

1st Circular

Advance Notice and Preliminary Registration

Carpatho-Balkan Conference on Geomorphology

held

**on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of foundation
of the Carpatho-Balkan Geomorphological Commission**

in September 9 – 12, 2003

**at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Comenius University in
Bratislava, Slovakia**



organized by

**Comenius University in Bratislava,
Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Geography, Bratislava,
Association of Slovak Geomorphologists, Bratislava
and
Carpatho-Balkan Geomorphological Commission**

in collaboration with

**Austrian Institute of the East and Southeast European Studies,
Vienna – Bratislava**

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BACKGROUND

The development and current functioning of the individual geomorphosystems in the Carpatho-Balkan region can be better understood in the context of the origin and functioning of the Carpatho-Balkan's system as a whole. Countries in this region have got a lot in common in terms of historical linkages, which is also reflected in definition of research aims in geomorphology, similar methodological approaches and similar problems connected with realization of research. There exists therefore, a great potential for regional collaboration leaning on information exchange, mutual assistance or creation of joint supranational projects. Intensification of regional geomorphological collaboration can be profitable for all participants in Europe now under integrating process. The generation of founders of the modern geomorphological research which realized the significance of regional collaboration founded the Carpatho-Balkan Geomorphological Commission (CBGC) forty years ago.

The intention of the event currently under preparation is not only meant as a reminder of this important anniversary. It should serve as a platform for revival of the CBGC's activity. The Conference may bring a representative selection of themes studied by the individual national geomorphological schools, whether they concern morphogenesis and morphochronology, morphodynamics or applied geomorphology. Emphasis on wider regional and general methodological aspects of the themes offered for oral (plenary) presentation will be most welcome.

The Plenary Session of the CBGC, a part of planned program of the event, will provide space for discussion of organizational structure of the CBGC and possible forms of particular collaboration (for instance, generation of regional theory of the development of georelief of the Carpatho-Balkan region on the basis of new geodynamic models, single geomorphological regionalisation, unified networking of stationary and semi-stationary research in terms of conception and information, creation and testing of methodology of geomorphological mapping, assessment of geomorphological hazards or construction of shared geomorphologically oriented GIS's, co-operation in education, etc.). We trust that the meeting of the representative participation of geomorphologists from all parts of the Carpatho-Balkan region will reach the above-outlined aims.

EXCURSION OBJECTIVE

The main objective of field trips is to present and discuss the results of recent and present geomorphic investigations in both lowland and mountainous territories of the western half of Slovakia.

VENUE

Conference will be held at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the Comenius University in Bratislava situated near the town centre (10 minutes by tram). The nearby Student Hostel Družba close to the Danube River will offer accommodation in single and double rooms.

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The four-day program will consist of two days dedicated to paper/poster presentations, including the Plenary Session (September 9 – 10, 2003) and two days of field trips (September 11 – 12, 2003). It is possible a moderate modification of the schedule which can be influenced by the number of presentations.

ORAL/POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Conference will admit both oral papers and posters. Guidelines for submission of abstracts will be included in the second circular, which will be distributed in January 2003. Abstracts accepted for presentations during the conference will be published in a booklet of abstracts, which will be available to the participants at registration.

PLENARY SESSION OF THE CARPATHO-BALKAN GEOMORPHOLOGICAL COMMISSION

The part of the program will be also plenary session of the Carpatho-Balkan Geomorphological Commission (see "Background").

LANGUAGE

The conference will be conducted in English. No translation will be provided.

CONFERENCE OUTPUTS

Contributions to the conference will be published in *Studia Geomorphologica Carpatho-Balcanica* (Kraków), *Geomorphologia Slovaca* and *Geografický časopis* (both Bratislava) after proper reviewing procedures.

COSTS

The registration fee for the conference will be 60 EUR. It will cover the symposium materials (including the booklet of abstracts and excursion guide) and organizational charges. It does not include meals, banquet, excursions and accommodation cost. Full board per 1 person per 1 day is approx. 5 EUR, accommodation in single room per 1 night approx. 12 EUR and double room 21 EUR at the moment. If a rise in fees becomes necessary, we shall try to keep it to a minimum. Guidelines for the payment of registration fee will be included in the 2nd conference circular.

INTERNATIONAL HONORARY COMMITTEE

Prof. Lucian Badea (Romania)
Prof. Tadeáš Czudek (Czech Republic)
Prof. Jaromír Demek (Czech Republic)
Prof. Jozef Kvitkovič (Slovakia)
Prof. Dmitriy A. Lilienberg (Russia)
Prof. Gheorghe Niculescu (Romania)
Prof. Márton Pécsi (Hungary)
Prof. Zoltán Pinczés (Hungary)
Prof. Leszek Starkel (Poland)

Note: Let us to encourage you to suggest other members, namely from remaining CBGC countries. The final list of the Committee members will be announced in the 2nd circular.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Miloš Stankoviansky (Comenius University in Bratislava)
Vice-chairman: Ján Urbánek (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Geography)
Secretary: Ján Lacika (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Geography)
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DEADLINES AND KEY DATES

Return of preliminary registration form:	November 30, 2002
2 nd circular mailing (call for abstracts, registration fee, final registration form):	January, 2003
Return of final registration form and submission of abstracts, payment of registration fee:	April 30, 2003
3 rd circular mailing (with full program):	July, 2003

INTERNET ADDRESS

Information is available also on Internet Web Site: <http://www.fns.uniba.sk/~kfg/cbgc/cbgc.html>. It contains also the Preliminary Registration Form.

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PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return by November 30, 2002

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Number of accompanying persons:

I intend to present a paper: yes no

 a poster: yes no

Preliminary title:

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I intend to participate in the excursions: yes no