

# GEOETHICS NEWS

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May the New Year 2011 bring you  
all happiness and success in your life  
as well as in your work!

With best personal regards,  
**Václav Němec** and **Lidmila Němcová**,  
Convenors of the international section "GEOETHICS"  
at the Mining Příbram Symposia

The complete set of GEOETHICS NEWS as well as **other interesting useful news including some “fresh” news about various both realized and expected events in the field of GEOETHICS** are available - thanks to Professor Jesus Martinez Frías - at the web pages of the AGID National Chapter in Spain

[http://tierra.rediris.es/Geoethics\\_Planetary\\_Protection/](http://tierra.rediris.es/Geoethics_Planetary_Protection/).

GEOETHICS NEWS represent a continuation of regular announcements of the international section on GEOETHICS - the relatively new discipline focussed on applied ethics in the whole field of Earth sciences – organized as a part of the Mining Příbram Symposia since 1992 (and previously also Mathematical Geology in the period 1968 - 1999).

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## **THE MINING PŘÍBRAM SYMPOSIUM**

**OCTOBER 10 – 14, 2011**

**Příbram, Czech Republic**

**The traditional international section  
GEOETHICS with a joint meeting of  
the Working Group for Geoethics.**

The city of **Příbram** - 60 km SW from Prague - is the centre of a region with a long mining history and tradition going back to the 13-th century. The Mining Příbram symposia have been organised here since 1962, therefore the 2011 Symposium will be the 50<sup>th</sup> jubilee one. Since 1968 until 1999 altogether 19 regular international sessions of MATHEMATICAL GEOLOGY took place here, mostly co-sponsored by the International Association for Mathematical Geology (borne in Prague in August 1968). For two decades this special section served as the only place in the world where promoters and specialists of this new topic from East and West had a possibility to meet regularly; the team of convenors was headed by Dr. Václav Němec. The long tradition of these international meetings made it possible to open in 1992 – for the first time in the world – a new series of a specialised international section on **geoethics - application of ethics in the fields of Earth sciences**. All contributions to geoethics at this forum in the period 1992 – 2009 - written by **authors from 25 countries** - have reached the number **258**.

Many visitors know the specific character of geoethical sessions at the Mining Příbram Symposia with a disposable time for listening to 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 an individual sojourn. Some visitors limit their stay for the most important 2 – 3 days of lectures, some extend their stay for weekend visit(s) to beautiful Prague or other interesting localities more distant from Příbram. A festive evening remembering old mining traditions as well as the planned excursion in spectacular countryside with beautiful Autumn colours usually bring unforgettable impressions.

The section on GEOETHICS in 2011 will be dedicated to the memory of one among the first promoters of geoethics and almost permanent visitor of our meetings – the famous Polish Professor **Adam Stefan TREMBECKI (1921 – 2007)** to remember 90 years from his birth.



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## From the IAMG NEWSLETTER (no. 81–December 2010)

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Association for Mathematical Geology

### Letters to the Editor

#### From the IAMG birth-place Prague

In 2011 the Jubilee Mining Příbram Symposium will be organized at Příbram (50th year), including the 11<sup>th</sup> international session of GEOETHICS. It might be interesting to organize at that occasion also the 20th session on Mathematical Geology. There is not at all any intention to concur with the general main stream of ideas as represented by the official IAMG annual conferences. Hannes Thiergartner has suggested for this possible Příbram meeting a small sub-section about the question “What is MATH GEOL, where it came and where it will go?”. Here we could discuss the development up to

now and try to forecast the next years. This could be interesting for us “old fellows” (e. g. all still active founding members of IAMG, past presidents etc.) and for leading younger colleagues in this field. It is a philosophic, science-historical and ethical circle.

It might be useful to take such a meeting – in case of a sufficient interest - under the umbrella of the IAMG, especially when such a section will be co-organized with one about geoethics (under the umbrella of the Association of Geoscientists for International Development - where I have the honour to serve as Vice-President for Europe and Head of the Working Group for Geoethics).

Another specific reason can be taken into consideration: I hope that the year 2018 will bring again the whole community of the IAMG to Prague to celebrate its Golden Anniversary in the IAMG birth-place. For strategic purposes some renewed liaison with the country could be useful as well and also some new local people may be attracted in advance to help in the future with the Jubilee conference.

At Příbram we continue in the tradition of relatively low budget meetings. The term of the Jubilee Symposium has been already given: October 10-14, 2011. Regularly issued GEOETHICS NEWS are accessible at [http://tierra.rediris.es/Geoethics\\_Planetary\\_Protection/](http://tierra.rediris.es/Geoethics_Planetary_Protection/) .

To summarize: In case of your interest to (re)visit in October 2011 Příbram (and Prague) for reminiscences and friendly discussions about history and achievements of mathematical earth sciences and perhaps also to learn something about new trends in geoethics be so kind to reply (especially prior to the end of this year) to my home address

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**It will be highly appreciated to receive the joint questionnaire from you before FEBRUARY 28, 2011 in order to prepare a preliminary scenario of the meeting.**

# QUESTIONNAIRE

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## **THE MINING PŘÍBRAM SYMPOSIUM 2011 (October 10-14):**

**Probability of participation** *(x – inappropriate indications to be deleted):*

x high

x medium

x low

x I shall not attend

**the international section on geoethics:**

x YES

x NO

**the international meeting on mathematical geology:**

x YES

x NO

**Abstract(s) of suggested paper(s)** *(x – inappropriate indications to be deleted):*

x enclosed

x will be sent before ..... - preliminary title of the paper(s):

x no intention to present a paper

**Other special wishes, remarks, suggestions, comments:**