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NATIONAL CONFERENCE “GEOSCIENCES 2017”
(with international participation)

Dedicated to
the 125th anniversary of Acad. Strashimir Dimitrov (1892–1960)
the 110th anniversary of Acad. Ekim Bonchev (1907–1992)

7–8 December, 2017
Sofia
LETTER OF INVITATION

Dear Members of the Bulgarian Geological Society, Colleagues and Friends,

The Bulgarian Geological Society (BGS) announces its National Conference with international participation “GEOSCIENCES 2017”, co-organized by the Faculty of Geology and Geography of the Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”, and by the courtesy of the Scientific and Technical Union of Mining, Geology and Metallurgy, and the National Museum “Earth and Man”.

The Conference will be held on December 7–8, 2017, in the Aula (Ceremonial Hall) of the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. The event is dedicated to the 125th anniversary of the Acad. Strashimir Dimitrov (1892–1960) and 110th anniversary of the Acad. Ekim Bonchev (1907-1992). The Organizing Committee of “GEOSCIENCES 2017” has the pleasure to invite you to participate in the Conference.

Scientific conferences “GEOSCIENCES” have gained recognition as the most important annual event in Bulgaria in the field of geology and become an authoritative forum of the geological community. Traditionally, the program of “GEOSCIENCES 2017” covers a broad spectrum of topics and focuses on the contemporary problems, perspectives and practical importance of the geological sciences. The conference “GEOSCIENCES 2017” provides unlimited options for presentation of all institutions dealing with geology (e.g. universities, institutes, laboratories, exploration and mining companies, etc.).

Scientific communications accepted for presentation at the Conference will be published in the Proceedings of „GEOSCIENCES 2017”, and those authors who wish to publish the full text of their presentations will gain a preference for publishing in the regular issues of the Review of the Bulgarian Geological Society. The Organizing Committee of “GEOSCIENCES 2017” especially encourage the active participation of young colleagues, post graduate and graduate students. The best presentations of young colleagues will be awarded.

The Organizing Committee hopes that your active participation will contribute to the successful implementation of the Conference “GEOSCIENCES 2017”!

The Conferences “GEOSCIENCES” are only possible thanks to the financial support of our sponsors. We would greatly appreciate to getting the support from the geological, mining and other organizations in Bulgaria and abroad. To make a donation please contact the Chairman of the Organizing Committee Dr Eugenia Tarassova (phones: +359 888 699 322, e-mail: etarassova@mail.bg) or the Treasurer of the BGS Dr Hristo Dimitrov (phones: +359 886 908 972; e-mail: hristo_dimitrov@mgu.bg) and use the bank account of the Bulgarian Geological Society.

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Official languages of the Conference: Bulgarian and English.

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Deadlines:

| Deadline for initial registration of the authors and submission of the scientific communications | October 21, 2017 |
| Deadline for early bird registration fees | October 21, 2017 |
**Registration fees:**

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The Proceedings of the National Conference “GEOSCIENCES 2017” will include contributions, which will be peer-reviewed by at least two referees and accepted in case of prepaid fee only. The reduced fee (until October 21, 2017) will benefit the BGS members with paid membership dues for 2017. Submitted scientific communications may be withdrawn from the conference no later than 2 weeks before the beginning of the Conference. Presentations will be in either oral or poster form. However, more than two presentations, with the same first author, are not allowed. Authors with second presentation should pay additional a half fee, and represent it in poster form, without having the right for another conference materials. In case of non attendance at the Conference, the authors should notify the Committee at least one week prior the event in order the adequate corrections of the conference program to be made.

The registration fee includes: conference materials, coffee breaks and the cocktail closure. Fees and membership dues can be paid to Dr Hristo Dimitrov (BGS Treasurer, phone: +359 2 886 908 972; e-mail: hristo_dimitrov@mgu.bg), Dr Lubomir Metodiev (phone: +359 2 9792250, e-mail: lubo@geology.bas.bg), Dr Eugenia Tarassova (Conference Chairman, e-mail: etarassova@mail.bg), or by bank transfer to the account of the Bulgarian Geological Society:

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The Organizing Committee of “GEOSCIENCES 2017” offers to the companies to represent their activities by printed materials, videos and other forms of advertising during the Conference. Exhibition areas will be possibly arranged, and the minimum space for submission is 2 square meters (200 BGN). The price for advertising in A4 size, included in the printed edition of the Conference is 200 BGN. Advertising on the website of the BGS is also possible. Brochures, catalogs and other materials can also be presented during the Conference.

