

XIIIth CONGRESS OF CARPATHIAN – BALKAN GEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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The XIIIth Congress of Carpathian – Balkan Geological Association was held in Belgrad (Serbia) on September 3-6 2006. It was organised by the Serbian Committee of the CBGA and the Serbian Geological Society, along other academic and economic institutions at the Sava Centar, the convention center of Belgrade. The Congress activities took place under the auspices of the Ministry of Science and Environmental Protection and the Ministry of Mining and Energy. The board of the organizing Committee included Prof.dr. Alexandar Grubić as Chairman, Academician Stevan Karmata as Vice-chairman and Prof.dr. Marko Ercegovac as Secretary General and 18 members.

A number of 152 attendants in 11 symposia marked the statistics regarding the congress. A large scientific domain from Paleontology and Stratigraphy to Petrology and Mineralogy and to applied subjects was the topic of the meeting. The scientific sessions were : S.1. Paleogeography and basin evolution; S.2. Paleontology and stratigraphy; S.3. Metamorphic processes; S.4. Volcanic and plutonic processes; S.5. Structural geology and tectonics; S.6. Lithospherae structures, seismology and earthquake hazards; S.7. Mineralogy; S.8. Mineral resources and economic geology; S.9. Hydrogeology and geothermal energy; S.10. Engineering geology and geotechnics; S.11. Environmental geology, geodiversity and geoheritage. Two work-shops, "Project Circum – Pannonian Terranes" and "Sustainable Mineral Resources" were held during the congress, as well as a three field excursion ("Three Ophiolite Belts of the Dinarides and Vardar Zone", "Geology and Environmental Geology of North-Eastern Serbia" and "Geology of Southern Part of the Eastern Serbia").

The submitted abstracts, along their authors and co-authors, were published in a proceedings volume.

Two plenary lectures were given during the opening ceremony: Stevan Karamata, with "Origin of the Central Part of the Balkan Peninsula from Palaeozoic to Tertiary" and Rade Jelenković (together with co-workers A. Kostić, D. Životić and M.Ercegovac) with "Mineral Resources of Serbia".

New scientific contributions were brought, concerning geological data relating to all Carpathian – Balkan regions, but especially implying the Apuseni Mts. area, in Romania, and also the Circum – Pannonian area or the Serbo – Makedonian massif. During the congress, the council meeting brought about a series of changes regarding the future of the CBGA, as well as the new Statute of the organization. New types of membership of CBGA, such as Collective membership, Regular personal membership and Honorary membership were established. Also the CBGA Committee of Romanian Universities and the Geological Society of Montenegro (Podgorica) were accepted as new collective members.

The Council agreed the next congress (XIXth) of the CBGA to be held at the School of Geology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece), in the second half of September, 2010. The leaders of the Organizing Committee will be Prof. dr. Georgios Christofides, as President, and Prof. dr. Spyros Pavlides, as Secretary General.

We hope the latest changes, and especially the new Statute – presented as it follows, to improve collaboration between the geologists from the Carpathian – Balkan region.

STATUTE

1. The Carpathian-Balkan Geological Association (CBGA) is a non-governmental, international scientific, non-political and non profit-making union of geoscientists working in the Carpathian-Balkan and surrounding area. It is affiliated to the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) as a regional organization.
2. The aim of CBGA is to promote and encourage joint fundamental and applied geological research, as well as training and specialization in the Carpathian-Balkan and surrounding area. This concerns virtually all branches of the geological sciences, including geophysics, their environmental implications and other related disciplines.
3. Collective membership, regular personal membership and honorary membership of CBGA are open to geoscientists interested in geology of the area of the Association. Applications for collective membership should be submitted by competent scientific bodies (professional organizations, societies and institutions).
4. The permanent directing bodies of CBGA are the Board and the Council.
5. The Board consists of the President (who serves as its Chairperson), the Secretary General, Vice-President and the Past President of CBGA. In case of necessity, the Past President may be represented by the former Secretary General. The members of the Board have to be members of the Council.

6. The Council consists of one national representative of each member country of CBGA. The national representative is elected by the collective members of each member country.

- The Secretary General is a non-voting member of the Council.
- The Council is responsible to supervise all activities of CBGA, to accept, postpone or reject proposals, and to adopt resolutions. This includes the admittance of new collective members, personal and honorary members, the establishment, modification, canceling of working groups, the organization of CBGA Congress, and publications under the auspices of CBGA.
- The Council takes decision by at least 2/3 of the votes, with a minimum attendance of half of the voting members. If the attendance is less than half of the voting members, additional e-mail voting is required among the rest of the voting members. The Council meets at least once in two years, preferably in the country where the Congress will be held.
- Council Meetings are chaired by the representative of the host country. The chairpersons of working groups are welcome as observers.

7. Activities to attain the aims of CBGA as specified in paragraph 2 are:

a) CBGA Congresses are organized every four years, normally between the regular Sessions of the International Geological Congress, by one or more member countries of CBGA. The date and venue of the Congress are approved by the Council on the basis of an application submitted by one or more member countries, at least four years before the proposed date. The Congress may have plenary and/or thematic and poster sessions, seminars, workshops, short courses and field trips.

b) Establishing and managing of working groups in view of joint specific problems as defined by their programs. Working groups consist of scientists from two or more member countries. They organize their activities and elect their respective chairpersons by themselves. Working groups have to submit the report of their activity, at least once in the congress period.

c) Joint publication of maps, explanatory notes, congress proceedings, data-bases and other scientific products.

d) CBGA plays an active role in publishing of the journals of the Association.

8. The President and the Secretary General of CBGA are nominated by the member country that organizes the next Congress, and are approved by the Council. The Vice-President of CBGA is elected by the Council, preferably by the nomination of the

member country organizing the following Congress. They stay in duty until the end of the next Congress.

9. The official language of CBGA is English. During the business meetings and other activities, any language can be used if it facilitates better understanding.

10. The logo of CBGA is that of the International Geological Congress („Geologorum Conventus“), with an inscription „Societas Carpatho-Balcanica“ in the upper part of the inner ring. The year of foundation (1922) is inserted in the central area. In the logo of CBGA Congresses this is replaced by the year and ordinal number of the Congress (e.g. 1989 XIV).

11. In all upcoming issues which have not been regulated in the Statute, the Council has the right to take decisions.

12. Changes in the Statute of CBGA can be proposed by at least one member of the Council, not less than 6 (six) months in advance of Council Meeting. The CBGA Council decides about the proposal, and after the acceptance the IUGS Executive Board approves it. The modified Statute becomes effective preliminarily upon acceptance by the CBGA Council, and definitely upon approval by the IUGS.

Executive Board.

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