



Zespół Parków Krajobrazowych Województwa Śląskiego w Katowicach

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FIRST CIRCULAR

25th International School of Nature Protection in Karst Areas will be held in **October 17th-19th, 2018**. This year's school will be in Poland, in the area of the Kraków-Częstochowa Upland and will be organized in the Education-Scientific Centre of the Complex of Landscape Parks of the Silesian Voivodeship in Smoleń (vicinity of Pilica).

ORGANIZERS

**Complex of Landscape Parks of the Silesian Voivodeship (Poland),
Department of Geomorphology, Faculty of Earth Sciences,
University of Silesia in Katowice (Poland)
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The International School of Nature Protection in Karst Areas (Karst School in brief) is a conference that has been permanently included in the calendar of sessions related to the subject of nature protection – protection of karst areas. The goal of the School is to exchange experiences among nature protection services, local governments, representatives of scientific centres, local communities, non-governmental organizations and among partners from abroad – Czech Rep., Slovakia, Lithuania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Ukraine. The school was initiated at the beginning of the 90s of the 20th century in the period of birth, after system changes, a new organization of nature protection in the countries of Central Europe. From the beginning it serves more effective protection of karst areas in the conditions of existing land use and country development.

In the 2018, we are honoured to invite you to the 25th Jubilee edition of the International School of Nature Protection in Karst Areas, which, like the first School, will take place in the Kraków-Częstochowa Upland, in Poland. It will aim to summarize the effects of the School's 25 years. We are also planning to discuss the future of nature protection in karst areas, and in this respect also future of our conference.



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Programme outline

Wednesday, October 17th

Opening of the School

Sessions dedicated to the summary of the school's 25 years and achievements in the protection of karst areas

Field trip in the Wodąca Valley

Thursday, October 18th

Whole day excursion in the northern part of the Kraków-Częstochowa Upland (the Warta Gorge in Mstów, nature reserves – „Sokole Góry” and „Parkowe” among others)

Poster session

Friday, 19th

Sessions dedicated to education and preventive activities and challenges of nature protection in karst areas

Discussion and closing of the School

Details of the Karst School – programme, final costs and further information will be sent in the second circular in the first half of September 2018. We are kindly asking to send to the organizers a preliminary declaration of participation in the School by September 10th, 2018 to e-mail addresses: dor@zpk.com.pl or przyrodasmolen@zpk.com.pl.

According to the School's anniversary and this year's formula, the sessions with oral presentations are limited to the ordered papers dedicated to the subject of the conference. School participants interested in presenting issues related to the wider subject of the protection in karst areas are asked to prepare posters (any format) and send their topics to the organizers together with the declaration of participation in the conference.

The planned total cost of participation in the School of one person is 200 PLN

In the organizational matters of the School the information will be provide by:

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**We cordially invite you on behalf of the organizers
of the 25th International School of Nature Protection in Karst Areas**