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First Announcement of IWIC-VIII June, 11-16 2018

The upcoming International Workshop on Ice caves (IWIC-VIII) will be held in Picos de Europa National Park (Spain) from June 11-16, 2018. The meeting promotes dissemination of the latest scientific advances and encourages dialogue and collaboration between researchers interested in all aspects of ice caves. The conference language is English. The workshop is sponsored by the Glacier, Firn and Ice Caves Commission of the International Union of Speleology (UIS) and organized by the University of Valladolid (PANGEA research group, Geography Department). For fourteen years the workshop is held every two years, and previously has been celebrated in Cluj-Napoca (Romania, 2004), Liptovský Mikuláš (Slovakia, 2006), Russia (2008), Obertraum (Austria, 2010), Grigna-Milan (Italy, 2012), Idaho Falls (USA) and Postojna (Slovenia, 2016).

The workshops on Ice Caves are a nice opportunity for the exchange of ideas and advances in research on ice caves. The objective is to establish contacts and links between researchers during the IWIC, examining the state of the art, the applied techniques to research on ice caves and the study of specific cases, with special emphasis on promoting international cooperation. During the workshop the scientific sessions alternate with visits to ice caves in Picos de Europa and karst environments in the coastal and the Cantabrian Mountains, northern Spain.

A 1st circular with the scientific program will be available in November 2017. Plenary, concurrent and poster sessions will be held on all topics concern to ice caves. Participation of young researchers is strongly encouraged, and reduced registration rates are available for students and fellows.

The Organizing Committee is working to provide attendees not only with a top scientific program, but also with field activities that allow you to enjoy the Picos de Europa. We are looking forward to welcoming you in IWIC-VIII. Your attendance will contribute to the fruitful exchange of scientific ideas and help to forge new friendships and future collaborations. We are sure that your participation in the conference and your experience in the Picos de Europa National Park will be scientifically rewarding, highly enjoyable and truly unforgettable.

Sincerely,
The organizing Committee

ORGANIZATION

- PANGEA-UVA, Natural Heritage and Applied Geography Research Group, University of Valladolid. Department of Geography-UVA
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- Glacier, Firn, and Ice Caves Commission of the International Union of Speleology (UIS)

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DATE

June 11th to 16th 2018

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

First Circular: November 2017
Registration with reduced rate: until February 1st. 2018
Submission of abstracts: until March 1st. 2018
Acceptance of abstracts: March 15. 2018
Second circular: April 1st. 2018
Registration with full rate: until May 30. 2018
Opening of the Workshop: June 11.

VENUE

Picos de Europa National Park is located in the north of Spain between the Cantabria, Asturias and Castilla y León Autonomic Communities. It can be conveniently reached by plane from Oviedo (150 km), Santander (100 km) and Bilbao (180 Km) airports and by bus or car. The National Park is ideally located for field trips to several ice caves.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES (more information in First Circular)

Scientific lectures

Scientific sessions

- Field trips
- Asturian litoral karst.
 - El Soplao tourist cave. Speleological special visit.
 - Picos de Europa National Park: Karst, glacial landforms geology, geomorphology and landscape.
 - Castil ice cave and high mountain karst, geomorphology and landscape.
 - Ice caves (Altaiz) and Las Gramas Mines.