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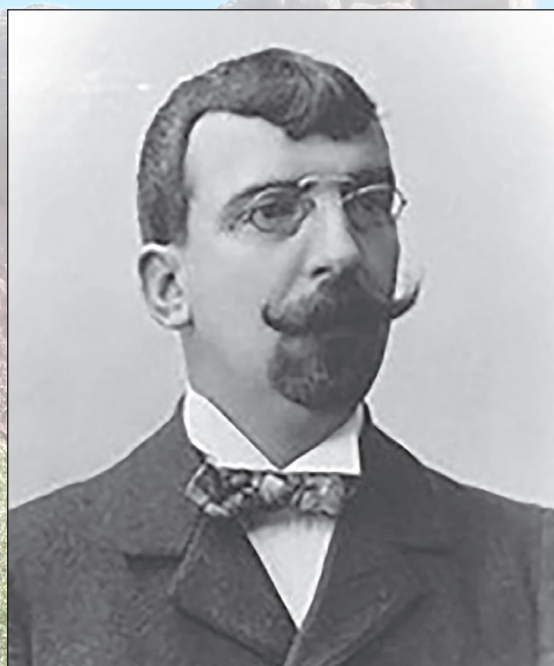
FACULTY OF GEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY



First circular

Scientific Conference GEOSCIENCES 2026

with international participation



Dedicated to the 160th anniversary of the birth
of Academician Georgi Bonchev (1866–1955)

December 10–11, 2026
Sofia

Scientific topics:

- Mineralogy
- Geochemistry and Petrology
- Regional Geology and Geophysics. Geotectonics and Structural Geology
- Paleontology, Stratigraphy and Sedimentology
- Mineral and Energy Resources
- Environmental Geology and Natural Hazards
- Hydrogeology, Karstology and Engineering Geology
- Geomorphology, Active Geodynamics and Seismology
- Geological Heritage and Geoarchaeology

More information can be found on the website
of the Bulgarian Geological Society:

www.bgd.bg/conferences-geosciences

LETTER OF INVITATION

*Dear Members of the Bulgarian Geological Society (BGS),
Colleagues and Friends,*

On December 10 and 11, 2026, the **GEOSCIENCES 2026 Scientific Conference with international participation** will be held in the Aula of Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“, as well as on December 11, 2026 (after 5:00 PM) at the National Museum „Earth and Man.“ The event is dedicated to the 160th anniversary of the birth of the notable Bulgarian geologist Academician Georgi Bonchev (1866–1955) – one of the founders of mineralogy and petrography in Bulgaria and the first president of the BGS (1925). The scientific forum is organized by the Bulgarian Geological Society, the Faculty of Geology and Geography at Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“, the Geological Institute „Strashimir Dimitrov“ at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Mineralogy and Crystallography „Acad. Ivan Kostov“ at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, the University of Mining and Geology „St. Ivan Rilski“, the National Museum „Earth and Man“ and the Scientific and Technical Union of Mining, Geology and Metallurgy. The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite you to participate in the work of the conference.

The GEOSCIENCES conferences have gained recognition as the most important annual event in Bulgaria in the field of geology and an authoritative forum of the geological community. Traditionally, the program of the conferences covers a broad spectrum of topics and focuses on the contemporary problems, perspectives and practical importance of the geological sciences. The GEOSCIENCES 2026 Conference provides unlimited options for presentation of all institutions dealing with geology (e.g. universities, institutes, laboratories, exploration and mining companies, etc.). The Organizing Committee of GEOSCIENCES 2026 invites all institutions that would like to promote their activities to join and contribute to the implementation of the scientific conference GEOSCIENCES 2026. The Organizing Committee especially encourage the active participation of young colleagues, post graduate and graduate students. The best presentations of young colleagues will be awarded.

The materials of the conference will be published in the Review of the Bulgarian Geological Society, v. 87, parts 2 and 3.

The GEOSCIENCES conferences are possible thanks to the financial support of our sponsors and donors. We would greatly appreciate to getting the support from the geological, mining and other organizations in Bulgaria and abroad. To make a donation please contact the Chairman of the Organizing Committee and President of BGS Dr. Mihail Tarassov (phone: +359 877 454 412; e-mail: mptarassov@gmail.com) and use the bank account of the Bulgarian Geological Society.

