

# 1<sup>st</sup> Circular



## **3<sup>RD</sup> BALKAN SPELEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE (BSC 2023)**

**a conference to be held at**

**SOFIA , BULGARIA**

**19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> of October , 2023**

**Organized by**

**Bulgarian Caving Society**

**National Museum Earth and Man**

Dear Colleagues and Friends caving and Speleology!

It is a great honour to invite you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Balkan speleological conference in Bulgaria . In year 2023 , will be commemorate also the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Balkan Speleological Union.

The Organizing Committee have the great honour to invite you to attend the 3-rd Balkan Speleological Conference which will be held from 19 to 22 October 2023 in Sofia, Bulgaria. In 2023, the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Balkan Speleological Union will also be celebrated.

This important speleological meeting will be organised by the Bulgarian Caving Society and hosted by the National Museum „Earth and Man”, under the patronage of the Balkan Speleological Union and European Federation of Speleology.

The conference will be a wonderful opportunity to gather together all Balkan cavers and speleologists, who are interested, involved and experienced in all the aspects of caving and speleological researches.

The program will ensure the participation of the relevant and experienced speakers in different fields of speleology as:

- ◇ History of speleology and Karst research;
- ◇ Karst and cave explorations;
- ◇ Archaeology and palaeontology in caves;
- ◇ Biospeleology;
- ◇ Protection and management of Karst and caves;
- ◇ Show caves;
- ◇ Others

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**Venue:** The conference will be hosted by the [National Museum “Earth and Man“](#) in Sofia

The entire organizing and scientific committee is looking forward to everyone involved in cave and karst research.

The organizing committee will try to provide not only an exceptional program, but also a good social program that will allow all participants to enjoy their stay in Bulgaria.

**Language :** Official conference languages: English and Bulgarian. There will not be translation assistance.

**Publications:** Proceedings volume with full reports, which are going to be presented at the conference, will be published beforehand.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Sofia in 2023!

### ORGANIZING AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Suitable technique will be at disposal to Power-Point presentations. In case of necessity of next technique (such as slide projector or others), please put your request in the **(Pre-) Registration form**. Duration of the presentation is scheduled for 20 minutes including 5 minutes for discussion.

### FEES

The **conference fee** is **80 / 40 BGLV** (40 Euros /20 Euros for students) **paid in BG currency** ;

The price includes: Entry to all congress presentations;

Refreshments and coffee during breaks on the day of presentations;

Conference Proceedings

Conference fees are to be paid at the conference registration at your arrival.

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** The pre-registration for the conference by the enclosed form should be answered before

**28<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

### ABSTRACTS AND FULL PAPERS

Full text of all oral presentations and posters (cca. 6 A4 pages including figures and references) and will be published from Bulgarian Caving Society. The instructions for authors will be specified in the 2<sup>nd</sup> circular.

### IMPORTANT DATES (DEADLINES)

Submission the pre-registration form: **28<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

Submission of abstracts: **15<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (also deadline for the final registration)**

Submission of full papers: **30 June 2023**

