

**SOFIA INITIATIVE
“PRESERVATION OF MINERAL DIVERSITY”**

**Fourth International Symposium
MINERAL DIVERSITY
RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION**

**12th - 15th October, 2007
SOFIA, BULGARIA**



SECOND CIRCULAR

**The International Symposium will be held
at the Earth and Man National Museum,
4, Cherny Vrah Blvd., 1421 Sofia, Bulgaria**

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INVITATION

The Earth and Man National Museum, Sofia and International Group for Preservation of Mineral Diversity, along with governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions, are pleased to invite all mineralogists and environmental scientists who are interested in the research and preservation of mineral diversity, to participate in the Fourth International Symposium - “Mineral Diversity - Research and Preservation”.

For more information on the Sofia Initiative “Preservation of Mineral Diversity”, please visit: <http://mineraldiversity.org>

1. MAIN TOPIC - MINERAL COLLECTIONS AND THEIR CATALOGUES - A FOUNDATION FOR DESCRIPTIVE, GENETIC AND APPLIED STUDIES

- 1.1. Historical, scientific and thematic mineral collections
- 1.2. Monographic mineral collections
- 1.3. Scientific collections of famous mineralogists - historical and modern interpretations
- 1.4. Genetic and ontogenetic collections preserved in museums
- 1.5. Regional collections and regional mineralogy
- 1.6. Collections of type specimens – historical and modern interpretation
- 1.7. Presentation of scientific mineral collections in universities, scientific institutions, museums, mine enterprises or private collections of professional and non-professional mineralogists

2. SUBSIDIARY TOPICS

- 2.1. Criteria for classification of mineral objects, according to their significance - world, regional, national and local levels. The display of minerals
- 2.2. Information systems for the purposes of the preservation of mineral diversity
- 2.3. Preserved *in-situ* and *ex-situ* mineral diversity at the beginning of the 21 century
- 2.4. The role of scientists and museums in preservation of mineral collections
- 2.5. Opportunities to incorporate active and suitably-qualified private collectors into the Sofia Initiative
- 2.6. Creation of a system of local geological exhibits ('cabinets') with the purpose of incorporating students and young people to the Sofia Initiative
- 2.7. Development of new methods of investigation of minerals – a precondition for the enlargement of mineral diversity
- 2.8. New data for minerals

POST-SYMPIOSIUM FIELD TRIP

From October, 16 to October, 21 2007 - Mineral deposits in Macedonia

Sofia – Skopie – Debar (*gypsum*) – Ohrid –Prilep (*kianite; richterite and arfvedsonite*) – Kavadarci – Allshar (*epithermal Sb – As – Tl – Au deposit*) – Kavadarci – Veles – Nezhilovo (*franklinite, gahnite, Zn - amphiboles etc. in barite schists*) – Skopie – Sofia

PRICE: 350 EUR

(the calculation is for 27 participants)

ONE-DAY TRIPS TO MINERAL DEPOSITS NEAR CITY OF SOFIA

Kremikovtsi (open pit) - hematite, goethite, lepidocrocite, barite, calcite, manganite etc.

PRICE: 15 EUR

Iskretz quarry – crystals and twins of calcite

PRICE: 20 EUR

SOCIAL PROGRAM:

Various sightseeing tours of Sofia and the vicinity will be organized.

Participants in the Symposium can take part in the October Mineral Show in the Earth and Man National Museum from 12 to 14 October 2007.

HOTEL ACCOMODATION *is possible in the following hotels in Sofia (both near the museum)*

Hotel	Single room	Double room
“Hemus”	35 EUR	45 EUR
“Meg”	45 EUR	55 EUR

THE PARTICIPATION FEE, EXCURSION FEE AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS TO BE TRANSFERED TO THE BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM NOT LATER THAN 15 SEPTEMBER, 2007 TO:

A Bank of HVB Group Biochim, BACXBGSF, Branch Batenberg, 1 000 Sofia

IBAN BG34UNCR96604486171401 – EUR

BG26UNCR96601186171405 - USD

Earth and Man Foundation, for the Symposium

Please, indicate the name of the sender and keep copy of the bank transfer document

The fees could be paid at arrival (please, inform the Organizing Committee about this occasion in time)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sofia is connected **by plane** with most of all the European capitals (plus several other cities). The airport is situated in the northeastern part of Sofia. You can reach Earth and Man National Museum by Buses № 84 and №284, and then by Buses № 94, № 76, № 204 and № 304 (**reference point – hotel HILTON**).

If the Organising Committee is informed about your arrival time, we will be able to meet you with a car or mini-bus.

VISA: Please, apply in due time for a visa whenever necessary to the Bulgarian embassy in your country. If you need assistance from behalf of the Organizing Committee do not hesitate to contact us.

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REGISTRATION FORM**

(to be sent back by mail, FAX, or e-mail by June 30, 2007)

First name: _____
Last name: _____
Title: _____
Organization (position) _____
Address: _____
City/Zip/Postal code: _____
State/Province: _____
Country: _____
Telephone: _____
Fax: _____
E-mail: _____

First contribution:

Title: _____
Authors: _____
Lecture: Poster:

Second contribution:

Title: _____
Authors: _____
Lecture: Poster:

Travel information:

I need a letter of invitation for obtaining the visa: _____
Arrival date: _____
By flight (flight no): _____
By train (train no): _____
By car (hour of arrival in Sofia): _____
Departure date and time: _____

ACCOMODATION : HOTEL from to **Sum (in EUR):** _____
DOUBLE ROOM (Shared with) _____
SINGLE ROOM _____

Please note that the accomodation for 21st of October is not included in the post - symposium trip.

I WILL TRANSFER not LATER THAN 15th September, 2007:

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| 1) PARTICIPATION FEE | 100 EUR | 50 EUR | 30 EUR (please erase unnecessary) |
| 2) FEE FOR EXCURSION | 350 EUR | 15 EUR | 20 EUR (please erase unnecessary) |

Please send back not later than 30th June, 2007
to the Organising Committee preferably by e-mail mindiv@abv.bg