

# Bejelentés

## A BALKÁN GEOFIZIKAI TÁRSASÁG 12. KONGRESSZUSA

A Balkán Geofizikai Társaság, amelynek Egyesületünk is tagja, jövő év, májusának végén, Szerbiában tervezi 12. Kongresszusát megtartani. Az alábbiakban közöljük *Snežana Komatina* professzor asszonynak az ezt bejelentő levelét:

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you're all doing well.

It is time to start preparing for the 12th Congress of the Balkan Geophysical Society (BGS) – Geophysics for the better world, which is held in Serbia, 27–31 May 2024. The previous BGS Congress during AGES presidency, Geophysics at the Cross-Roads, was organized in Belgrade, Hotel Inter Continental (now – Crowne Plaza Hotel, venue of the EAGE NSGC 2022) just 15 years ago, in May 2009.

Next May, the Congress and Technical Exhibition of the Balkan Geophysical Society (BGS) will be held in Serbia again, at the Kraljevi čardaci Hotel, Kopaonik mt. (<https://kraljevicardaci.com/en/>). The event is organized by AGES, supported by EAGE and the National Petroleum Committee of Serbia – World Petroleum Council (NNKS). During the Congress, participants will enjoy amazing Kopaonik National Park (<https://www.tckopaonik.com/kopaonik.php>), the number one ski resort in Serbia during the winter, but also an ideal destination for hiking lovers, and for many other activities which are organized during the spring and summer (<https://www.tckopaonik.com/kopaonik-virtualna-tura.php>).

With its functional, stylish and well-equipped conference halls with 4 separate units (total capacity is up to 500 participants) in conjunction with the professional team are making the Kraljevi Čardaci Hotel the perfect location for the next BGS Congress (<https://kraljevicardaci.com/en/congress-center/>).

AGES has long cooperation with the Hotel – since 2015, almost all AGES conferences and workshops are held here. This July, we organized traditional bunch of events: XI International Conference – BIOMEDICINE AND GEOSCIENCES – INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENT ON HUMAN HEALTH, V International Students' Workshop – PUPIN MEETS NOBEL and IV SPE/SEG Student sections Networking Workshop MEMBERS – MEET, GREET & NETWORK!

I know that some of you would be much more happy if we organize the Congress in Belgrade, not at Kopaonik, but there is an important fact which makes it impossible – in Belgrade, all hotels are part of the world known hotel systems and if we want to organize the event in any of them, AGES has to cover all expenditures in advance. So, if we make a contract for 150 participants, for example, we have to pay the full cost before the Congress, although we do not know the exact number of participants. The same is with accommodation – if we ask special discount for the rooms, we have to define the number of rooms at least three-four months before the event and pay for them, regardless the real number of participants. For AGES it is impossible and that is why we organize all events in the Kraljevi Čardaci hotel.

In July, I had a meeting with the top managers and the owner of the Hotel and they are happy to offer special prices for accommodation and other issues. Also, they will organize transfer of the participants from/to Belgrade and Niš airports, field trips, social events, catering, etc.

I hope that you will understand the situation and accept this solution for the venue. As the next step, please send me the data necessary for the 1st Announcement – name(s) of the representative(s) of your society in the International Steering Committee and the Scientific Committee. Also, I need your opinion about including all geophysical societies from one country into the BGS hub – in some of the BGS member countries, there are more than one geophysical society, my idea is that it is better to have all in the team.

If you send me the necessary info till the next week, we will create the 1st Announcement and distribute it in the next two weeks, but also share the info via social media and AGES web-site.

For your information, the article announcing the BGS Congress in Serbia will be published in the December issue of the EAGE First Break. There you will see that message of the event and BGS is that, beside professionals, there are three pillars more – students, young professionals and seniors. Only this combination gives the best result. Various panel discussions and Workshops for students and young professionals are planned, but also the special program – session and exhibition Pioneers of Geoscience, dedicated to colleagues who established Geoscience and Geophysics at Balkan countries (all member countries will participate with their pioneers).

All your ideas regarding the Technical Program are very welcome. 12th BGS Congress is the event where all of us are hosts and that will be the opportunity to present not only the knowledge and experience of Balkan geophysicists to the world, but also the unique energy and hospitality.

I am waiting for your answer in the next seven days. Thank you!

Best regards,  
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