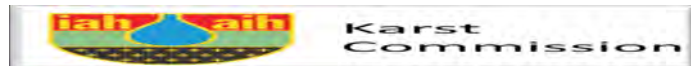

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A Message from the Chairs

With our appointments ending this summer, we will announce candidates for the chair positions (from September 2025 to September 2029) in the May KC News along with

the process for members to vote. Following our charter, we are looking for three candidates, with one representing each of our three global regions: Europe/Africa, Asia/Oceania, and the Americas. Please consider nominating colleagues you believe can help us continue to grow.

Ben, Avi, and Peter

Request for Volunteers

Our website needs an update!!! As a volunteer organization, we are currently looking for assistance in updating and maintaining our website. If any members are interested in assisting with this effort and are proficient in WordPress, please reach out to the co-chairs for information.

Karst Commission Annual Meeting

The next KC annual meeting will be hosted by the International Karstological School as part of the 32nd IKS. Bellow is the Zoom link for the meeting of the KC, for the date of Wednesday 18.06.2025 at 19:30.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82622981705pwd=9scWhyHC35dZakC83mC9bCEl5vKs7l.1>

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New KC Member (associated for the next 2 years)

Dr. Mingming Luo specializes in teaching and research across hydrogeology, karst geology and environmental geology. He has led over 10 major research projects, including grants from the National Natural Science Foundation of China, the National Key Research and

Development Program of China, and industry collaborations. He serves as a Youth Editorial Board member for *Journal of Earth Science*, *Earth Science*, and *Safety and Environmental Engineering*, and as an Academic Committee member of the Guangxi Guilin Karst Geology Field Scientific Observation and Research Station.

Call for applications

University of Montpellier is soliciting applications for a Junior Professor position focused on characterization and modeling of water and energy transfers within the critical zone, at different scales, in a Mediterranean context, with possible affiliation with HSM laboratory (<https://www.hydrosciences.org/>). This is a 5 year tenure track before full professor appointment (if requirements in terms of funded projects and publication reached). If interested, contact Patrick Lachassangne (patrick.lachassangne@umontpellier.fr), director of HSM laboratory. The deadline for applications is the end of April.

Climate Impacts on Karst Water Resources: Special Issue call for papers

KC member, Attila Kovacs, is editing a special issue of the journal *Water* and is currently open for submissions. Submission deadline is 20 April 2025. Please find additional information here:

https://www.mdpi.com/journal/water/special_issues/BV3UV791W0

Contaminant Transport, Risk Assessment, and Ecological Impacts in Karst: Special Issue call for papers

The journal "Water " invites manuscript submissions for this upcoming special issue. Submission deadline is 20 September 2025.

For more information:

https://www.mdpi.com/journal/water/special_issues/5D1T70HG52

Upcoming KC Events

Visual Karsys Courses

The next dates for Visual karsys & GeoModelling courses are:

- April 23 -24, 2025

The courses are aimed at geologists and hydrogeologists working on "complex" geological environments or "heterogeneous" aquifers. They provide access to the online tool [visualkarsys.com](https://www.visualkarsys.com) for their academic or applied projects. [visualkarsys.com](https://www.visualkarsys.com) has over 1,400 users and a large network of specialists worldwide.

For more details on the courses see: <https://www.visualkarsys.com/courses>

Contact for registration /questions: info@visualkarsys.com

In addition, you are invited to have a look at the visual karsys webinar, which was recorded during the EuroGeo Surveys GMMEG Group Webinar, on October 12th, 2023:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5892kiqPA5g>

Mammoth Cave National Park 12th Research Symposium

The 12th Mammoth Cave Research Symposium, celebrating more than 100 years of scientific research and resource management in the Mammoth Cave Region will be held May 13 – 14, 2025. Sponsored by Western Kentucky University and the Cave Research Foundation, the symposium is open to talks and posters on research on any aspect of the Mammoth Cave area (cave, surface, science, history, humanities, etc.). More information can be found at: <https://dyetracing.com/mammoth-cave-symposium>

Characterization and Engineering of Karst Aquifers -CEKA

Dates: May19 – 24, 2025

Location: Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina

This international course includes theoretical lectures on the basic concepts of karst hydrogeology and a few practical demonstrations and field trips within the territories of Dinaric karst. The course will be organized by The Centre for Karst Hydrogeology of the University of Belgrade and Geological Survey of the Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina, supported by UNESCO-IHP and several other institutions. The course is open to all, but is especially devoted to younger and talented karst researchers. Number of participants is limited to 20.

