

# GEOETHICS NEWS

March 2013

*This issue of Geoethics News is to be focussed on priority events and deadlines coming in a very near future. The next issue will hopefully follow in May giving final information about the INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOETHICS (prepared for October 2013 at Přebíř).*



## European Geosciences Union

### General Assembly 2013

Vienna | Austria | 07 – 12 April 2013

**NH9.8 (DISCIPLINARY SESSION): Geoethics and natural hazards: the role and responsibility of the geoscientists** <sup>i</sup> Convenor: Silvia PEPPOLONI, Co-Convenors Susan W. Kieffer, Janusz Wasowski, Ezzoura Errami, Elizabeth Silva, Meng Wang

Orals/ Tuesday, 09 Apr, 08:30–12:00 / Room G7

Posters/ Attendance Tuesday, 17:30–19:00 / Blue Posters

Poster Summaries & Discussions: PSD20.8/13:30– 14:15/ Room B7

### **EOS 7 (Union wide Education and Outreach Symposium):**

**Geoethics and Geoeducation** <sup>i</sup> Convenor: Václav NĚMEC, Co-Convenor: Jesús Martínez-Frías

Orals/ Thursday, 11 Apr, 13:30–15:00 / Room G13

Posters / Attendance Thursday, 15:30 –17:00 / Blue Posters

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IAEG XII CONGRESS

## IAEG XII Congress - Torino, 2014

<http://www.iaeg2014.com/>

Session **7.4 - Geoethics in Earth and Planetary Sciences**

Convenor: Prof. Jesús MARTÍNEZ-FRÍAS

**ATTENTION:** The Congress will take place in 2014 BUT THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS IS **April 15, 2013.**

Contact for submitting: [https://www.health.mafservizi.it/A14\\_002](https://www.health.mafservizi.it/A14_002)

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## NEWS FROM POLAND:

Geoethical problems will be covered by the **Polish SEMINAR ABOUT THE DOCUMENTATION OF MINERAL DEPOSITS** to be held at **Urszulin** (near Lublin) on **May 22-24, 2013.**

**FOR POLISH READERS:** Komunikat (autor Prof. Marek Nieć, AGH Kraków - [niecm@wp.eu](mailto:niecm@wp.eu)): Odkryto się pierwsze spotkanie inicjatywne "polskiej grupy geoetyki". Planujemy szersze spotkanie w czasie **XIV Seminarium z cyklu "Metodyka rozpoznawania i dokumentowania złóż kopalin"** (i.e. Urszulin – May 22-24, 2013).

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**Příbram (Czech Republic)**

**October 14 - 18, 2013**



## **TWO EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

**1) THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
GEOETHICS**

**2) GEOLOGICAL AND COSMIC RISKS**

Both events will be arranged (as a series with one common session) in the framework of the **MINING PŘÍBRAM SYMPOSIUM 2013**: the Conference accordingly to the International Declaration of Geoethics agreed on behalf of the AGID Working Group for Geoethics at the end of the traditional international section on GEOETHICS hosted by the Symposium in October 2011, the event sub 2 as the international section of the Symposium **co-sponsored by the AGID** with a new topic **(in case of an increased number of papers the start of the event sub 2 will be probably shifted to PRAGUE, Saturday October 12, 2013)**. The participation at the Conference is open to any person interested in the topics. **The event sub 1 will cover a special session on geoethical problems concerning the well known L'AQUILA CASE (earthquake and process), the event sub 2 will include also ASPECTS OF NANOTECHNOLOGY. Because of the new elements of the meeting the deadline for submitting abstracts and (pre)registration form has been prolonged until April 30.**

All suggestions with topics related to geoethics and geological and cosmic risks will be accepted either for a regular oral presentation or for a short communication, rarely as a poster. **Your replies in the registration forms (p. 4) prior to April 30, 2013 will be appreciated in order to prepare the optimum version of the program. For those already pre-registered not necessary to renew this registration. All potential participants will be asked to send the FINAL REGISTRATION FORM (issued in May 2013).**

### **Convenors:**

**Václav Němec** - Vice-president for Europe, AGID; head, AGID Working Group for Geoethics; [LIDMILA.NEMCOVA@QUICK.CZ](mailto:LIDMILA.NEMCOVA@QUICK.CZ)

**Jaroslav Chyba** - Water manager of the Morava River Board and member of the academic staff of the Faculty of Law, Masaryk University, Brno

**Petr Louda** – Institute for Nanomaterials, Advanced Technologies and Innovation, Technical University of Liberec (also Head, Department of Material Science)

