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Please contact the people and organizations listed below for more information, and feel free to share this message with anyone who may be interested.

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#### **The International Year of Caves and Karst and the International Congress of Speleology**

The second year of the International Year of Caves and Karst will continue to include many events around the world. The main event will be the International Congress of Speleology in beautiful southeastern France, on 24-31 July 2022. For information about the Congress, visit <https://uis2021.speleos.fr/>.

One of the events being planned for the congress needs your help. Did you organize any events or activities for the International Year, or do you plan to organize anything between now and the congress (we hope so!)? If you did or will, and if you have videos of your events, the UIS wants to create a video for the congress made of short pieces of your videos to show many highlights of the International Year. We ask that you send pieces of your videos that are about 30 seconds to 1-2 minutes long of the most exciting, interesting, important, or “crazy” activities from your events. We want to show what we have accomplished, and that we had fun doing it too.

If you have videos, or plan to create videos in the coming months, please contact me at [gveni@nckri.org](mailto:gveni@nckri.org) and I will send you instructions on where to send them. We will need your videos no later than 1 June 2022 and ask that you start sending them now.

As before, please continue your great work for the International Year by:

- Recruiting new partners, especially from outside the cave community.
- Continue to organize more and new events.
- Make any in-person hybrid if possible to reach more people.
- Announce your events at <http://iyck2021.org/index.php/events/>.
- Post your event results (no matter how small or local) at <http://iyck2021.org/index.php/event-results/>.
- Don't forget we have a new International Cave Animal for 2022: the bat! Please help promote bat research and protection.

Thank you again for your support. The International Year is a success and can only continue to be successful because of your partnership and commitment to teach the world about the importance of caves and karst.

If you have questions or need support, please contact me.

For more information about the International Year, visit the website ([www.iyck2021.org](http://www.iyck2021.org)). Also like us at the UIS Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/uisspeleo>), UIS Twitter account (<https://twitter.com/uisspeleo>), and/or the UIS Instagram page (<https://www.instagram.com/uisspeleo/>).

George Veni  
President, International Union of Speleology  
Executive Director, National Cave and Karst Research Institute

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## Call for Donations to Assist Ukraine

Due to the war in Ukraine, international friends of cavers in Ukraine ask for donations to one of the following accounts with the National Bank of Ukraine. The funds do not go to Ukrainian cavers but support the country's defense in general.

### For donations in US dollars:

BENEFICIARY: National Bank of Ukraine

BENEFICIARY BIC: NBUA UA UX

BENEFICIARY ADDRESS: 9 Instytutska St, Kyiv, 01601, Ukraine

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 400807238

BENEFICIARY BANK NAME: JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, New York

BENEFICIARY BANK BIC: CHASUS33

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BENEFICIARY BANK ADDRESS: 383 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017, USA

PURPOSE OF PAYMENT: for crediting account 47330992708

### For donations in euros:

BENEFICIARY: National Bank of Ukraine

BENEFICIARY'S ACCOUNT: UA843000010000000047330992708

BENEFICIARY'S BANK: National Bank of Ukraine

CORRESPONDENT ACCOUNT: IBAN DE05504000005040040066

CORRESPONDENT BANK: DEUTSCHE BUNDESBANK, Frankfurt

SWIFT CODE: MARKDEFF

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## Registration Open: 2022 Karst Field Studies Program

Friends, Colleagues, and/or Fellow Karst Enthusiasts,

You've waited patiently for two years, but the time to formally announce the next Karst Field Studies (KFS) summer program line-up has arrived!!! We are so pleased to announce that registration for Summer 2022 is officially OPEN. We are pleased to offer the following KFS courses during summer 2022:

- Cave Ecology, May 30-June 5, Dr. Jut Wynne
- Cave and Karst Field Data Collection and Visualization, June 5-11, Dr. Pat Kambesis
- Karst Hazards & Disaster Planning, June 13-17, Dr. Jason Polk
- Karst Geomorphology Field & Numerical Techniques, June 25-July 1, Dr. Rachel Bosch

- Cave Photography, July 18-23, Mr. Chuck Sutherland

Registration is now open, and we expect some classes will fill quickly! Reserve your spot in a course by clicking any of the "Register for Courses" buttons on the website or accessing <https://karstfieldstudies.regfox.com/2022-courses>. You may take courses for graduate, undergraduate, or continuing education credit. Courses may also be taken as non-credit workshops.