For more information: <http://www.karst.edu.rs/en/index.html>

The 32nd International Karstological School: extreme conditions and events in karst

Dates: June 16 – 20, 2025

Location: Postojna, Slovenia

The school offers a framework in which both, young and established karstologists from all over the world present new research in the field of karstology, socialize and get to know Classical karst. This meeting will focus on the increased frequency, intensity, and impact of extreme events in karst regions.

For more information: <https://iks.zrc-sazu.si/en/>

Student Support: The meeting will also host the annual meeting of the Karst Commission. As such, the KC has funding to support student attendance of the meeting. Please encourage students to apply. For eligibility criteria and rules, see:

<https://karst.iah.org/funding-for-young-scientists-to-attend-conferences>

19th International Congress of Speleology

The 19th ICS is being hosted by the Brazilian Speleological Society and the National Cave Research and Conservation Center from July 20 – 27, 2025, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. The ICS will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the UIS, with the theme “60 Years of the UIS: History for the Future.”

For more information: <https://speleo2025.org/>

International Association of Geomorphologists/ Romanian Association of Geomorphologists Regional Conference on Geomorphology

This conference, scheduled for September 16-18, 2025, is organized around 23 thematic scientific sessions covering a wide range of geomorphology-connected topics, including Karst Geomorphology: A modern perspective.

Session description: We seek integrated analyses of karst landforms, aquifers, and cave deposits addressing topics such as Quaternary paleoenvironments, neotectonics, modern investigation techniques, and geomorphological issues in karst management and karst-related hazards. By fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and showcasing innovative approaches, this session aims to expand our understanding of karst systems and their significance in contemporary scientific and societal contexts.

We are also welcoming you to participate in the pre- and post-conference fieldtrips, which include visits to many interesting karst landmarks of Romania (Apuseni Mountains, Southern Carpathians).

You can find more details here: <https://rcg2025.geomorphology.ro/field-trips/pre-conference-2/>, <https://rcg2025.geomorphology.ro/field-trips/post-conference/>.

National Cave & Karst Management Symposium

The 26th National Cave & Karst Management Symposium will be held 6 – 10 October, 2025 in Ely, NV, USA. This conference will include a day of short courses, three days of talks, and a field trip. In addition, there will be an Orientation to Cave Rescue course

hosted by the National Cave Rescue Commission the weekend before the conference.
For more information see:

<https://ely2025.nckms.org/>

IAH 2025 congress

The website for the IAH-2025 conference to be held in Melbourne, Australia, is now open and invites participants to express their interest today. For details see:

<https://iah2025congress.com/>

Recent Article from the KC KARMA project receives Editors Choice award

The publication by Xanke et al. (2024) is one of the five Hydrogeology Journal Editors' Choice articles of the year 2024. The article 'Flooding and flood water storage in karst systems of the Mediterranean region' discusses the hydraulic response of karst aquifers to heavy precipitation events, food generation, and engineering interventions for food control using several examples from karst areas in the Mediterranean region. The article was developed in the framework of the KARMA (Karst Aquifer Resources availability and quality in the Mediterranean Area) project with the participation of colleagues from five countries. The Editors' Choice articles of the Hydrogeology Journal are selected on the basis of scientific excellence, innovation, interesting content, important insights, novel methods, unique areas of expertise or general societal relevance to ensure that readers will find them particularly interesting or useful.

Xanke, J., Goldscheider, N., Bakalowicz, M. *et al.* Carbonate rocks and karst water resources in the Mediterranean region. *Hydrogeol J* **32**, 1397–1418 (2024).

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