



Online Multidisciplinary Conference
for young karst researchers and professionals
"Karst: From Top to Bottom", June 6-7, 2021



Karst environments has intrigued scientists, engineers, and ordinary people alike for millennia due to its many fascinating facets. It feeds the world's largest springs; it represents one of the first human habitat in history; it possesses some mysterious elements in the world of caves; it supports living creatures often unique to specific locations; it behaves unpredictably; and it is extremely vulnerable to both natural and anthropogenic contamination.

The aim of this multidisciplinary conference is to provide space for both, the academic students and the working professionals, to present results of their challenging work in the karst environments.

Prior the conference a special thematic session **"Lecturing by Distinguished Guests"** with online presentations of 12 invited eminent karst experts (*Augusto Auler, Jianhua Cao, Francesco Fiorillo, Derek Ford, Nico Goldscheider, Chris Groves, John Gunn, Hervé Jourde, Attila Kovács, Peter Malik, Bartolomé Andreo Navarro, Abe Springer*) will take place on Zoom platform on 5 June 2021 starting from 10 AM (CET). Attendance is free of charge and link would be provided to all registered participants for the conference.

Virtual multidisciplinary Conference will take place on **Zoom platform** on 6-7 June 2021.

This Virtual Multidisciplinary Conference is one of the activities of **the International Year of Caves and Karst** and is especially devoted to younger and talented karst researchers, preferably, but not limited for age under 40.

Attendance is **FREE** of charge.

Abstracts must be written according to the guidelines on the web site address: <http://karst.edu.rs/en/index.html> and submitted by email to: ljiljana.vasic@rgf.bg.ac.rs; veljko.marinovic@yahoo.com.

Abstracts will be published in the Book of Abstracts of the Multidisciplinary Conference "Karst: From Top to Bottom".

Authors of the **selected abstracts and presentations** would be invited to submit a full paper which, after peer review, would be published in the special issue of Springer SI journal *"Carbonates and Evaporites"* (<https://www.springer.com/journal/13146>) edited by Zoran Stevanović and Saša Milanović, or in one of international geological journals published in Serbia *"Annales géologiques de la péninsule Balkanique"* (<http://gabp-dl.rgf.rs>) or *"Compte rendu de la Société Serbe de géologie"* (<https://sgd.rs/en>).

Time for presentation of the accepted abstracts will be 15 minutes, discussion will be after each session.

The three **CO - Thematic areas** of the Conference “**Karst: From Top to Bottom**” are:

- **Correlation** – Water cycle in karst, groundwater genesis, flow paths, hydrodynamic and modeling;
- **Coordination** – Water management, engineering in karst, threats, contamination and protection of environment and groundwater in karst, monitoring;
- **Cohabitation** – Geodiversity and biodiversity, speleology and show caves.

English will be the official language of the Conference. All presentations and printed material will be done in English.

Important dates

Ongoing Registration

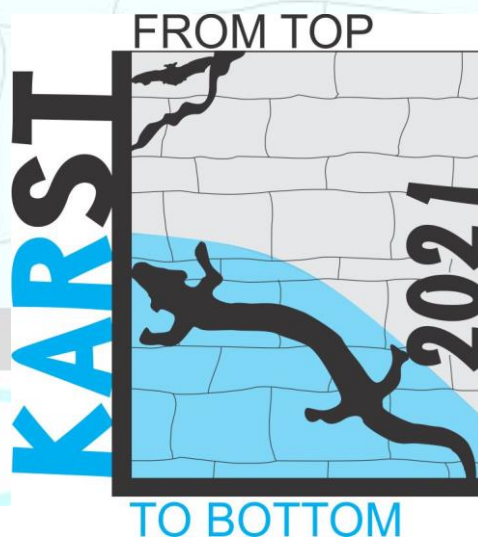
1 February 2021 – Abstract submission for the Conference

30 April 2021 - Deadline for abstract submission

15 May 2021 – Abstract acceptance

Organizer

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University of Belgrade - <http://www.karst.edu.rs/en/index.html>



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Final note: In case of improved health conditions regarding Covid-19 pandemic and removal of travel restrictions the 3-day field trip starting from 9 June 2021, will be organized to the Montenegro karst (Durmitor and Skadar Lake basin) with rafting and boating, and visit of remarkable karst sites.