

International conference

**GEOARCHAEOLOGY AND ARCHAEOMINERALOGY
IMPACT OF EARTH SCIENCES IN THE STUDY OF
MATERIAL CULTURE**

Sofia, 29-30 October 2008



Scientific Program

Archaeomineralogy and gemmology: mineral and rock artifacts throughout the centuries; mineral pigments and salts; biomineral materials; ceramics and natural glasses; jewellery; glyptic art; raw material supported strategy and the role of minerals and building stones in human culture; history of production, cutting and trade

Megalithic and stone-cut monuments

Metals, mining and archaeometallurgy

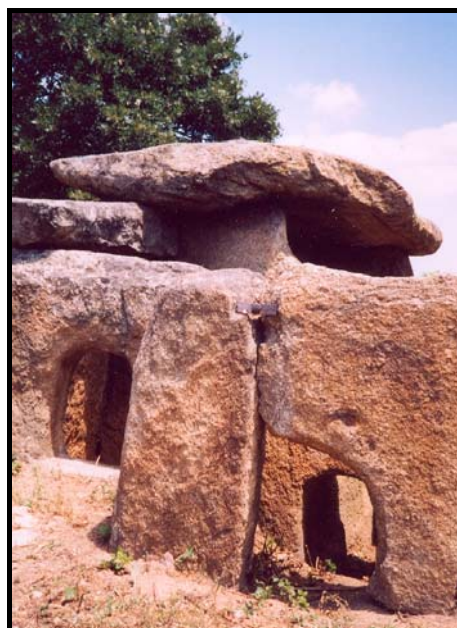
Geomorphology and geological processes related to cultural and historical objects and sites

Geophysical and remote methods in archaeology

Conservation and preservation of artifacts and cultural heritage

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Museums of mineralogical and archeological interest in Sofia

National Natural History Museum, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
National Museum “Man and Earth”
Museum of Unique Crystals “Ilia Deleff”, University of Mining and Geology “St. Ivan Rilski”
National Historical Museum
National Institute of Archaeology and Museum, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Excursions

Excursion A: 27.10-28.10.2008 (intended two days before the conference)

The “unknown” megalithic and stone-cut monuments of Europe (megalithic and stone-cut sites in South-eastern Bulgaria). Sites and museums on the route Sofia – Topolovgrad – Kardjali – Sofia in the Sakar Mountain and the Eastern Rhodopes: dolmens and menhir; rock circles; trapezoid niches; rock-cut complexes “The Arch”, “Perperek” and “Melnitsa”). Introduction to the geological and mineralogical background of the megalithic and stone-cut culture in Bulgaria.

Excursion B: 31.10-02.11.2008 (intended three days after the conference)

Role of Bulgaria in the history of world’s jewellery art (the first cut gem minerals and first metals; the enigma of the Neolithic-Chalcolithic nephrite artifacts; earliest for Europe copper mining; first complex faceting on chalcedony beads; the earliest gold artifacts in the world from the Varna Chalcolithic necropolis; gold treasures and mound temples of the Thracians; Medieval jewellery art and buildings). Sites and museums on the route Sofia – Stara Zagora (Neolithic settlement; copper mining) – Kazanluk (“Valley of the Thracian Kings”) – Varna – Madara (“The Madara Horseman” UNESCO site) – Veliki Preslav – Veliko Turnovo – Sofia.

Official foreign language: English.

Please return before June 1, 2008

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APPLICATION FORM

Family name, first name.....

Organization, institution.....

Country.....

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Title:

- Professor
- Associate Professor
- Assistant Professor
- Dr.Sc.
- Dr.
- Lecturer, specialist

- Mr. Ms.

Paper proposal.....

Important dates:

Second circular – June 2008

Deadline for submission of abstracts – August 1, 2008

Deadline for reduced registration fee – August 1, 2008

Participation:

- oral presentation
- poster presentation
- other

Excursions:

- A – two days (before the conference)
- B – three days (after the conference)

Accompanying persons:

- one
- two and more

Registration fee and excursion prices:

The second circular with hotel accommodations and prices of the excursions will be distributed in June 2008.

The sooner you register, the more you help the organization.

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