Sponsorship levels:

Bronze Sponsor: up to 500 EUR

Silver Sponsor: 1000 EUR

Gold Sponsor: 1500 EUR

Platinum Sponsor: 3000 EUR

Major Sponsor: 6000 EUR and more

Our sponsors will receive the Conference materials, as well as the opportunity for free advertising during the Conference and on the website of the Bulgarian Geological Society.

Organizing Committee

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Official languages of the Conference: Bulgarian and English.

Deadlines:

Deadline for author registration and submission of scientific communications and abstracts	October 16, 2026
Deadline for early bird registration fees	September 30, 2026

Registration fees:

Categories and Fees	<i>Until September 30, 2026</i>	<i>After September 30, 2026</i>
Delegate, regular member of the BGS*	80 EUR	100 EUR
Delegate, non-member of the BGS	100 EUR	130 EUR
Students and PhD students (up to 2 authors)**	40 EUR	50 EUR
Retired, regular member of the BGS	40 EUR	50 EUR
Foreign delegate, non-member of the BGS	100 EUR	130 EUR

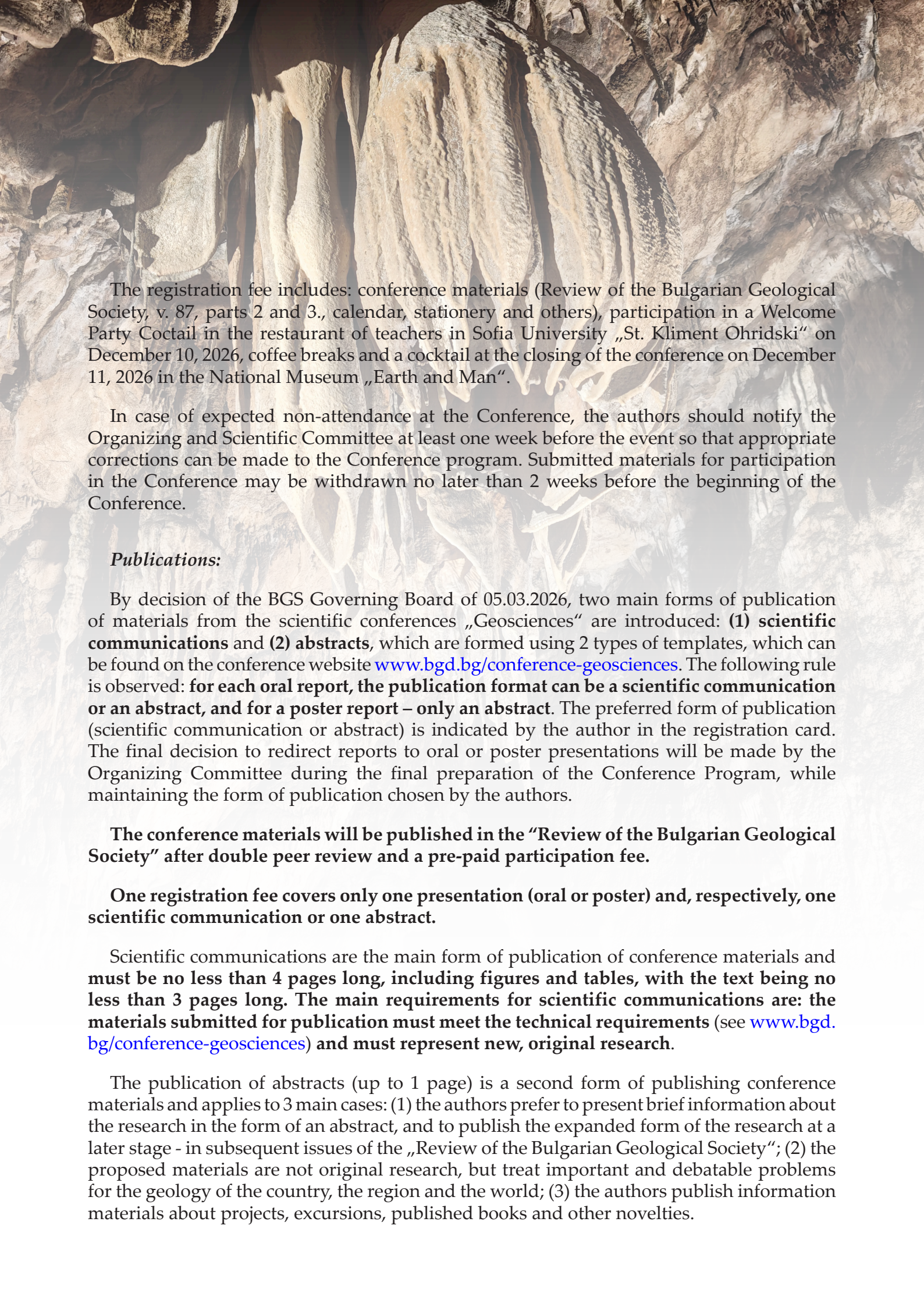
* This category includes members of the BGS with paid membership fees for 2026, as well as regular members of the Serbian Geological Society (SGS) and of the Macedonian Geological Society (MGS) – Geologist.

