations and b) organizing of international ring test on fluorescence tracers for laboratories involved in the detection/quantification of fluorescent tracers/dyes using conventional fluorometric techniques, with laboratory and/or field instruments. The participation to the test is voluntary, and it only results from an implicit agreement between the participants and the organizers. Each laboratory participating receives an anonymous code for reporting its final results in an on-line web form. All questions can be addressed to Philippe (ewts@skynet.be), who is also expected to send a summary of this interesting meeting.





Thanks to EUROKARST 2022 Conference organizers and Springer

The Karst Commission activities were completed successfully within the framework of the EUROKARST 2022 Conference in Málaga, and would not happen without continuous patient organizational work of the Center of Hydrogeology of University of Malaga team, lead by Bartolomé Andreo Navarro. Our sincere thanks to them all!!! Special thanks to Matías Mudarra for his great help organizing the successful KC meeting. Many thanks also go to the Springer Publishing House for providing KC awardees with excellent and valuable books.

Upcoming KC Events

Next KC meeting on the 17th Sinkhole Conference: 27 – 31 March 2023

The next IAH Commission on Karst Hydrogeology was agreed to be on the 17th Sinkhole Conference (Multidisciplinary Conference on Sinkholes and the Engineering and Environmental Impacts of Karst) in Tampa, Florida (USA) scheduled for 27 – 31 March 2023 (<http://www.sinkholeconference.com>). Organizers offer support for students by Barry F. Beck Student Support Fund provides up to \$1,000 in travel support funding, plus free registration. The most urgent thing to note is that an abstract and paper are required to apply, and the abstract deadline is 29 July 2022. Those who might be interested should quickly go to <http://www.sinkholeconference.com/how-to-apply-for-the-beck-scholarship>.

UIS – 18th International Congress of Speleology: 24 – 31 July 2022

The 18th International Congress of Speleology (<http://uis2021.speleos.fr>) together with its Scientific Conference is taking place in Savoie Technolac, Le Bourget du Lac, Savoie, France, on the 24 – 31 July 2022. Maybe you are already there – do not miss symposium 5 dedicated to karst hydrogeology and physical chemistry, one of the 20 UIS Congress symposia!. KC members will have a possibility to meet at a special occasion here as well!



Man and Karst 2022 – Custonaci, Sicily, Italy: 12 – 17 September 2022

The International Scientific Conference "Man and Karst" intends to contribute to the knowledge, enhancement and safeguard of the karst landscape and caves ecosystems. Our friend Dr. Rosario Ruggieri (contact: info@cirs-ragusa.org) organizes the conference in the period of 12 – 17 September 2022 in Sicily in Monti di Capo San Vito (Custonaci Municipality, Province of Trapani). More information are on www.cirs-ragusa.org. In order to support and enhance the importance of the conference, two of the current KC chairmen are attending the meeting and call others to join us in this unique meeting.

49th IAH Congress in Wuhan, China: 18 – 22 September 2022

The 49th IAH Congress International Association of Hydrogeologists will be held fully online. All the sessions will be live-streamed throughout the conference. Recordings will be available online to the registered delegates for 30 days after the Congress, allowing everyone to catch up on sessions they missed. Special event "Meeting with the editors" will be held during the Congress, and selected abstracts will be published in Special Issue of two journals. The theme of the 49th IAH Congress is "Groundwater Sustainability and Poverty Reduction" – MORE details could be found on the IAH 2022 website <https://www.iah2022.com>.



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