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A Message from the Chairs

With our appointments ending this summer, we are now opening the election of our next chairs. We have three candidates, one from each of our three global regions. To vote please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/1ZjGEfWtjKAP3wqH8>

Resume information on each candidate can be found by clicking on their name on the voting form. ***Voting closes June 1, 2025.***

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 (CET).

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

Meeting ID: 826 2298 1705

Passcode: 682178

Meeting Agenda:



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Agenda of the KC Annual Meeting

- Welcome note by the KC chairmen – Avi, Peter,
- Welcome note by the host – Nataša Ravbar,
- A brief description of the KC activities since the last meeting, membership, financial condition, The website status – Avi
- Social Media - Andreas Hartmann,
- Special events:
 - Geotrip to the USA – Peter,
 - Geological Heritage Sites – Avi,
 - The IAH 2024 – Davos – Avi,
- Young Karst Researcher Price – Avi,
- Upcoming events – Avi,
- Projects, new publications:
 - MIKAS project – Zoran Stevanović,
 - ROCKAT – Andreas Hartmann; Kübra Özdemir Çallı,
 - Sno karst – Herve Jourde; Raphael Bondu; Naomi Mazzilli,
 - Initiative regarding the tracer group – Philippe Meus,
 - Karst projects in Hungary – Attila Kovacs,
 - Neven's book, Xanke et al., 2024,
- Certificate of Honor to Romeo Eftimi – Peter,
- Elections and the elected – Avi,
- Location of the next annual meeting,
- Other issues – participants,
- Group photo,

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:

- June 5 - 6, 2025 (Visual Karsys)
- September 11 - 12, 2025 (Geomodelling)

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 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 – 15, 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: May 19 – 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/>

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