

First Circular
Postojna, December 2015



7th International Workshop on Ice Caves

IWIC VII



May 16th to 22nd 2016
Postojna, Slovenia

Topic and Goals

IWIC is a series of workshops devoted entirely to ice cave research. Previous meetings were in Romania, Slovak Republic, Russia, Austria, Italy and United States of America. Now Slovenia hosts this unique workshop.

IWIC VII meeting is organized under the auspices of the Glacier, Firn, and Ice Caves Commission of the International Union of Speleology, the host of the event is Karst Research Institute ZRC of Slovene Academy of Science and Arts.

We offer a place to examine the state-of-the-art, discuss ongoing research efforts and encourage international cooperation. Workshop is an ideal opportunity to widen communication among interested researchers and present important research results and in fieldtrips visit local ice caves.

Place of the IWIC VII is Postojna that is located in the centre of Classical Karst. During the workshop participants will have an opportunity to visit some ice caves and related phenomena both in the karst of Southern Alps and Dinaric Mountains.

Program Outline

Monday, May 16

- Arrival
- Optional afternoon field trip to karst in vicinity
- Cave Ice Breaking Party

Tuesday, May 17

- Registration
- Opening of the Workshop
- Lectures of participants

Wednesday, May 18

- Lectures of participants
- Afternoon field trip

Thursday, May 19

- Lectures of participants
- Afternoon field trip

Friday May 20

- Whole day field trip to ice cave Paradana; high Dinaric karst

Saturday, May 21

- Whole day field trip to ice cave Snežna jama; Southern Alps
- Farewell dinner

Sunday, May 22

- Departure or optional field trips to caves

Detailed program will be available on website!

Important dates and deadlines

Registration with reduced fees:	until March 1
Abstract submission:	until April 1
Registration with full fees:	until May 13
Abstract acceptance:	April 10
Second circular:	April 15

Technical & Registration Information

The Workshop registration forms are in English and Slovenian.

Abstract

Up to one page of text (3000 characters) with the name and address of the author(s).

Abstracts in English are to be submitted into the registration form. Participants should indicate the preferred type of presentation (oral/poster), but the final decision will be made by the organizers. Abstracts will be published together with the Program and Guidebook.

Whole papers, delivered before July 1, will be published in special number of journal [Acta Carsologica](#), where they should pass peer review.

Registration fee for the whole week May 16–22

- Early registration fee before March 1: regular 250 €, students 200 €
- Late registration fee after March 1: regular 300 €, students 250 € EUR

Payment of the fee will be also possible with cash on the post office or at bank in Postojna, information will be given at the registration.

Registration includes: printed materials, excursions, lunch on the whole day excursions, visit of

tourist caves Postojnska jama and Škocjanske jame, refreshments during coffee breaks, attendance to the Cave Ice Braking Party at the Karst Research Institute and Farewell dinner on Saturday.

If you are interested on optional workshop field trips please contact us. We can make some special arrangements to caves guided by cavers from local speleological clubs.

Registration is possible [only online](#) and will be open from **December 2015** until **May 13, 2016**.

Payment

Because of high bank wire transfer fees, if you are coming as part of a group, we suggest paying once for the group, but please specify the individuals covered by the payment or you can pay at the place as late registration:

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SWIFT: BSLJSI2X

Reference: 4134

Purpose: Name of participant

Our address: ZRC SAZU, Novi trg 2, 1000 Ljubljana

Bank address: BANKA SLOVENIJE, Slovenska cesta 35, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

If you have any problems with payment, please contact us by e-mail: IZRK@ZRC-SAZU

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Location

Postojna, Slovenia

Karst Research Institute ZRC SAZU, Titov trg 2, 6230 Postojna – Cave Ice Breaking Party

Cultural Centre of Postojna, Gregorčičev drevored 2, 6230 Postojna – Registration & Scientific

program (Lectures & Posters)

Transportation from Airports

You can book your transportation from various airports to Postojna and back through the travel agency Kompas Postojna, which offers competitive prices. For more information, contact the agency by e-mail: accommodation@kompas-postojna.si

Accommodation for participants

The participants are asked to book their accommodations through the travel agency Kompas Postojna. The agency **has special prices** for participants.

There are several possibilities for accommodations: **Hotel Kras** (in front of the Institute), **Sport Hotel** (close to the Culture Centre), **Youth Hostel Proteus** (close to the Institute), **Camping Pivka jama** (5 km from Postojna; camp and bungalows), **private apartments** and **rooms** (in Postojna).

For booking and information please contact the following address: KOMPAS POSTOJNA, d.o.o., Travel Agency

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