



28th International Karstological School "Classical karst"

REGIONAL KARSTOLOGY - LOCAL AND GENERAL ASPECTS within International Year of Karst and Caves

Postojna, June 14th–18th 2021

Organised by Karst Research Institute ZRC SAZU

FIRST CIRCULAR

Since 1993, the International Karstological School "Classical Karst" (IKS) has been organised annually, covering many aspects related to karst research. The basic idea of the event is to present the state-of-the-art of the annually selected topic and to promote discussion between participants via a set of invited and topic-related lectures, a poster session and field trips to the Slovenian Classical Karst area.

MAIN TOPIC

28th International Karstological School will be focused to the regional karst studies. Karst is distributed in most continents and climatic regimes. Most of what we know on karst is based on regional studies. These have direct implications in development challenges of a particular region, however, their broader relevance and validity of regional results may be questionable. Results of regional studies thus, may or may not be generally valid. Regardless of what your topic is (geomorphology, geology, hydrology, biology, speleology, ...) we encourage you to present your regional study and discuss its results in view of their relevance to other karst systems.

On the initiative of International Speleological Union 2021 is the International Year of Caves and Karst. Therefore, this conference will follow its motto: Explore, Understand, Protect.



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Expected program in case of classic (physical) implementation.

	Monday June 14 th 2021	Tuesday June 15 th 2021	Wednesday June 16 th 2021	Thursday June 17 th 2021	Friday June 18 th 2021
Morning	Registration Sessions	Sessions	Sessions	Whole-day excursion	Whole-day excursion
Afternoon	Sessions & Poster session	Field trip	Field trip		
Evening	Ice breaker & Mysteries of karst			Gala reception	

REGISTRATION

Registration will be online only and open till April 30th, 2021. Link to the registration form, abstract submission, payment instructions and other information is available on the website: <http://iks.zrc-sazu.si/en/>.

We will follow constantly the pandemic situation and let you know as soon as possible, whether the conference will take place in traditional way (live event), whether it will be adapted in an appropriate way.

For the physical participation, the registration fee is 175 EUR, and for the undergraduate students 75 EUR. It includes conference materials, excursions, refreshments during coffee breaks, participation at gala reception and at all excursions. In case of virtual participation, the registration fee is 25 EUR. The payment will be available, when the format of the conference will be clear.

The official languages of the event are English and Slovene. The abstracts must be submitted till April 15th, 2021. The participant's preferred mode of presentation (i.e., poster/oral) will be considered by the organiser. Selected papers contributions will be recommended for publication in Acta Carsologica.

The Second Circular including the detailed programme of the IKS will be available by the end of April 2021.

SUPPORT

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