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First Celebration of the International Day of Caves and Karst (IDCK) proclaimed by UNESCO

Postojna, Slovenia: 10 – 13 September 2026



We warmly invite all supporters of the International Day of Caves and Karst initiative, as well as the wider scientific, educational, and decision-making communities, to attend the conference and related events. The official notification, registration form, and detailed programme are available on the websites of ZRC SAZU IZRK and UIS.

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME (10–13 September 2026)

- **10–13 September 2026: International Scientific Conference in Postojna**
Theme: Sustainable management of caves and karst, focusing on protection, education, and research as the foundation of sustainable development.
 - **10 September (09:00–17:00):** Excursion 1 – Škocjan Caves and the Pivka Intermittent Lakes
 - **11 September (09:00–17:00):** Full-day conference (keynote lectures and participant presentations; Postojna Cultural Centre)
 - **12 September (09:00–14:00):** Half-day conference (keynote lectures and participant presentations; Postojna Cultural Centre)
 - **13 September (10:00–17:00):** The Most Important Karst Spring – the Unica spring (IAH/MIKAS event); Excursion 2 – entrance section of Planina Cave, natural bridges in Rakov Škocjan, and Cerknica Polje
- **11–13 September 2026 (to be confirmed): Meeting of Speleologists**
Programme in preparation; organised by the Slovenian Speleological Association (JZS)
- **11 September 2026 (20:00): 3D caves presentation** by Csaba Egri and Peter Gedei (Postojna Cultural Centre)
- **12 September 2026 (meeting 17:15): Official IDCK ceremony in Postojna Cave** (for registered participants and invited guests; tour, cultural programme, and reception)
- **11–13 September 2026: Accompanying programme** (in preparation)