** This category includes students and PhD students, regular members of the BGS (SGS or MGS), presenting their research as single authors or in co-authorship with a supervisor or another student or PhD student.

Fees and membership dues can be paid by bank transfer to the account of the Bulgarian Geological Society or to **Eugenia Tarassova** (Institute of Mineralogy and Crystallography, BAS, phone: +359 89 627 2005; e-mail: etarassova@mail.bg), **Irena Kostova** (Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“, phone: +359 2 9308 276), **Boris Valchev** (University of Mining and Geology “St. Ivan Rilski“, phone: +359 2 8060 369; e-mail: b_valchev@mgu.bg), **Silviya Petrova** (Geological Institute, BAS, phone: +359 2 9792 286, e-mail: silviya_p@geology.bas.bg).

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The registration fee includes: conference materials (Review of the Bulgarian Geological Society, v. 87, parts 2 and 3., calendar, stationery and others), participation in a Welcome Party Cocktail in the restaurant of teachers in Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“ on December 10, 2026, coffee breaks and a cocktail at the closing of the conference on December 11, 2026 in the National Museum „Earth and Man“.

In case of expected non-attendance at the Conference, the authors should notify the Organizing and Scientific Committee at least one week before the event so that appropriate corrections can be made to the Conference program. Submitted materials for participation in the Conference may be withdrawn no later than 2 weeks before the beginning of the Conference.

Publications:

By decision of the BGS Governing Board of 05.03.2026, two main forms of publication of materials from the scientific conferences „Geosciences“ are introduced: **(1) scientific communications** and **(2) abstracts**, which are formed using 2 types of templates, which can be found on the conference website www.bgd.bg/conference-geosciences. The following rule is observed: **for each oral report, the publication format can be a scientific communication or an abstract, and for a poster report – only an abstract**. The preferred form of publication (scientific communication or abstract) is indicated by the author in the registration card. The final decision to redirect reports to oral or poster presentations will be made by the Organizing Committee during the final preparation of the Conference Program, while maintaining the form of publication chosen by the authors.

The conference materials will be published in the “Review of the Bulgarian Geological Society” after double peer review and a pre-paid participation fee.

One registration fee covers only one presentation (oral or poster) and, respectively, one scientific communication or one abstract.

Scientific communications are the main form of publication of conference materials and **must be no less than 4 pages long, including figures and tables, with the text being no less than 3 pages long. The main requirements for scientific communications are: the materials submitted for publication must meet the technical requirements (see www.bgd.bg/conference-geosciences) and must represent new, original research.**

The publication of abstracts (up to 1 page) is a second form of publishing conference materials and applies to 3 main cases: (1) the authors prefer to present brief information about the research in the form of an abstract, and to publish the expanded form of the research at a later stage - in subsequent issues of the „Review of the Bulgarian Geological Society“; (2) the proposed materials are not original research, but treat important and debatable problems for the geology of the country, the region and the world; (3) the authors publish information materials about projects, excursions, published books and other novelties.

Photo Competition, exhibitions and advertisements

The Organizing Committee of the GEOSCIENCES 2026 announces **Geo Photo Competition 2026**. The photographs should reflect the geological diversity of Bulgaria and the world, and there are no limitations on the objects (e.g. rock formations, outcrops, minerals, fossils, fossil associations, etc.). The best four photographs will be selected by the Organizing Committee and will be shown in the BGS calendar for 2027, as well as in the printed edition of the Review of the BGS, v. 87, part 3. The photographs should be supported by a title and author's information and submitted as **jpg** or **tiff** digital images, with a resolution at least 600 ppi and a 1000 pixels long size. The submission deadline is **October 31, 2026**. The photographs should be submitted by e-mail to: Silviya Petrova (silviya_p@geology.bas.bg).

