

GEOETHICS NEWS

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Dear Colleagues,

This edition brings you the latest news about



THE MINING PŘÍBRAM SYMPOSIUM: THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION ON GEOETHICS

October 12 - 16, 2009
Příbram, Czech Republic

The preparation of this traditional international meeting with a joint session of the Working Group for Geoethics organised by the Association of Geoscientists for International Development (AGID) is just culminating and the final success mostly depends on you. Many thanks for informing your colleagues who may be also interested.

Many visitors know the specific character of our sessions at the Mining Příbram Symposia with a friendly atmosphere, disposable time for listening the presentations as well as for discussions in the course of coffee breaks and anywhere. The time table makes it possible to use a tailor made plan of your sojourn. Some visitors extend their stay for weekend visit to beautiful Prague or other interesting localities more distant from Příbram. Festive evening remembering old mining traditions as well as the planned excursion in spectacular countryside with beautiful Autumn colours will bring you unforgettable impressions.

We are looking forward to get news from you, to see you at Příbram and to work with you. Any help in promoting the ideas of GEOETHICS shall be appreciated. Details presented in the following text (registration form at the last page).

Sincerely yours,

Václav Němec, AGID vice-president and Lidmila **Němcová**
Convenors, International Section GEOETHICS, the Mining Příbram Symposium

Venue of the Meeting

The Symposium 2009 will NOT take place in the old city area (as in previous years) but in the area nearby the hotel Belveder and the theatre building (DIVADLO ANTONÍNA DVOŘÁKA) where the opening ceremony and other (national) sections of the Symposium will be arranged. All sessions of the international section GEOETHICS will be held in the building of the state enterprise DIAMO (SUL) in the street 28. října, nr. 184.

The AGID Working Group on Geoethics

Since 2004 the further development of geoethics has been taken under the umbrella of the Association of Geoscientists for International Development (AGID – working in the family of the International Union of Geological Sciences – IUGS). Discussions of the appropriate working group on geoethics will continue at Příbram. All participants are cordially invited to attend them and to help to the success.

The program of the section (additional changes reserved):

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12:

1 - 5 P.M.: REGISTRATION

2 - 3 P.M.: THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP:

Introductory greetings and information

"Say about yourself" - all participants will be asked to shortly present themselves and their own activities in connection with geoethics

3 - 5 P.M.: PRESENTATION OF PAPERS - GROUP GA:

GENERAL PROBLEMS OF GEOETHICS

GA 1 Václav Němec (Czech Republic): Actual Development of Geoethics

GA 2 Giuseppe Di Capua, Silvia Peppoloni (Italy): Scientific Information: Problems and Responsibilities

GA 3 Lidmila Němcová (Czech Republic): Challenge for Searching New Geoethical Trajectories of Development

GA 4 Niichi Nishiwaki, Junko Nakajima (Japan): Establishment of International Consensus on the Revision of the Systematics in Petrology as a Case Study of the Geoethical Process

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13:

9 - 10 A.M.: MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP:

Suggestions for discussion, establishing working plan for the week

The participants will have the possibility to attend **the opening ceremony (plenary session) of the Symposium** starting at **10 A.M.** in the theatre building (only Czech language will be used for this session – some explanations will be given for participants from abroad).

2 - 5 P.M.: PRESENTATION OF PAPERS - GROUP GB:

GEOETHICS AND MINERAL RESOURCES

GB 1 Nataliya Nikitina (Russia): Ethical Components of Managerial Decisions in the Conditions of the General Economic Crisis

GB 2 Alicja Byrska-Rapała (Poland): Ethical Aspects in Codes and Guidelines for the Geological Properties Evaluation

GB 3 Petr Rambousek, Pavel Kavina (Czech Republic): The Raw Material Initiative – Chance for Europe?

GB 4 Rza R. Kafarov (Azerbaijan): The Declaration about Proclaiming Natural Resources as the Common Property of the Mankind

GB 5 Valerii Chistyakov (Russia): Geoethical Problems of Well Drilling under the Complicated Conditions

6 - 10 P.M.: FRIENDLY SOCIAL EVENING in the foyer of the **Antonín Dvořák Theater** for all symposium participants (information at the registration; free meals and drinks) .

