

Minutes
of the Assembly of the Pseudokarst Commission UIS
17.09.2015
during the 13th International Symposium on Pseudokarst in
Kunčice pod Ondřejníkem, Czech Republic

Attendance:

Members: Rudolf Pavuza (Austria), Rabbe Sjöberg (Sweden), Jiří Kopecky (Czech Republic), Jiří Adamovič (Czech Republic), Erich Knust (Germany), Ludovít Gaál (Slovakia), Hartmut Simmert (Germany), Jan Urban (Poland), Jan Paul van der Pas (Netherlands), Ivo Baroň (Austria), Georg Szentes (New Zealand)

Non Members: Petr Tábóřik (Czech Republic), Václav Škarpich (Czech Republic), Bernd Wutzig (Germany),

At 19:30 pm Jan Urban opens the session and asks Mr. Jan Paul van der Pas to chair the meeting.

In the assembly the following items were discussed:

1. The activity of the UIS Pseudokarst Commission between 2013 and 2015 – Report
2. Recapitulation of the past activity of the Pseudokarst Commission – Discussion
3. Expected events and future activities of the Commission – Proposals and Discussion
4. Decision on the date and place of the 14th International Symposium on Pseudokarst
5. Election of the Executive Committee
6. Other remarks, discussion and conclusions

The report of activity of the UIS Pseudokarst Commission between 2013 and 2015 was delivered by the president of the Commission, Jan Urban:

- The Commission currently has 5 officials and 20 members. The last assembly took place during the 16th International Congress of Speleology in Brno on 25th July 2013. During this Congress three half-day scientific sessions were dedicated to the “Karst and Caves in other rocks” i.e. widely understood pseudokarst, prepared and conveyed by Jiří Adamovič.
- Several publications have been presented. The Newsletter of the Commission is permanently available in printed and online (pdf) versions on the Commission website in two languages. As an other exemplary online-information tool we can find the “List of Non-Karst-Caves of Hungary” <http://nonkarstic.geo.info.hu> , prepared by G. Szentes & I. Esterhás.
- The President thanks to Jan Lenart, Josef Wagner and their team for the preparation of the 13th International Symposium.
- He also speaks about the crucial problem of the location of the 14th Symposium. Until now the Commission has no suggestion in this issue. Proposal from New Zealand are too expensive or far away for most of the members.

The complete report is available on the website of the Commission.

Further items and discussions:

- G. Szentes reports about the very bad health condition of István Eszterhás and brings the greetings from him to the Symposium;
- Several alternative locations of the next Symposium (No. 14), which will be held in 2018, are considered: Russia, Romania, Sweden, West-Germany, Austria&Moravia boundary region (with the center in the Moravian side);
- The Working Group on Classification of Non-Karst Caves is continuing its work;
- Bill Halliday is in the moment not continuing the work on his book “Pseudokarst”. He could complete his work with a help from other people;

- Website: the “News” should be updated (last infos from 2012!);
- Printing the Newsletter and sending them to a list of recipients will be organized by R. Pavuza;
- The meeting of the officials will be held online;
- The Commission will take part in the UIS-Congress in Sydney, 2017, having there its representatives (G. Szentes);

Election of the functionaries:

Jan Urban (president) and Rudi Pavuza (vice-president) stay in their functions,
New secretary of the Commission is Hartmut Simmert,
We thank to Ludovit Gaál for his work as a secretary for several last years.

End of the meeting: 20:32 pm.

Recorded by H. Simmert and J. P. van der Pas