

Report of the Pseudokarst Commission of UIS
about previous (May 2011-May 2012) and future activities

Functionaries of the Commission:

Jiří Kopecký (honorary president), István Eszterhás (honorary president)ⁱ, Jan Urban (president), Rudolf Pavuza (vice-president), Ludovít Gaál (secretary).

Members: Jiří Adamovič, Ahmad Afrasibian, Soraya Ayub, William R. Halliday, Erich Knust, Włodzimierz Margielewski, Hartmut Simmert, Rabbe Sjöberg, Georg Szentes, Maurizio Tavagnutti, Jan Paul van der Pas, Tiberiu Tulucan, Marcos Vaqueiro, Juan Ramon Vidal Romani, Marina Vdovets, Lukaš Vlček and Josef Wagner.

Previous events and meetings:

- The 2nd International Conference on Granite Caves, Nynäshamn, Sweden (31.05-7.06. 2011), was organised by the committee headed by Rabbe Sjöberg and Nils-Axel Mörner in co-operation with the UIS Pseudokarst Commission. The meeting gathered some 20 persons from 6 countries. Presentations about various aspects of non-karst caves in Austria, Finland, Italy, Spain and Sweden were given. During the Symposium and post-Symposium excursions diverse and spectacular caves were shown, among which the seismotectonic ones belonged to the most interesting. The report, by R. Pavuza, was published in the “Pseudokarst Commission Newsletter” no 22.
- Not connected directly with the UIS Pseudokarst Commission activity, but related to the interests of its members were also:
 - International Conference “Sandstone Landscapes III”, Kudowa Zdrój, Poland 25-28.04.2012. During the scientific sessions several presentations concerning studies of/in non-karst caves were given (e.g. presentation of W. Margielewski et al., poster of E. Knust). The report, by E. Knust, will be published in the “Pseudokarst Commission Newsletter” no 23. The materials will be published in the proceedings volume and partly in the “Zeitschrift für Geomorphologie”.
 - Two meetings of the Russian Geographical Society in St. Petersburg:
 1. Meeting of the Karst and Speleology Commission of RGO. 16.11.2011.
 2. Scientific-practical conference "Leningrad Region as an object of study." 16.03.2012.During these meetings I. A. Agapov gave presentations concerning exploration, scientific studies and cultural heritage of non-karst caves of north-west Russia.

Publications:

- The proceedings of the 11th International Symposium on Pseudokarst in Saupsdorf, Germany (12-16 May 2010) was edited in December 2011. It contains guidebook of the Symposium excursions and 23 full papers and abstracts (totally 178 pages). Editor: J. Simmert.
- The “Pseudokarst Commission Newsletter” no 22 (dated at December 2011) was published (only in the digital form, in the web: http://www.pub.zih.tu-dresden.de/~simmert/pkarst/08_newsletter/newsletter_022.pdf), in January 2012, traditionally in two languages: English and German (each paper). It contains four scientific papers and short notes as well as report and announcement of meetings and obituary of the late Karl Mais (totally 26 pages). Editors: J. Urban, R. Pavuza, C. Pfarr.

Future events:

The 12th International Symposium on Pseudokarst in Tui, Galicia, Spain (12-14 September 2012) – „**How old is pseudokarst: dating pseudokarst caves and forms**”. It is organised by the Clube Espeleológico Mauxo and the Instituto Universitario de Xeoloxía "Isidro Parga Pondal", University of A Coruña with co-operation of the UIS Pseudokarst Commission; personally by Marcos Vaqueiro-Rodríguez – chairman on speleology and Juan Ramon Vidal-Romani- chairman on geology. During the Symposium one-day lecture session and two days of scientific excursions as well as pre- and post-Symposium excursions are planned. During the field-trips mainly problems of non-karst caves and relief microforms in granites as well as sea-shore processes and landforms will be presented. Some 30 persons from 11 countries announced their attendance and 16 presentations are planned.

Jan Urban

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ⁱ It must be supplemented in UIS data, because it was not written in previous UIS Bulletins.