

Minutes of the meeting of the Pseudokarst Commission

Date/time: 25.07.2022 - 18:30 clock

Place: Savoie Technolac, L'Horloge, 16 Av. du Lac du Bourget, 73374 Le Bourget-du-Lac, France
At 18. International UIS Congress on Speleology in Savoie Mont Blanc

Participants:

Jan Urban (Poland, President of the UIS Pseudokarst Commission)

Wlodek Margielewski (Poland)

Claude Mouret (France)

Hartmut Simmert (Germany, Secretary of the Commission)

Topics:

- 1 Initial greetings
- 2 Chairmen election for the meeting
- 3 Report of the Commission President
 - Discussion on this report
 - Assessment of a past activity
- 4 Future plans
- 5 Other Affairs
- 6 Conclusions

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After the scientific program of the congress (topic 11: pseudokarst) the Commission comes together for the planned meeting. Jan Urban invited all interested cavers and visitors in the lecture hall to join the commission meeting, but finally only four members came to place. The small group asked Claude Mauret to lead the meeting.

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Report from Jan Urban

- Activities to organize the publications of the „Pseudokarst Commission Newsletter“.
- Activities to organize the next international symposium on pseudokarst. This had to be postponed several times because of the COVID- situation. Now we hope to realize this meeting in May 2023 in Poland.
- Activities to find new members, that are interested in pseudokarst-exploration and research
- Since the last meeting the commission has adopted 8 new members, but also lost 4 members that died, so finally it has increased by four members up 32 members.
- The Website of the Commission is up to date and the best way to inform the members and the interested world about the activities.

Discussion:

- In the moment the Commission tries to get younger members, who will continue the work of the Commission. Jan Urban and Hartmut Simmert want to give the tasks in younger hands, but in the moment, there is no follower. So, the actual leaders continue their work.
- The Commission has to find new ways to make young cavers more interested in research in Pseudokarst

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Future plans

- Now concentration goes to get information about the actual research projects in the concerning clubs and from members.
- All data of the registered clubs have to be checked.

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There are in the moment no other affairs to discuss

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Conclusions:

- The leadership of the Commission is confirmed by the participants for the next period, because of the small number of participants there cannot be an election
- We continue to publish projects in the Newsletter and on the Website

The chairman closes the session at 19:15 o'clock

Protocol:

Hartmut Simmert, Secretary of the Pseudokarst Commission