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14:

9 - 12 A.M.: PRESENTATION OF PAPERS - GROUP GC:

GEOETHICAL PROBLEMS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- GC 1 A. L. Nikolsky, O. I. Knjazev, E. B. Solntseva** (Russia): Scientific Aspects and Situation of Combined Geo-ecologically Safe Technologies in Works at Industrial Complexes of Atomic Energy
- GC 2 Petko Slavov, Peter Stoinov** (Bulgaria): Experiences with Monitoring of Landslide in Sofia's Suburbs Filipovtsy
- GC 3 Hannes Thiergärtner** (Germany): The Responsibility of Geoscientists when Evaluating Contaminations at Former Industrially Used Sites
- GC 4 Jaroslav Chyba** (Czech Republic): Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making

2 - 5 P.M.: PRESENTATION OF PAPERS - GROUP GD:

PLANETARY ASPECTS OF GEOETHICS

- GD 1 Šárka Kalužničínová, Ivan Landa, Andrea Hlavová** (Czech Republic): Ethical Aspects of Influencing the Global Climate
- GD 2 Karel Pazlar** (Canada): Global Warming and Ethics
- GD 3 Veronika Štědrá** and the IYPE-CZ National Committee (Czech Republic): The International Year of Planet Earth: Summary of the Czech Programme and Achievements in 2007-2009
- GD 4 Chris King, Peter Kennett and Elizabeth Devon** (U.K.): Earthlearningidea – an Initiative for the International Year of Planet Earth and Beyond
- GD 5 Jesus Martinez-Frias, Václav Němec, R. De La Torre, G. Horneck** (Spain, Czech Republic, Germany): The Significance of Geoethics in Planetary Protection and Space Research

7 – 10 P.M.: FESTIVE EVENING OF MINERS at Příbram - SOKOLOVNA (all needed information at the registration; free entry tickets available but meals and drinks to be paid).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13:

EXCURSION to the old royal city of **PÍSEK** (museum in the former royal palace, besides historical monuments recent reconstruction after horrible floods of 2002; **LUNCH** in a typical old style restaurant), visit to the Memorial Museum of Antonín Dvořák at **VYSOKÁ** (the last living grandson of the famous Czech composer has promised to open for us also the currently inaccessible family private summer residence – villa Rusalka - where many chefs d'oeuvre were written) and finally some remarkable places at **PŘÍBRAM**. The participants will have lot of opportunities to discuss various geoethical problems of interest and to prepare their materials for the final meeting of the AGID Working Group on Geoethics. **The price (15 € per person – lunch included) will be paid at the registration desk. The departure at 9.00 AM (in front of the hotel Belveder).**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 (since 9 A.M.):

- 1) **Short communications** (see below)
- 2) **Final discussion of the international section Geoethics** (results, future plans)
- 3) **Final meeting of the AGID Working Group on Geoethics** with the following agenda:
 - a) results of the discussions – especially in problems how to continue in promoting geoethical ideas and how to realise the suggestion of Italian colleagues to establish a special commission on geoethics in the framework of the European Union structures;
 - b) new tasks arisen from the sessions;
 - c) other problems of interest.

Short communications still acceptable for presentation

Further written contributions (usually short communications up to 2 pages) can be accepted until September 15 – preferably as soon as possible. They will be included into the Proceedings volume and into the final version of the program for Symposium participants. In case of interest to present additional oral (not written in advance) communications contact the convenors.

Languages

The oral presentation of papers and communications will be mostly held in **English**, in several cases in **Russian**. Simultaneous translation will not be arranged but - if necessary - consecutive abbreviated translations of discussions will help to ensure mutual understanding. The papers will be published mostly in English, in case of publishing the original text in another language an enlarged resume will be published in English. Possibility to use other language than English should be consulted in advance with the convenors.

Deadlines

SEPTEMBER 15, 2009: a) submitting short communications;

b) submitting the enclosed final registration form (if not already sent the registration form published in GEOETHICS NEWS – June 2009) and **payment of the regular registration fees.**

Registration fee (in € - EUROS for one person):

regular - PAID BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2009	120 €
late - paid in cash at the registration desk	140 €
for accompanying persons	20 €

The registration fee covers: the access to the Symposium, the proceedings volume of the section, the social evening, and the access to the festive miners evening; for accompanying persons the social evening and the access to the festive miners evening. - **In case of CANCELLING personal participation all those who paid the registration fee will be considered as non attending registrants and the proceedings volume will be mailed them after the symposium.**

Payments

a) by the BANK TRANSFER to the account No. 1930194379/0800 at Česká spořitelna, a.s., Prague 1, Rytířská 29, Czech Republic; IBAN : CZ28 0800 0000 0019 3019 4379 ; BIC : GIBACZPX ; the owner of the account: AGRICOLA, Prague 2, Rumunská 12, Czech Republic. Note that the payment is for the Mining Příbram Symposium and indicate also the name(s) of the participant(s); bank transfer expenses should be covered by the sender.

b) in CASH at the registration desk after your arrival to Příbram (for the „late“ and „last minute“ registrations).

Arrival to Příbram

The participants are asked to arrive to Příbram in accordance with the arrival date as indicated by them in the registration form. The citizens of many countries can enter the territory of the Czech Republic without visa (**ask for details the Czech Embassy or any travel agency in your country**), on the other hand **visa** for citizens of other countries (outside European Union) still have to be purchased (valid for the Schengen area of the European Union).