Visit [www.karstfieldstudies.com](http://www.karstfieldstudies.com) for more information about the program, course descriptions and schedules, how to register, instructor bios, and more.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Leslie North at [leslie.north@wku.edu](mailto:leslie.north@wku.edu).

Stay up to date on all the latest KFS news and announcements by following us on social media through Instagram @karstfieldstudies, Twitter @KFSWKU, and/or Facebook @WKUKarstfieldstudies.

Please help us spread the word about the program by forwarding this message and sharing our posts with your colleagues, grotto members, staff, students, friends, and any other parties you feel may be interested in the program courses!

Hope to see you this summer!  
Leslie

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### **Visual KARSYS: Next Online Course Announcement**

The next Visual KARSYS course will occur online on 6-7 April 2022 in two 3-hour sessions. The course is designed for geologists and hydrogeologists (engineers, academic, students) working in karst environments for applied issues (groundwater resources, natural hazards, geothermy, construction, etc.). It

intends to provide steps and tools to attendees who will apply KARSYS by themselves. For more information visit <https://www.visualkarsys.com/>.

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### **7<sup>th</sup> Texas Hydro-Geo Workshop: USA**

The Texas Hydro-Geo Workshop is centered on the collection, processing, analysis, and evaluation of hydrologic and geologic field data. It serves as an excellent introduction for aspiring geology, hydrology, and environmental science students, as well as a refresher for seasoned professionals.

The Workshop was created to bring students and professionals together in a field setting for a hands-on learning experience. This is a special opportunity to work with leading researchers and practitioners from across the state and nation. Participants have the opportunity to explore many different techniques for collecting data from soil, rock, and water media. This includes drilling rigs, surface and borehole geophysics, stream gauging, water quality instruments, and much more. For those that will be taking week long or longer field courses associated with your degree program, some of the Hydro Geo Workshop modules will give you an advantage ranging from field safety, field book data collection, rock identification, how to camp, etc.

Participants select from the various modules depending upon availability. Please note that participation may be limited in some modules for safety reasons, to maintain a high participant/coordinator ratio, or for resource protection. The workshop also includes the opportunity for attendees to present Lightning Talks to the other attendees and presenters.

The Workshop takes place at and around [Cave Without a Name](#) near Boerne, Texas, USA on 1-3 April 2022. Most activities will be centered at the campsite and pavilion.

For full details and to register, visit <https://hydrogeoworkshop.org/>.

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### **Job Opportunity: Assistant/Associate Professor of Geology, University of Guam**

QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. in Geology or Ph.D. in a related field such as Physical Geography or Civil Engineering with a Bachelor's and/or Master's degree in Geology from a U.S. regionally accredited institution or foreign equivalent.

University of Guam seeks an early to mid-career geologist with interest and experience in karst hydrogeology or geomorphology; or in carbonate petrology and karst processes. He or she should be competent in field geology, prepared to live and work in the tropics, and interested in mastering the geology of the region and making a long-term commitment to the Water and Environmental Research Institute (WERI) and the University of Guam. Must be willing to teach online.

CHARACTER OF DUTIES: University of Guam seeks a geologist familiar with or prepared to master the regional and local geology of Guam, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). He or she will be expected to set up and lead a vigorous research program addressing both basic and applied aspects of water resources exploration, development, management, and conservation for island communities throughout the western Pacific region.

This is a research faculty position. The successful candidate will be expected to develop and lead a research program grounded in external funding and collaboration with co-investigators from outside institutions as well as local colleagues. He or she will be working with multidisciplinary teams of scientists, engineers, and graduate research assistants on basic and applied problems pertaining to water resources of Guam, FSM, and the CNMI. Primary duties will be initiating and conducting research projects, contributing to graduate instruction in the University's Environmental Science Program, advising thesis research, and mentoring students working on Masters' Degrees in environmental science.

