

Report "Kerrville 2009"

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- The Commission was represented by myself (Jan Paul) and George Szentes.
- For meetings, lectures and so on everything was well organized due to requests by Jan Urban (president of Commission) to the local person of the Congress, Mrs. Hazel Medville.
- Some 10 to 15 persons visited the Commission Meeting.
- First an answer was given why so few members of the Commission were present: costs of the Congress itself were not too bad, but flying from Europe to U.S.A. was over 1000 Euro's due to the top-season. Too much for many cavers from Central-Europe.
- An overview was given about operation of the Commission. Since many members live in Central-Europe meetings are easy to visit and to participate in the Symposia.
- U.I.S. hopes decisions of the Commissions are taken during their Congress. This is sometimes not possible due to the few commission members present. It was made clear due to the (now) regular - every second year- well visited symposia are the places where decisions are taken. Results are of course presented to U.I.S.
- The report made by the president of the commission was handed out, but this was already read in full during the opening of the Congress.
- It was made clear during the next U.I.S. congress in 2013 - Brno, Czech Republic - many members of our commission will be present.
- Heaps of information about the Pseudokarst Symposium in Saupsdorf were distributed (but no U.S.A. cavers showed up here ...).
- Present during this meeting was the 'big' man in U.S.A.: Dr. Bill Halliday. He promotes pseudo-karst and writes many articles about this topic. He is now working on a book on pseudo-karst and hopefully he will finish this soon.