

### Overview

Karst is the result of the climatic and hydrological evolution of soluble rocks (carbonates, evaporites, conglomerates...), particularly during the recent geological history of the Earth. The action of water has generated a great range of karstic features that are part of our natural heritage and frequently form major tourist attractions. Karst areas often serve as cropland or as substrates for other human activity. However, karst systems are highly sensitive to human disturbances and the inappropriate exploitation of its resources or inappropriate land uses give rise to environmental problems (water pollution, subsidence, flooding, changes in the subterranean environment, etc.).

The specificity of the karst medium is fully accepted at all levels of scientific knowledge, as shown by the existence of specific international journals on karst and specific karst committee in the International Association of Hydrogeologists (www.iah.org/karst). In addition, various international conferences are periodically organised in which Karst Hydrogeology is the main topic. One of them is Eurokarst, which 3rd edition is scheduled by 22th-25th June 2022. In the frame of the conference the training course HYDROKARST will be organised as well as a meeting of the European KARMA project.

Conference is expected be face to face if the pandemic situation COVID-19 permits this. In case the pandemia became worse decisions about the conference will be taken by the Organising Committee.



## **Objectives**

Eurokarst is intended to be an international forum for scientific debate on the progress made in research into karst environments. At this third event, the main objective of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Eurokarst is to discuss and disseminate the latest trends in research into karst aquifers and water resources based on the results obtained with different methodologies in karst terrains worlwide.



# Topics

The following themes are to be addressed in the framework of this Conference:

- Karst Hydrogeology: water resources assessment, groundwater pollution and protection.
- Methods to study karst aquifers: based on hydrodynamic, hydrochemistry, isotopes, dye tracing, geophysical surveys and modelling techniques.
- Karst Geomorphology and Landscape.
- Mining and Engineering in karst media: mining and large structures (tunnels, dams, etc.).
- Karst cavities: touristic caves, natural heritage.

### Communications

Subjects of interest will be experiences and case studies, techniques used and results obtained in recent scientific research on karst. Free papers may be submitted. Initially, an abstract of 300 to 500 words should be provided. The papers accepted by the Scientific Committee will be included in a proceedings stick memory. Papers that meet the requirements will be selected for publication in a Springer book-series. In addition, an extended version of the most interesting ones will be published in a special issue of Environmental Earth Sciences journal. Guidelines for authors and details for publications will be provided in next circular.

The official language of the Symposium will be English, and papers should be given in this language (orally or as posters), although papers written in French and Spanish will be accepted for publication in a proceedings stick memory that will be done.



## Accomodation

Malaga is a tourist city with plenty of accommodation options. The second circular will include details of hotels and restaurants in Malaga.

The city of Malaga has an international airport, quite well connected with many European cities and the rest of the world. It is also linked to the Spanish capital (Madrid) by air (approximately 55 minutes) and by highspeed train (approximately 2 hours 30 minutes).



# Neuchâtel 2016 Besançon 2018

Málaga 2022

## 4th Eurokarst - 2024

To widen the Eurokarst impact, it has been decided that Eurokarst will not only visit the three historical groups that initiated the event but will also visit other places enabling participants to discover different groups and natural environments. In that perspective, a call for candidatures is open for those interested in organizing the 4<sup>th</sup> Eurokarst in 2024 before going back to Neuchâtel in Switzerland.

Interested candidates must contact the organizers of Eurokarst and will be invited to present their application during the 3rd conference in Malaga. The location of Eurokarst 2024 will therefore be decided and announced during the conference in Malaga.

## Organisation

The 3rd Eurokarst Conference will be organized by researchers from the Centre of Hydrogeology at the University of Malaga (CEHIUMA) and the Spanish Geological Survey (IGME), in the framework of their "Advanced Hydrogeological Studies" partnership, in cooperation with the teams on karst hydrogeology of the universities of Neuchâtel (Switzerland) and Franche-Comté (Besançon, France).

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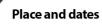
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The scientific meeting will be held in the city of **Malaga (Spain) on 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**Other dates of interest in the course of the Eurokarst organization are:

Deadline for abstracts submission:

Notification of acceptance of abstracts: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Deadline for submission of completed manuscripts: 15th January 2022

Return of reviewed manuscripts: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Deadline for final manuscripts submission: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## Registration

Registration due dates and fees:

Before 16th february 2022 - 300 euros After 15th february 2022 - 350 euros

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