The Organizing Committee of the Conference “GEOSCIENCES 2017” announces “Geo Photo Competition 2017”. The photographs should reflect the geological diversity of Bulgaria and world, and there are no limitations on the objects (e.g. rock formations, outcrops, minerals, fossils, fossil associations, etc.). The best four photographs will be selected by the Scientific Committee and will be shown in the BGS calendar for 2018, as well as in the printed edition of the National Conference “GEOSCIENCES 2017”. The photographs should be supported by a title and author’s information and submitted as JPG or TIFF digital images, with a resolution at least 600 dpi and a 1 000 pixels long size. The submission deadline is October 31, 2017. The photographs should be submitted by e-mail to: Lubomir Metodiev (lubo@geology.bas.bg).
GUIDE FOR AUTHORS

Preparation of manuscripts
Short communications should be written in up to 2 pages (including text, figures, tables and references), on A4 paper size, 25 mm wide top and bottom margins and 20 mm wide left and right margins. The main text should be either written in Bulgarian and English (in Times New Roman, font size 11 pts, and single line spacing). Authors whose native language is not English must have their manuscripts reviewed by a colleague who is fluent in English. The communications should be arranged in the following order:

• **Title.** Brief and informative, written first in English and then in Bulgarian (Normal style, **not in All Caps**, in Times New Roman, font size 14 pts, Bold, left alignment).

• After a blank line, the **name(s) of the author(s)** should be given (in Times New Roman, font size 11 pts, Bold/Italic, left alignment). Please clearly indicate the given name(s) and surname(s) of each author. All authors must be indicated with superscript numerals (i.e., 1, 2, etc.) immediately after the author’s name.

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• After two blank lines, the main text should be written (typed in Times New Roman, with font size 11 pts, and single line spacing). The text can include **subtitles** (in Times New Roman, font size 12 pts, Bold, left alignment) and **tables** (80 to 165 × 235 mm width).

• **References.** Must follow the style of the Review of the Bulgarian Geological Society (for more details see www.bgd.bg/REVIEW_BGS/frames_home_BG.html), and typed in Times New Roman (font size 11 pts, and handing at 0.5 cm). References of papers published in languages that do not employ the Latin script can be presented according to the style of their abstract language or translated in English, with an indication of the original language and abstract language (if any) in parentheses, (e.g., in Bulgarian, with English abstract).

• **Figures.** Authors are required to supply high-resolution CDR, TIFF, JPEG, BMP or EPS images (including maps, cross-sections and photographs). Always use a minimum of 600 dpi resolution. Illustrations should be numbered consecutively as they are cited in the text. Figures must be designed to fit a single- (80 × 235 mm) or double-column (165 × 235 mm) width of a page and their preferred position can be indicated in the text. **Please do not include figures in the text!** Figure captions must be provided separately from the figures, at the end of the manuscript (in Times New Roman, font size 10 pts).

The short communications must be submitted electronically not later than October 21, 2017 to Elena Koleva-Rekalova (e-mail: e_koleva@geology.bas.bg). The files corresponding to the text, tables and figures must bear the name of the first author. The full text manuscripts of short communications must be prepared according to the rules of the Review of the Bulgarian Geological Society (www.bgd.bg), and should be submitted to the Chief Editor of the Journal Yotzo Yanev (e-mail: yotzo_yanev@yahoo.com), either in the course of the Conference or electronically, but not later than 1 month after the end of the Conference. In this way the MS will have priority in publication. It is recommended the presentations in Bulgarian language to be supported by English captions in the slides of MS Power Point. The recommended size of poster presentations is A1 (59.4 × 84.1 cm)