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September 2022 KC NEWS



Besides "Man and Karst" meeting in Custonaci, Sicily, where you will find two of the current chairmen of KC, three more interesting activities should happen in the second half of September. Because of this, September 2022 IAH Karst Commission News is coming sooner, with only brief mentions of recently notified activities, concentrating on the nearest future.

Upcoming KC Events

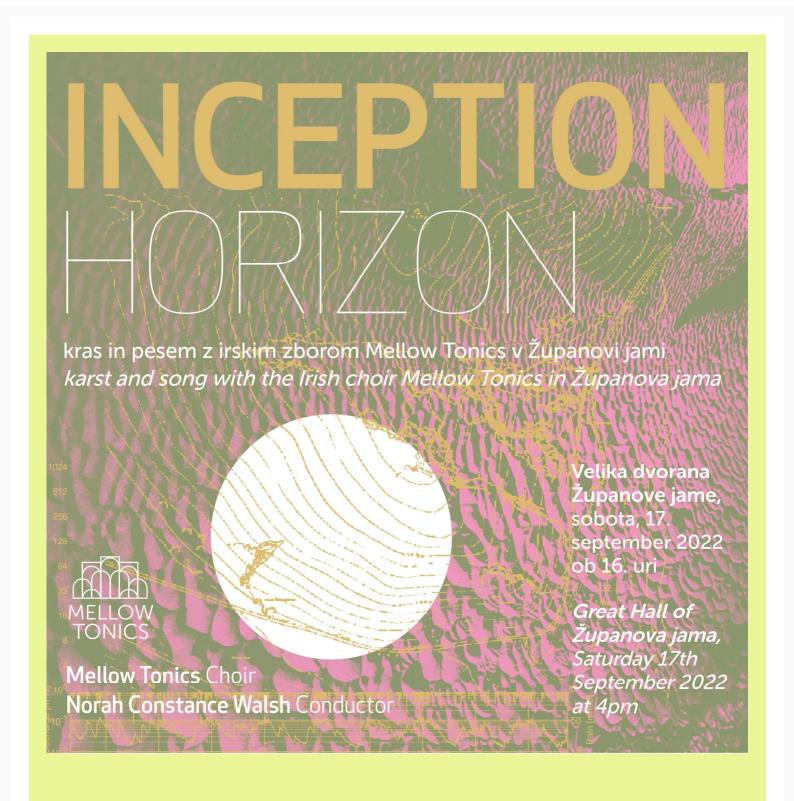
Karst and Song in Classical Karst / Inception Horizon: 17 September 2022

Within the framework of the International Year of Caves and Karst and the International Year of Groundwater, the Karst Research Institute ZRC SAZU in cooperation with the Tourist and Environmental Association Županova Jama Grosuplje and the choir Mellow Tonics from Ireland organizes the event Karst and Song. It is dedicated to the connection of science and art. The event will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 4 pm in the cave Županova Jama (Mayor's Cave) near Ljubljana.

Why the karst? Ireland and Slovenia share, among other things, a high proportion of karst areas, which are important for biodiversity and freshwater resources. The name Burren is synonymous with Kras, and both names derive from words meaning stony landscape, Burren being of Gaelic and Kras of pre-Indoeuropean origin. Some of the singers of the Mellow Tonics are researchers who combine music with the study of karst, also in close connection with Slovenian karstologists. At the event colleagues from the Karst Research Institute ZRC SAZU will present some of their research equipment installed in the Županova Jama.

Why the song? Mellow Tonics performs traditional Irish music, supplemented by contemporary popular and classical works by Irish authors. They will crown their repertoire with Inception Horizon - an original composition, which, similar to Smetana's Vltava (Moldau), interprets the flow of water through the karst in words and music. The composition was premiered in the spring of 2020 at Trinity College in Dublin, and the concert in Županova Jama will be its second presentation. It will thus be heard for the first time in the karst underground to which it is dedicated!

Two very active members of the IAH Karst Commission – Nataša Ravbar (natasa.ravbar@zrc-sazu.si) and Laurence Gill (Laurence.Gill@tcd.ie) are heavily involved in the organization of this extraordinary event and ready to share their karstomusicological experience... and see also the attached leaflet.



Two webinars on dye tracing for hydrogeology: 27 and 28 September 2022

KC member Amaël Poulain (amael.poulain@unamur.be) from Belgian TRAQUA will organise 2 free webinars on different applications of dye tracer tests, from the monitoring of permafrost melting, to risk assessment, leak detection, applications in the quarrying or mining industry, water management for drinking water producers, and more. There will be a total of 8 presentations, divided over the 2 webinars, by international experts in their respective fields who demonstrate how they use dye tracer tests to solve waterflow related questions. The links for more information on individual webinars are https://lnkd.in/epc-Ecjc and https://lnkd.in/eBCcj4yY, the link to attend the webinar will be provided later.



49th IAH Congress in Wuhan, China: 18 - 23 September 2022

The 49th IAH Congress International Association of Hydrogeologists will be held fully online. The theme of the Congress is "Groundwater Sustainability and Poverty Reduction" (see https://www.iah2022.com). Karst groundwater issues are going to be discussed within Topic 7 (Advances in Karst Hydrogeology), on 20 September at 09:00-10:50AM and 14:30-16:20PM (UTC+8). kKeynote lectures are going to be presented by Cheng Zhang and Marco Petitta. The convenors of the Topic 7 session are Junbing Pu and Peter Malík.



UN Water Summit on Groundwater: 7 - 8 December 2022

The 2022 UN Water Summit on Groundwater aims to bring attention to groundwater at the highest international level, by making groundwater more visible outside of the professional community of hydrogeologists, to increase interest, investment and involvement in groundwater-related global issues. This intends to bring better understanding of management of groundwater resources. More details on this year's UN Water Summit on Groundwater are on https://groundwater-summit.org.

Please, keep in mind ... as already mentioned in the August KC NEWS, 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).







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