

**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*

FIRST CIRCULAR AND CALL FOR PAPERS

**The Xth 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. 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. Innovation in the presentation and promotion of mineral collections
8. Historical and scientific mineral collections
9. Educational programs and activities with children – cultivation of love to the nature
10. New data on minerals, mineral collections, and deposits
11. Methods of mineral investigations and preservation

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 **100 EUR**; registration fee for students and post-graduate students is **50 EUR**; accompanying persons' fee is **30 EUR**. The fee covers participation in the scientific program, the abstract volume and other printed materials of the Symposium and cocktail party.

ASSISTANCE FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION will be provided on request. Detailed information will be sent with the Accommodation Form in the Second circular.

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.

NEW TOPIC. Each participant may propose a new topic in the applied program. The Organizing Committee will decide for incorporation or not of the topic in the Symposium program.

DEADLINE for preliminary application is **March 31, 2019**.

THE SECOND CIRCULAR will be mailed by **15th of May 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.**

In the final form the route of the trip will be send with the Second circular.

ONE-DAY TRIP

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

Pay your attention that the participation in both the main field trip and the one-day trip is impossible.

SOCIAL PROGRAM:

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

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Preliminary Application Form

(to be sent back by e-mail mindiv@abv.bg by March 31, 2019)

Name: (family and first names)

Title(s):Institution/Company

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Address:

Phone: FAX:

E-mail:

I intend to present: Oral presentation (s) poster(s) (please, mark with X)

Subject(s):

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Author(s) (Speaker):

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I am interested in participating in the field trips:

- in the main trip (please, mark with X)

- in one day trip (please, mark with X)