



XIX Congress of the Carpathian Balkan Geological Association

23-26 September 2010
Thessaloniki, Greece

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**FIRST CIRCULAR
&
CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS**

Date and Venue

The Carpathian Balkan Geological Association (CBGA) announces its XIX International Congress, co-organized by the Geological Society of Greece, the School of Geology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Institute of Geology and Mineral Exploration (IGME). The Congress is going to be held in **Thessaloniki (Northern Greece)**, on **September 23-26, 2010** and will be hosted at the HELEXPO “**Nikolaos Germanos**” International Congress Centre.

Objectives

The primary goal of the Congress is the presentation of the most recent advances in Geo- and Environmental Sciences, mainly in the Carpathian-Balkan Region and the surroundings, aiming at highlighting their impacts on natural resources, natural hazards, and environmental problems. Oral and poster presentations, keynote lectures, workshops and special symposia are among the Congress activities.

Subjects - Themes

The Congress addresses all subjects of Earth Sciences. A tentative list of themes is given below:

Active tectonics, Applied geophysics, Applied mineralogy, Archaeometry, Atmospheric environment, Climatology, Energy resources, Engineering geology, Environment and health, Geoarchaeology, Geochemistry, Geochronology, Geology and education, Geosciences and environment, Geothermal energy, Geotopes, Hydrogeology, Industrial rocks and minerals, Informatics and geosciences, Marine geology, Meteorology, Mineralogy, Mineral exploration, Natural hazards, Neotectonics, Oceanography, Ore deposits, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeontology, Petrology, Physical geography, Physics of the Earth's interior, Quaternary geology, Remote sensing, Sedimentology, Seismology, Speleology, Stratigraphy, Structural Geology, Sustainable development, Tectonics, Urban geology, Volcanology.

Call for Special Session Proposals

CBGA 2010 is seeking original high quality special sessions addressing innovative research and/or specific geographic areas in the broad field of Earth Sciences. We wish to highlight significant and emerging areas of the main research fields, but also focus on specific problem of certain areas. Interdisciplinary session themes will be highly regarded.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to the fields of the “Subjects-Themes” paragraph above. Special session proposals should be submitted using the appropriate form (it may be downloaded from www.cbga2010.org/Documents).

Each special session is expected to consist of at least 6 papers and will be chaired by two organizers. The session organizers' role is to attract the speakers and chair the session itself. Proposals will be evaluated based on the timeliness of the topic, relevance to the thematic fields of CBGA 2010, the degrees to which they will bring together key researchers in the area, introduce the area to the larger

research community, further develop the area, and potentials to establish a larger community around the area. Please note that all papers in the proposed session will undergo the same review process as regular papers. If after the reviewing process less than the necessary number of papers solicited for a special session is selected, the Special Session will be cancelled, and the solicited papers that passed review process will be presented within regular sessions of the conference.

The following information should be included in the proposal:

- Title of proposed session.
- An introduction stating the importance of the topic and the rationale for the proposed session.
- Organizers (including contact information)
- List of potential submissions if available

Deadline for special session proposals: March 31, 2009

Special Session proposal form: www.cbga2010.org/Documents

Official Language

The official language of the Congress is **English**.

Registration fees

Registration fees include attendance, proceedings and social events. According to the cut-off dates, fees are:

Category	Registration fees		
	A. Until November 30, 2009	B. December 1, 2009 – April 30 2010	C. After May 1, 2010 and on-site
Professionals and postgraduate students	150 €	180 €	200 €
Undergraduate students (attendance only)	30 €		

Presentations

Presentations will be in either oral or poster form. Detailed guidelines for presentation time and poster presentation will be given in the 2nd circular (estimated issue date: **early summer, 2009**).

Paper/abstract submission

CBGA 2010 will publish full, peer-reviewed papers of the contributions. Papers will be published under the Special Publications of the Geological Society of Greece, a well-known international journal. The Congress proceedings will be ready before and distributed during the Congress. Participants interested in publishing a paper should submit the complete manuscript until **November 30, 2009**.

Submitted papers will be reviewed, and authors will be notified for the acceptance no later than **late February – early March, 2010**. For accepted papers to be published, registration fees (cat. B fees) should be paid within 15 days of the acceptance notice.

Each accepted paper should correspond to a registration of at least one of the authors and each registration corresponds to only one paper.

Participants who would like to present their work (oral or poster) but not submit a paper for publication in the Congress proceedings, must submit an abstract of no more than one page, by **November 30, 2009**. No reduced fees will be applied in this case.

Detailed guidelines to the authors for the preparation of the papers/abstracts will be given in the 2nd Circular of the Congress (**early summer, 2009**). Related information will also be available online.

Field trips

Several post-Congress field trips have been planned; their realization will depend on the number of participants. Details will be given in the 2nd circular of the Congress (**early summer, 2009**).

Information

For any additional information, please contact the CBGA XIX Congress Organizing Committee.

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Important dates and deadlines

Call for Special Session proposals	March 31, 2009
Second Circular	Early summer, 2009
Early registration (A)	November 30, 2009
Paper/abstract submission	November 30, 2009
Paper acceptance	Late February – Early March, 2010
Registration (B)	April 30, 2010
Congress	September 23-26, 2010

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