

**Assembly of the UIS Pseudokarst Commission,  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2023,  
during the 14<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Pseudokarst,  
Sudetes, SW Poland**

**Program:**

1. Election of the meeting chairman, scrivener/secretary and scrutineering committee.
2. Report – the activity of the UIS Pseudokarst Commission between 2015 and 2023.
3. Discussion about the past and current activity of the Pseudokarst Commission.
4. Election of the executive committee of the Commission.
5. Discussion on the expected events and future activeness of the Commission,
6. Proposal on the term and place of next, 15<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Pseudokarst.
7. Other remarks, discussion and conclusions.

**Chairman:** Jan Lenart

**Scrivener:** Maria Kotowska

**Participants in person 10, as follow:**

Adamovič Jiří

Duszyński Filip

Jancewicz Kacper

Kašing Martin (new member)

Kopecký Jiří

Kotowska Maria

Lenart Jan

Pavuzá Rudolf

Urban Jan

Varilová Zuzana (new member)

**Participants online 2, as follows:**

Baron Ivo

Simmert Hartmut

**Scrutineering committee:**

Duszyński Filip

Varilová Zuzana

## Implementation of the program

1. The Commission President, Jan Urban, suggested functionalities of the Assembly, and these proposals were accepted (see above).
2. Report of activity of the Commission between September 2015–May 2023, was presented by the President, who supplemented it with some comments about the members, past meetings and publications.
3. Discussion about the past, current and future activities concerned and concentrated at some activities, such as:
  - rejuvenation of the composition of the Commission and its executive body;
  - usage of new media for better promotion of the Commission activity and the development of contacts between its members and collaborators;
  - Pseudokarst Commission Newsletter – forms of its publishing and propagating, e.g. changing of the Newsletter into a kind of an active blog, which would make possible to present current events, materials (papers, announcements), comments and discussions, not only publishing materials once a year;
  - various directions and fields of the activities, e.g. strives for higher attendance in the symposia and other international meetings;
  - working outside and cooperation across the national borders;
  - how to gather and keep people in the Commission – good practices and procedures;
  - whether to change the structure of the executive group;
  - distribution of news among the other caving groups and speleologists, e-mail connections.

### 4. Election of the executive board of the commission

Candidates: Jan Urban – president, Rudolf Pavuza – vice-president, Hartmut Simmert – secretary, Kacper Jancewicz – second secretary, Jan Lenart – executive member.

Number of people voting: 11

Distribution of votes:

president:	Jan Urban	+ 9	neutral 1
vice-president:	Rudolf Pavuza	+ 10	
secretary:	Hartmut Simmert	+ 10	
second secretary:	Kacper Jancewicz	+ 10	
exec. member:	Jan Lenart	+ 10	

invalid vote: 1

### 5. Discussion on the expected events and future activeness of the Commission:

- edition of the materials of the 14<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Pseudokarst in the Quaternary Studies journal (scientific papers) and the Pseudokarst Commission Newsletter (popular and descriptive papers);
  - establishing the procedure for accepting new members.
6. Proposal on the term and place of the next, 15<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Pseudokarst:
- 15<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Pseudokarst should be organized after 3 years (2026);
  - possibly it will be organized together with national speleological meeting of the Czech Speleological Society, however other possibilities will be also considered and checked.
7. Other remarks, discussion and conclusions:
- the Commission needs more young people, especially cavers.

Karłów, 24.05.2023

Scrivener: *Maria Kotowska*

Chairman: *Jan Lenart*