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IO Committee Seeking Volunteer

The IO Committee is seeking a volunteer to rewrite the IO processing of online IO records. Some of the work has been done. It involves rewriting the processing and relocating it to the NSS server at caves.org from the server at nssio.org

The candidate must be proficient in MySQL and PHP (We are using version 5.5.9-1ubuntu4.5.). If interested, please contact Keith Wheeland, Chair of the IO Committee at kwheeland@psualum.com. All candidates are encouraged to read "How the IO Committee Functions" which can be found on the home page of the IO Committee web site.

IO Annual Reports

To all you IOs which submitted your reports on time, Thank you very much. This year you really came through. At deadline time, there were only eleven IOs which had not submitted the report. That is out of a total of 214 IOs. That number of eleven is a little misleading because some of those who were late were in reality not active. Which brings up another issue. See next topic.

Is your IO having difficulty?

If your IO is having difficulty keeping members or other issues that concern you, please contact the IO Committee. We will offer suggestions that may be able to alter the course and keep the IO viable to keep it from becoming inactive. The IO Committee has a history of helping to solve or at least toning down situations before they get out of control.

If your IO has become inactive, please let the IO Committee know at once. Please do not wait until IO Report time to announce it to the IO Committee.

Announcements

Following are three announcements you may find of interest which were provided by George Veni, Executive Director of the National Cave and Karst Research Institute:

- Sinkhole Conference has a new field trip
- 13th International Symposium on Pseudokarst
- National Speleological Society Convention call for geology and geography papers

The Sinkhole Conference has a new field trip

This year's Multidisciplinary Conference on Sinkholes on the Engineering and Environmental Impacts of Karst ("The Sinkhole Conference") has received a record number of papers and promises to be an excellent meeting. To add to the fun, a second field trip is being offered on Friday afternoon, 9 October 2015, at the close of the conference. "Karst in our Built Environment" will be a half-day trip focused on the challenges of building in the karst of the Rochester, Minnesota, USA, area where the conference will be located. To register for this trip, read the trip's description, and for more information about this year's Sinkhole Conference, visit www.sinkholeconference.com.

See next page for additional announcements.

Announcements (cont.)

13th International Symposium on Pseudokarst

The 13th International Symposium on Pseudokarst will be organized in the Beskydy Mountains, Czech Republic, on 16-19 September 2015. The most important data on its organization can be found in the First Circular (page 3), while the detailed data and registration form are on the website: <http://conference.osu.eu/pseudokarst>. This symposium is organized by the Pseudokarst Commission of the International Union of Speleology.

National Speleological Society Convention Call for Geology and Geography Papers

The NSS Section of Cave Geology and Geography is accepting abstracts for presentations at the Geology and Geography Session of the 2015 NSS Convention, to be held July 13-17 in Waynesville, Missouri. All abstracts will be considered to be for oral presentations unless a poster presentation is specifically requested. At this time, we have not reserved poster space, but could accommodate a poster session if there is sufficient interest and enough advance notice is given to convention organizers. As we did last year, we also encourage interested researchers to bring posters from other conferences such as GSA, AGU, and ICS that may be of interest to attendees at convention. This provides an additional opportunity to share your work with your colleagues.

Abstracts may be no more than 250 words in length (this limit must be strictly met). In addition to the text, the abstracts should contain the title of the paper, and the name(s), address(es), and email address(es) of the author(s). The abstracts should be informative summaries that include the conclusions, and not lists of topics that "...will be discussed." Bibliographies and references should not be given in the abstracts. Papers may be submitted for either oral presentation as a poster. Please specify your preference when submitting your abstract.

The deadline for abstracts is April 15, 2015. Early submissions are encouraged. Confirmation notes will be sent to everyone sending an abstract. Details on presentations times, dates, and other information will

be sent to all confirmed participants after the deadline. For online details about the convention, visit: <http://nss2015.caves.org>.

Send any questions and your abstracts by e-mail to:

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This newsletter is to be shared with all members of your organization.

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UIS - Pseudokarst Commission



DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY AND GEOECOLOGY



FIRST CIRCULAR

13th International Symposium on Pseudokarst

16. - 19. 9. 2015

Kunčice pod Ondřejníkem, The Beskydy Mts., Czech Republic

web: <http://conference.osu.eu/pseudokarst>

SYMPOSIUM THEMES

- scientific research of pseudokarst in different rocks
- exploration of pseudokarst: caving activities
- documentary session: film, photo, posters

PROCEEDINGS

The electronic version of conference proceedings will be distributed by an e-mail before the event. The papers, written in English and not longer than three pages containing tables, figures and references, should be sent in an electronic form to the address: jan.lenart@osu.cz before 30.6.2015. For further details see the paper template on the website.

KEY DATES

- 15.06.2015 end of registration, abstract received
- 25.06.2015 second circular
- 30.07.2015 registration fee payment deadline

VENUE

The Symposium will be held in the Kunčice pod Ondřejníkem village, which is situated on the edge of the Moravskoslezské Beskydy Mts. (Outer Western Carpathians). Conference venue is prepared in H-resort areal (www.hresort.cz) with beautiful view on the main mountain ridge.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

J. Wagner - President of Pseudokarst Comm. (CZE)
 dr. J. Lenart - University of Ostrava (CZE)
 dr. J. Urban - President of the UIS Pseudokarst Commission (PL)



REGISTRATION AND CONTACTS

Registration form and abstract should be sent by e-mail or normal post to organizers:
 E-mail address: jan.lenart@osu.cz
 Address: Jan Lenart, KFG, Chittussiho 10, Ostrava, 710 00, Czech republic

SYMPOSIUM FEES

- All costs should be paid by bank transaction. The payment details will be sent to registered participants.
- full registration (incl. festive dinner): 2200 CZK or 80 E
 - basic registration: 1700 CZK or 60 E
 - students, accompaniment (incl. festive dinner): 1700 CZK or 60 E
 - students, accompaniment: 1200 CZK or 45 E

Students are required to send confirmation of study with the registration form. Registration fee includes organizational costs, excursions, participation in sessions, electronic proceedings and printed excursion guide. All bank fees should be paid by registered participant.

PROGRAM

The preliminary program and other important data are published in the conference website.