

15th Conference on Clay Mineralogy and Petrology September 6–10, 1998 Brno, Czech Republic

On behalf of the Czech and Slovak National Clay Group, the Faculty of Science of the Masaryk University, Brno, and the Czech Geological Survey (Brno branch) cordially invite all scientists and experts interested in the scientific and practical aspects of clay science to attend the 15th Conference on Clay Mineralogy and Petrology.

The conference will be held on the campus of Masaryk University in Brno, September 6–10, 1998, under the auspices of the Ministry of the Environment with the participation of UNESCO/IUGS International Geological Correlation Programme. The scientific program will cover all topics of theoretical and applied clay science. The principal themes of its proceedings will be:

- Clay mineralogy and petrology
- Applied research of clay materials
- Industrial applications of clay science
- Clay minerals and the environment
- Clays in soil research
- Zeolites and their usage

Simultaneously, the Annual Meeting of all participants and scientists interested in the IGC Project #405, Anthropogenic Impact on Weathering Processes, will be held. It will comprise 2 workshops:

- The dual role of clay minerals in weathering
- Weathering of industrial waste

The conference program will be complemented with multidimensional excursion(s) to Neogene clay deposits, Recent vineyards and industrial enterprises utilizing clays, as well as social events for the participants and accompanying guests. Participants can book accommodation in the University Hostel on the campus as well as in a variety of hotels of different categories.

The official conference language is English. Presentations in Czech or Slovak are possible, but must include an English summary on slides or overheads. Both the abstracts (1 page per paper, camera-ready) and the papers for the Conference Proceedings (maximum 10 pages) are accepted only in English. The Book of Abstracts will be available to the participants at the conference registration. Those interested in submitting papers are invited to submit abstracts which are a maximum of 300 words, with maximum 5 keywords, on a single page and on a floppy or by e-mail (PC format, please). Paper manuscripts will be published in a special issue of *Geologica Carpathica*

Clays. Instructions for paper preparation will be given in the 2nd Circular.

Key Dates:

- Receipt of preliminary registrations: January 15, 1998
- Distribution of second circular: February 1998
- Submission of camera-ready abstracts with registration fee payment: May 15, 1998
- Distribution of 3rd Circular with Conference program: July 1998
- Conference sessions, submission and remittance of full-text manuscripts: September 6–10, 1998

Registration Fees:

- Participants US \$150
- Students US \$ 70
- Accompanying Guests US \$ 50

Registration after the deadline will cost 20% more. Students will have to present an official certification. The IGCP #405 participants from less-developed countries are eligible to obtain financial support from IGCP #405 funds to cover registration ± accommodation fee.

Registration includes the Book of Abstracts volume, attendance at scientific sessions and participation in social events, as well as the conference dinner. Accompanying guests will be entitled to the above activities with the exception of the Abstracts volume. The field-trip fee will be US \$50 and will cover the excursion guidebook, transportation and picnic dinner in a wine cellar. A guided tour to regional historic and scenic points of interest may also be organized (caves of the Moravian Karst, historical monuments, etc.).

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