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May 2024 News

Chairs: Peter Malik (Europe/Africa, 9/21 - 12/22); Avi Burg (Asia/Oceania, 1/23 - 4/24); Benjamin Tobin (Americas. 5/24 - 8/25)

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Note from the co-chair in charge

As I take over the role so capably held by Avi Burg and Peter Malik, I first want to thank Avi for his efforts to keep the group active and organized for the last 16 months (and Peter for the previous 16). Neither of them is going anywhere and will continue to serve the commission as part of our united team guiding the commission forward with your enthusiasm and assistance. As we continue forward, please reach out to me with any information you would like to be incorporated in future newsletters. We have had a great influx of student interest and I hope we can continue that in growing our field.

In addition to project and activity related announcements, please continue to share recommendations of new relevant publications that we can share with the community.

Our next meeting is at Eurokarst in Rome June 10-14, while I will not be present, Peter and Avi will be holding the meeting (see below).

I look forward to serving the commission and hearing from you all,

Ben

Eurokarst 2024

The Eurokarst 2024 will be held at the main campus of Sapienza University, central Rome, between June 10 and 14, 2024. Registration for the conference is open (go to: <https://www.eurokarst.org/congress-registration/>).

The conference currently has over 100 planned oral presentations, and more than 50 poster, and 195 registered attendees.

For more details about the conference see: <http://www.eurokarst.org>

As stated above, the annual meeting of the KC will be held during this conference, on June 11th, at 18:00.

Tentative KC meeting agenda:

- Welcome note by the KC chairmen – Avi, Peter
- Welcome note by the host – Marco, Francesco, Mario
- A brief description of the KC activities since the last meeting, Young Karst Researcher Prize, Financial support, Upcoming events – Avi,
- In memory of Alexander Klimchouk – John Gunn,
- In memory of Barabara Mahler – MaryLynn Musgrove,
- Certificate of Honor to Jim LaMoreaux – Gheorghe Ponta,
- Water tracing initiative/working group on dye tracing – Philippe Meus,
- MIKAS project – Zoran Stevanović,
- KC Geotrip proposal (Ozarks, USA) – Neven Kresic,
- Is the tiered membership model relevant today? - Luka Vucinic,
- Thanks to the former chairs – Avi,
- Location of the next annual meeting,
- Announcement of the need for candidates for the 2025 chairman elections – Avi,
- Other issues - participants,
- Group photo,

If there is anyone who wants to add a topic to the agenda or a subject for discussion, please inform co-chair Avi (burg@gsi.gov.it)

For those who wish to join the meeting remotely:

Enter via Zoom to the KC annual meeting (18:00 Rome time 11 June):

<https://uniroma1.zoom.us/j/89203631364?pwd=S2hneFIQNjFxMXFTVTFKenBESWIUQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 0363 1364

Access code: 247191

Entry will be available from 17:30 (Rome time)

IAH World Groundwater Congress 2024

The IAH World Groundwater Congress 2024 will take place from 8 to 13 September 2024 at the renowned Davos Congress Centre, Switzerland.

For more details about the conference see: www.iah2024davos.org

Key dates: 31 May 2024 – Early bird registration closes,

The Congress team is also inviting submissions for the best hydrogeology image, which will

be displayed at the congress and on the congress website. In addition, students are invited to enter the video competition - "My Thesis in 180S". Submissions to both competitions close on 30 June. For more details see: <https://www.iah2024davos.org/#involved>

“Man and Karst”

The third edition of "Man and Karst" will take place between June 24 and 29, 2024. The event, organized by our member -Rosario Ruggieri, and will be held in Ragusa Ibla (Sicily), and precisely in the Auditorium San Vincenzo Ferreri located in the eastern part of the city.

For more details and to register go to <https://cirs-ragusa.org/blog/man-and-karst-2024/>,

Karst and Caves, 2024 - Perm - Kungur, Ural region, Russia

The conference will be held between May 28 - June 1, 2024, and aims to discuss the problem and achievements of karst and speleology in the first quarter of the twenty-first century. Participation in the conference is free of charge. The conference is also devoted to two events - the 120th anniversary of the birth of the famous karstologist Prof. Georgy Alekseevich Maksimovich and the 110th anniversary of excursions and scientific activity in the Kungur Ice Cave. The conference is organized by the Perm State National Research University and the Mining Institute of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

For more details see the [invitation letter](#)

Characterization and Engineering of Karst Aquifers - CEKA

The international course “Characterization and Engineering of Karst Aquifers – CEKA” will be held in Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina from May 26 to June 1, 2024.

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 the Dinaric karst. The course is organized by The Centre for Karst Hydrogeology of the University of Belgrade, supported by UNESCO-IHP and several other institutions. The course is open to all but is especially devoted to younger and talented karst researchers. Attendance is free of charge.

Preliminary application form for CEKA 2024 can be found at the links below:
<https://www.karst.edu.rs/en/index.html>

The 31st International Karstological School

The Karst Research Institute in Postojna is organizing the 31st International Karstological School “Classical Karst” (IKS). The school offers a framework in which both young and experienced karstologists from all over the world can present new research in the field of

karstology, make contacts, and familiarise themselves with classical karst. The meeting will take place between June 17 and 21, 2024 in Postojna, Slovenia, and will delve into the pivotal theme of data: its acquisition, processing, and interpretation.

We invite participants to share their experiences in characterizing karst environments, elucidate the challenges they have encountered, and present their inventive solutions. Registration for the conference is already open.

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

The 37th International Geological Congress (IGC2024)

The 37th International Geological Congress (IGC2024) will be held in Busan, South Korea, from 25 to 31 August, 2024. A special topic on karst hydrogeology is organized at the conference (<https://igc2024korea.org/content/14403>):

· Session4 (under parallel session T18-Groundwater and Hydrogeology) –“Eco-hydrological Process and its Effects in Karst Environment”.

Convener: Guanghui Jiang (Guangxi University),
Abstract submission is already closed.

For more details about the conference see: <https://igc2024korea.org/>

The 4th European Regional Conference of IAEG (EUROENGE0 2024)

The conference will be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, between October 8 - 12, 2024, and will include lecture sessions and excursions.

For more details see: <https://www.euroengeo2024.com/>

Visual Karsys Courses

Here is a message from Arnauld Malard regarding upcoming courses:

The next dates for Visualkarsys & GeoModelling courses are:

- June 10th, 2024 - Visualkarsys- EuroKarst preconference course - Rome,
- June 19-20th, 2024 - GeoModelling- Online course,
- September 25th, 2024 - Visualkarsys"Advanced" - Online course,

- October 16-17th, 2024 - Visualkarsys- Online course,

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 for their academic or applied projects. 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 visualkarsys webinar, which was recorded during the EuroGeoSurveys GMMEG Group Webinar, on October 12th, 2023:

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

Recommended Publications

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