For full details and to apply (deadline 1 April 2022), visit:  
<https://uog.peopleadmin.com/postings/2541>.

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### **15th European Cave Rescue Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Circular Available, Czech Republic**

The organizing committee invites you to the 15th European Cave Rescue Meeting in the Czech Republic. The venue is Rudice, in the middle of the Moravian Karst, not far from Brno.

Please note this year's unusually early date of 29 September to 2 October 2022.

For more information visit our homepage.

<https://caverescue.eu/european-cave-rescue-meeting-2022-first-circular/>

For a printable version choose <https://caverescue.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/ECRM-2022-1st-Circular.pdf>.

We hope again for numerous participation and that Covid-19 has no more significant influence.

Regards, Kurt.

Kurt Dennstedt  
Secretary General of  
European Cave Rescue Association (ECRA)

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### List of Upcoming Cave and Karst Meetings

*If you are interested in any of the following events, contact the organizers directly to learn if they are still planned as announced below.*

- 1) 14th International Symposium on Pseudokarst, postponed to Spring 2022, <https://14pseudokarst.wonders4you.com/>
- 2) European Geophysical Union Karst Sessions, 3-8 April 2022 (Vienna, Austria), <https://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU22/sessionprogramme#HS8.2>
- 3) Visual KARSYS Online Course, 6-7 April 2022, <https://www.visualkarsys.com/>
- 4) Fort Stanton Cave Science Conference, 7-9 April 2022 (Socorro, New Mexico, USA), <https://geoinfo.nmt.edu/FtStanton/home.cfm>
- 5) Astrobiology Science Conference, 15-20 May 2022 (Atlanta, Georgia, USA), <https://www.agu.org/AbSciCon>
- 6) International Conference on Groundwater, Key to the Sustainable Development Goals, 18-22 May 2022 (Sorbonne University, Paris, France), <http://www.gw-sdg2022.fr/index.php/en/>
- 7) 36<sup>th</sup> Brazilian Congress of Speleology, 3-6 June 2022 (Brasilia, Brazil), <http://36cbe.org.br/>
- 8) 29<sup>th</sup> International Karstological School "Classical Karst": Speleology, 13-17 June 2022 (Postojna, Slovenia), <http://iks.zrc-sazu.si>
- 9) National Speleological Society Convention, 13-17 June 2022 (Rapid City, South Dakota, USA), <https://www.nss2022.caves.org/>

- 10) EuroKarst 2022: The European Congress on Karst Hydrogeology and Carbonate Reservoirs, 22-25 June 2022 (Málaga, Spain), <http://www.eurokarst.org/>
- 11) Climate Change, The Karst Record IX (KR9), 17-20 July 2022 (Innsbruck, Austria), <https://www.uibk.ac.at/congress/kr9/>
- 12) 25th International Conference on Subterranean Biology, 18-22 July 2022 (Cluj-Napoca, Romania), <https://www.25icsb.com/>.
- 13) 18th International Congress of Speleology, 24-31 July 2022 (Savoie Technolac, Le Bourget du Lac, Savoie, France), <http://uis2021.speleos.fr/>
- 14) 17th Multidisciplinary Conference on Sinkholes and the Engineering and Environmental Impacts of Karst, 27-31 March 2023 (Tampa, Florida, USA), <http://www.sinkholeconference.com/>
- 15) 19th International Congress of Speleology, 20-27 July 2025 (Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil), for preliminary information see volume 63-1 of the UIS Bulletin at <http://uis-speleo.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/uisb631.pdf>
- 16) 27th International Cave Bear Symposium, 1-4 September 2022 (Golling an der Salzach, Salzburg, Austria), <https://www.museumgolling.at/forschung/icbs2022/>
- 17) Man and Karst Conference, 12-17 September 2022 (Sicily, Italy), <https://cirs-ragusa.org/blog/man-and-karst-2022/>