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Karst Science Days Symposium, 14-15 November 2025
Bucharest, Romania

- First circular -

We are delighted to invite you to **Bucharest, Romania**, for the **3rd edition** of the **Karst Science Days Symposium (KSD2025)**, which will take place on **14-15 November 2025**. The event will be hosted mainly on-site, as well as online, for broader participation.

The symposium aims to highlight the scientific contributions of exceptional students working in karst terrains. It offers them the opportunity to present their current research, exchange ideas, debate theoretical and practical issues, and explore diverse perspectives and experiences in karst science.

We welcome students in the final two years of undergraduate studies, master's students, and doctoral candidates. As the presentations will be published as short papers in the symposium proceedings volume, we recommend that presenters have their advisors' agreement for the publication of original data and results. There will be **no registration fee**, in order to allow young researchers to participate without any hurdles.

Program Overview

The program will revolve around two main themes, **Karstology** and **Subsurface Biology**, but all subjects related to karst are welcome. We are excited to announce a special poster session of **Citizen Science**, where the participants from outside mainstream science are invited to present posters showcasing their contributions to the field.

Presentation Formats:

- **15-minute oral presentations**
- **Poster presentations for Citizen Science**

Publication

The oral presentations at the symposium are published in the form of Articles in the series of volumes „**Karst Science Days Symposium Proceedings**” (ISSN 2972-1261, ISSN-L 2972-1261), with a DOI identifier, after being reviewed by the Scientific Committee. For the drafting of the manuscripts, the authors are asked to observe the **Guide for authors** found below. Posters of the Citizen Science session will be included in the volume only in the form of short abstracts.

Registration

Participants have to register on our website, www.ksd.iser.ro, by completing the registration form and by submitting the article or poster abstract until **September 14th 2025**. In order to help us organize onsite and online, **the public** is kindly asked to register on our website by November 7th. For more information, we invite you to visit www.ksd.iser.ro.

Guide for authors

The Article will be written in English and may contain figures and tables in the text. It will be structured as follows:

Title

The title must be clear, concise, suggestive, and straightforward, to appeal to a general reader, but detailed enough to properly reflect the contents of the article. Abbreviations in the title are not accepted.

Authorship

Include full names and affiliations for all authors. If an author has multiple affiliations all the relevant institutions should be listed. The full address of the institutions must be specified. The ORCID code will be mentioned for authors who hold it. The name of the author presenting the paper will be underlined and their e-mail address will be specified.

Abstract

A concise and factual abstract is required. The abstract should state briefly the purpose of the research, the main results and major conclusions. The abstract is a single paragraph which should be around 50 to 200 words.

Keywords

Provide three to five keywords that succinctly identify the topic of the article.

Introduction

An introduction should 'set the scene' of the work. It should clearly explain both the nature of the problem under investigation and its background. It should start off general

and then focus to specific research questions you are investigating. Ensure you include all relevant references.

Materials and Methods

This section should include information about study site and all procedures involved in conducting experiments, making measurements and data analyses. Do not put results in this section. Mention relevant ethical considerations.

Results

Your results should be organised into an orderly and logical sequence. Only the most relevant results should be described in the text, to highlight the most important points. Figures, tables, and equations should be used for purposes of clarity and brevity. Data should not be reproduced in more than one form, for example in both figures and tables, without good reason.

Discussion

The purpose of the discussion is to explain the meaning of your results and why they are important. You should state the impact of your results compared with recent work and relate it back to the problem or question you posed in your introduction. Ensure claims are backed-up by evidence and explain any complex arguments.

Conclusions

This is for interpretation of the key results and to highlight the novelty and significance of the work. The conclusions should not summarise information already present in the article or abstract. You can also include any plans for relevant future work here.

Author contributions (optional)

In the interests of transparency, we strongly encourage authors of articles to include an "Author contributions" section in their manuscript. Contributions should be explained concisely.

Acknowledgments.

Contributors (those not already included as co-authors) may be acknowledged. Keep this section as brief as possible. You should also declare all sources of funding at this point.

References

Referencing in the text

The bibliographic references must be cited in the text with line characters, without highlights, in the following way:

- a) if the author's name is part of the phrase
 - work with one author: Orghidan (1965);
 - work with two authors: Orghidan & Dumitrescu (1973);
 - work by more than two authors: Orghidan *et al.* (1980);
- b) when the author's name is not part of the phrase, the bibliographic citation is included in brackets, for example (Orghidan, 1965; Orghidan *et al.*, 1980).

Listing your references

The references themselves are listed in alphabetical order at the end of the article. The names and initials of all authors should be given in the reference. The references will be written entirely in line characters, not highlighted with **bold**, *italic*, CAPS, etc., as in the following examples:

- a) reference to a journal publication:

Gillan, D. C., Dubilier, N., 2004. Novel epibiotic *Thiothrix* bacterium on a marine amphipod. *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 70 (6), 3772–3775.

<https://doi.org/10.1128/AEM.70.6.3772-3775.2004>

- b) reference to a book:

Strunk Jr., W., White, E.B., 2000. *The Elements of Style*, fourth ed. Longman, New York.

- c) reference to a chapter in an edited book:

Mettam, G.R., Adams, L.B., 2009. How to prepare an electronic version of your article, *in*: Jones, B.S., Smith, R.Z. (Eds.), *Introduction to the Electronic Age*. E-Publishing Inc., New York, pp. 281– 304.

d) reference to a website:

Cancer Research UK, 2005. Cancer statistics reports for the UK.

<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/aboutcancer/statistics/cancerstatsreport/>
(accessed 13 March 2022).

Please include DOIs or web addresses in references if they exist.

Units

„*Karst Science Days Symposium Proceedings*” requires you to use the international system of units (SI) which follows internationally accepted rules and conventions. If other units are mentioned within your article, you should provide the equivalent unit in SI.

Electronic Artwork

The paper will be written with Microsoft Word, doc/docx files, with Times New Roman characters, size 12 for the body of the text, including bibliography and 10 for the figures and tables captions. Please submit equations as editable text and not as images. Number consecutively any equations that have to be displayed separately from the text (if referred to explicitly in the text).

Graphic figures or photographs are accepted in black/white or colour. These will not be included in the body of the paper, but will be sent as separate JPG files without compression or TIFF files, with all CMYK elements and a resolution of 300 dpi. RGB format or pixelated images with a lower resolution and artificially converted to 300 dpi are not accepted. Figure captions are included in a separate file list.

Please submit tables as editable text produced in Word processing software and not as images. Tables are not accepted in spreadsheet format, e.g. Excel. Tables can be placed either next to the relevant text in the work, or on separate page(s) at the end. Number tables consecutively in accordance with their appearance in the text. Tables must have a caption and must be cited in the text.

Poster Abstracts

Poster abstracts should include the title, authors' names, and their affiliation(s) exactly as in the article. The abstracts may contain several paragraphs, but should not exceed 500 words in total.