VALID PASSPORT is absolutely necessary as well as the **HEALTH INSURANCE** (the organisers do not take any responsibility for accidents or illness that might occur during the symposium or in the course of the travel). If a special personal letter of invitation from the organisers is needed ask for it **IMMEDIATELY**.

Usually the visitors arrive **to Příbram via PRAGUE** which is easily accessible by any transport means. The cheapest local transport in Prague is the municipal transport (subway system at all principal railway stations).

From the Prague airport to the downtown area take the **bus Nr.119** to the final station **Dejvická** when you enter the subway system (the "green" line C to the city center - **Můstek**); if you prefer to continue **directly to Příbram** then use the **bus Nr. 100** to the final station **Zličín** when you enter the "yellow" subway line B and go out at the station **ANDĚL**.

The best public transport from Prague to Příbram is by BUS (the terminal in Prague – usually platforms 5, 6 - is situated nearby the subway station ANDĚL - the "yellow" line B). There are frequent direct connections from there to Příbram (about 60 minutes needed for the transport). Arriving to Příbram go off at the station POLIKLINIKA Nr. 2.

You can find your way ANYWHERE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC using www.mapy.cz and asking for appropriate questions.

For your arrival to Příbram and the way to the Symposium use the address:

Trida Osvobození, 387, Příbram (in front of the building is your bus stop)

28. října, 184, Příbram (venue of the section GEOETHICS)

Legionaru, 401, Příbram (probably your hotel Belvedere)

Legionaru, 400, Příbram (theatre building – social evening)

Hotel accommodation

All participants will be accommodated at Příbram in accordance with the wishes indicated by them in the registration forms. **The accommodation cannot be guaranteed for very late registrations (after September 30).** When you want to arrive to Příbram **earlier than October 12**, you will get the respective information where to go to your hotel. We shall try to locate the participants preferably in the **hotel BELVEDER** in the vicinity of the Symposium residence (on the first come – first served basis). Moderate prices in all places. Details on request.

THE ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS ARE TO BE PAID BY EACH PARTICIPANT IN CASH (USUALLY IN THE LOCAL CURRENCY) in respective hotels and restaurants. The hotel price usually includes a breakfast. - **In case of any unexpected change or cancellation of your arrival DO NOT FORGET TO INFORM US IMMEDIATELY BY ANY**

MEANS. If you do not arrive without any explanation for the first night indicated in your registration form your reservation will be cancelled and you can be also asked to pay for one night accommodation.

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OTHER 2009 EVENTS IN PREPARATION:

GEOITALIA 2009: September 9–11, Rimini (Italy):

This forum includes (Sept. 10) Symposium U 1 – GEOETHICS; www.geoitalia.org; convenors: Di Capua G.; Peppoloni S.; Piacente S. (silvia.peppoloni@ingv.it). List of papers: see also GEOETHICS NEWS 091.

GEOSCIENCE FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT (GeoDev): October 26-31, Dhaka, Bangladesh:

International Conference organised jointly by the Association of Geoscientists for International Development (**AGID**), Bangladesh Geological Society (**BGS**), Geological Survey of Bangladesh (**GSB**), International Geoscience Education Organization (**IGEO**). Contact: Ms. Afia Akhtar, Convener, Director General, Geological Survey of Bangladesh, President, AGID & Bangladesh Geological Society; e-mail: afia@agni.com; gsb@agni.com.

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THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION ON GEOETHICS

FINAL REGISTRATION FORM

(mark the appropriate answers by a circle around X or delete the inappropriate answers)

*** PERSONAL DATA:**

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Fax No. (incl. country and city codes):

Phone No. (incl. country and city codes):

*** PARTICIPATION:**

X YES, I shall attend the international section on GEOETHICS.

The accompanying family members:

X I will **NOT** attend this year but I would like to be informed about future meetings

PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE:

X 120 € (regular - PAID BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2009)

X 140 € (late - paid IN CASH at the registration desk)

X 20 € (for each accompanying person)

Total sum: € (EURO) is paid:

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X I confirm herewith that I shall pay the total sum in CASH at the registration desk after my arrival to Příbram

*** ACCOMMODATION:**

X I ask you to ensure the accommodation for me and for my accompanying family members **at PŘÍBRAM** in the following period:

ARRIVAL: October

DEPARTURE: October

X I shall ensure my accommodation myself

*** EXCURSION:** I shall take part with my accompanying persons in the excursion on **October 15** (payment on place)

*** Other special wishes** (as possible accommodation in Prague before or after the Symposium, accommodation at Příbram etc.):

Date: