

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

Tenth International Symposium

**MINERAL DIVERSITY -
RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION**

**14th - 16th October, 2019
SOFIA, BULGARIA**



“The Sofia Initiative follows the Noah’s Ark”
Artist Pavel Mitkov, Bulgaria

SECOND CIRCULAR AND CALL FOR PAPERS

**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 the International Organizing Committee are pleased to invite mineralogists, environmental scientists and all people who are interested in the research and preservation of mineral diversity, to participate in the Tenth International Symposium “Mineral Diversity - Research and Preservation”.

MAIN TOPIC: 20 YEARS OF THE SOFIA INITIATIVE FOR PRESERVATION OF MINERAL DIVERSITY - RESULTS

SUBSIDIARY TOPICS

1. 150 years of The Periodic Table - the spiritual and material heritage of D.I. Mendeleev
2. Geoheritage, geoparks and protected mineral sites – present state and legislation
3. Mineral diversity in objects of the cultural and natural heritage
4. Mining companies and preservation of mineral diversity in their enterprises
5. Preserved mineral diversity in public collections (museums, scientific institutes, universities and schools)
6. Preserved mineral diversity in private collections and museums
7. New data on minerals, mineral collections, and deposits
8. Methods of mineral investigations and preservation
9. Innovation in the presentation and promotion of mineral collections
10. Historical and scientific mineral collections
11. Educational programs and activities with children – cultivation of love to the nature

ROUND TABLE. PRESERVATION OF MINERAL DIVERSITY - WHY, WHERE AND HOW

GENERAL INFORMATION

The **OFFICIAL LANGUAGES** of the Symposium are English and Russian. Translation services will be provided on request.

REGISTRATION FEE is **195 BGN**; registration fee for students and post-graduate students is **85 BGN**; accompanying persons' fee is **60 BGN**. The fee covers participation in the scientific program, the abstract volume and other printed materials of the Symposium and cocktail party.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS. Each presentation is requested up to **20 minutes** duration, including discussion. Multimedia for visual support of the presentations will be available.

POSTERS. Posters should be prepared in English or in Russian. Available space for each poster: 70 cm x 100 cm.

ABSTRACTS

A one-page abstract is required from the authors for oral and poster presentations. The accepted abstracts will be published in a special volume and will be provided to all registrants of the symposium. Abstracts must be sent by 15th September, 2019 by e-mail to the organizers in Sofia who will compile the scientific program and abstract volumes for the meeting. The contact address for sending abstracts is: mindiv@abv.bg

Guidelines for Abstracts:

One page (A4) abstract (**Font: Times New Roman; Font size: 12; Line spacing 1.5; all margins 2 cm**). Please send the abstract by e-mail as an attached text MS-Word, (or RTF) file format.

Format should be: AUTHOR NAMES, then ADDRESSES (lower case, italic) - use number (1, 2 ...) for more addresses followed by text (lower case). Texts for abstract volume should be language reviewed. The authors are fully responsible for the contents of their articles.

DEADLINES

Deadline for sending the registration form	June 15, 2019
Deadline for confirming post-symposium field trips	June 15, 2019
Deadline for confirming travel schedule	August 31, 2019
Deadline for sending the abstracts	September 15, 2019
Deadline for tax payment	September 15, 2019

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF THE SYMPOSIUM

October 14, 2019 Registration. Opening Ceremony. Invited lecturer.
Oral presentations and discussions. Ice breaking party.

October 15, 2019 Oral presentations and discussions. Poster session.

October 16, 2019 Oral presentations and discussions. Round Table. Closing Ceremony.
Musical greeting and Cocktail

POST-SYMPOSIUM FIELD TRIP

From October, 17th to October, 21th 2019 - Mineral localities in Bulgaria

Route: Sofia - Elatsite quarry (copper porphyry deposit) - Veliko Tarnovo - Veliki Preslav - Khan Krum (celestine) - Stone forest (natural phenomenon) - Varna - Nessebar - Banevo quarry (natrolite, analcime, laumontite) - Sozopol - v. Izvor (prehnite, native copper, chrysocolla, malachite, laumonite, epidote, pumpellyite, mordenite) - Krushevets quarry (augite) - ethno village Brashlyan - Poda protected area and Poda pit (thomsonite) - Plovdiv – Sofia

PRICE: 590 BGN (the calculation is for 37 participants)

ONE-DAY TRIP

17.10.2019 village of Lozen (near Sofia) – prehnite, epidote, native copper in altered andesites

PRICE: 30 BGN (the calculation is for 7 participants)

SOCIAL PROGRAM:

Various sightseeing tours of Sofia will be organized.

HOTEL ACCOMODATION - The Organizing Committee assumes responsibility for the reservation of rooms at the hotel "Hemus".

Hotel Hemus*** (near the museum) price is for a room

<http://www.hemushotels.com>

	Single Room	Double/Twin Room
STANDARD Rooms (refreshed)	75 BGN	90 BGN
Rooms, type CLASSIC (fully renovated rooms)	96 BGN	124 BGN
Small apartment type HEMUS	137 BGN	
VIP-apartment	153 BGN	

Official Exchange Rate of the Bulgarian National Bank - 1 EUR = 1.95583 BGN

THE PARTICIPATION FEE, EXCURSION FEE AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS TO BE TRANSFERED TO THE BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM NOT LATER THAN 15 SEPTEMBER, 2019 TO:

UniCredit Bulbank
Business center "Perform"
№2 Positano str.
IBAN: BG 03 UNCR 9660 3119 9899 12
BIC: UNCR BGSF

Earth and Man National Museum, for the X Symposium

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

The fees could be paid at registration (please, inform the Organizing Committee about this 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 north-eastern part of Sofia. You can reach Earth and Man National Museum by subway to the European Union station, which is in front of the Earth and Man National Museum. If the Organizing Committee is informed about your arrival time, we will be able to meet you at the airport.

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REGISTRATION FORM

(to be sent back by e-mail by June 15, 2019)

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Title: _____

Organization (position) _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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): _____

Departure date and time: _____

ACCOMODATION: HOTEL “Hemus” from to

ROOM (type) _____

Shared with _____

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

I will transfer not later than 15th September, 2019/ Pay during the registration: (please erase unnecessary)

1) **PARTICIPATION FEE** **195 BGN** **85 BGN** **60 BGN** (please erase unnecessary)

2) **FEE FOR EXCURSION** **590 BGN** **30 BGN** (please erase unnecessary)

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