**Lidmila Němcová** - President, Czech Society for Ethics in Economics

**Secretary of the Symposium:** Zdeňka Marciníková; [MARCINIKOVA@DIAMO.CZ](mailto:MARCINIKOVA@DIAMO.CZ)

**Secretary of the Conference:** Pavla Doležalová - DIAMO Library, voluntary help for the Symposium and Conference; [DOLEZALOVA@DIAMO.CZ](mailto:DOLEZALOVA@DIAMO.CZ)

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### **POSTAL ADDRESS:**

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**Altogether three international associations** interested in developing **geoethics** exist in the present time:

**AGID: ASSOCIATION OF GEOSCIENTISTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT** (President: Dr. Afia Akhtar; Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. Antony Reedman; Head, WG for Geoethics: Dr. Václav Němec). - The complete set of **GEOETHICS NEWS** (issued by Dr. Němec since 2007) is available at the **AGID** National Chapter in **Spain** (Head: Prof. Jesus Martinez – Frías, [http://tierra.rediris.es/Geoethics\\_Planetary\\_Protection/](http://tierra.rediris.es/Geoethics_Planetary_Protection/)). Besides the pages hosted by the Spanish National Chapter also the web site of the **AGID** National Chapter in **Russia** (Head: Dr. Nataliya K. Nikitina) may be of interest: <http://www.geoethics.ru/>.

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**IAGETH: INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GEOETHICS** (President: Prof. Jesus Martinez – Frías, also Chair, [IUGS-COGE](http://tierra.rediris.es/IAGETH/); Secretary General: Prof. Ochir Gerel): Much interesting news and information about various events in the field of GEOETHICS all over the world are available at the web page <http://tierra.rediris.es/IAGETH/>.

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**IAPG: INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PROMOTING GEOETHICS** (President: Prof. Stefano Tinti, also President of the Natural Hazards Division of the EGU, member of the International Tsunami Commission, member of the Editorial Board of the Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences Journal; Secretary General: Dr. Silvia Peppoloni); information available at the web site <http://www.iapg.geoethics.org/>.

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The COMMON tradition of all 3 organisations goes back to the years 1991-1992 (as interpreted in the web sites of AGID and IAGETH – see below) and it is inseparably linked with traditional international meetings at Příbram and International Geological Congresses (both since 1992). Since 2004 (IGC Florence) geoethics have been taken under the umbrella of AGID – especially in the very active AGID Working Group of Geoethics. The identical roots of the IAPG can be followed in the history, since 2010 supported by the guidance of the AGID Past President Dr. Shrikant Limaye (presently keeping the position of the IAPG Vice-president). In the opinion of the editor the real difference among the new associations seems to be in their relation to the L'Aquila earthquake and process. Let us hope that the presence of the top representatives of all 3 associations in Vienna (EGU 2013) will help to make the goals, distinctions and co-operation clear enough.

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### Information:



NEMEC, V. Geoethics and Sustainability. In *Proceedings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Sustain. Forum*, 1-30 November 2012; Sciforum Electronic Conferences Series, 2012. - Available at: <http://www.sciforum.net/presentation/900>. This article from the section I – Related Topics (<http://www.sciforum.net/conf/wsf2/sections/i/>) has evoked a large interest of readers (go to Usage Statistics).

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**Editor of the GEOETHICS NEWS: Dr. Václav Němec** (Vice-president for Europe, AGID (2004 - 2016); Head, AGID Working Group for Geoethics; Convenor of the International Conference on Geoethics at Příbram).

# REGISTRATION FORM

1) THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOETHICS

2) GEOLOGICAL AND COSMIC RISKS

**Příbram (Czech Republic) - October 14 - 18, 2013**

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

The form or any adequate message is to be sent with your completed data to the addresses:  
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any further contact presented at the page 2 .

## PERSONAL DATA:

Name:

Organisation/Institute:

Address:

E-mail:

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

## PARTICIPATION:

X I shall attend

X I am planning to attend also a part of the international section "Geological and Cosmic Risks" if organized in Prague on October 12)

X I am planning **to spend the weekend October 11 - 14 in Prague**

X I am planning **to spend the weekend October 18 - 21 in Prague**

X I am not yet decided, probability of attending is about ..... %

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

## The accompanying family members:

### Abstract(s) of suggested paper(s):

x enclosed (add if just a short communication will be requested)

x will be sent before April 30 with the following preliminary title(s):

.....  
x no intention to present a paper

## Other special wishes, remarks, suggestions: