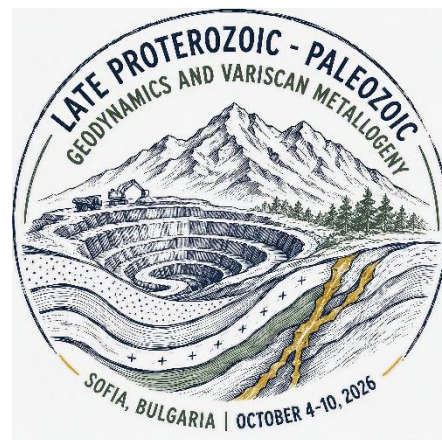


International Workshop & Field Excursion

Late Proterozoic – Paleozoic Geodynamics and Variscan Metallogeny

Sofia, Bulgaria | October 4–10, 2026

Join leading international experts and researchers for a comprehensive exploration of the pre-Permian basement of the Balkans. This event bridges the gap between regional data and global tectonic models, focusing on the evolution of the Variscan (Hercynian) orogen.



□ Highlights

- **Deep Dive into Geodynamics:** Re-evaluating the Late Proterozoic to Paleozoic evolution of the Balkan region.
- **Variscan Metallogeny:** A fresh look at mineral systems in light of new geochronological data.
- **Global Correlations:** Comparing the Balkan basement with the Bohemian Massif, Western Europe, and North America.
- **Field Excursion:** 4 days of key geological outcrops across the Iskar Gorge, Balkan Mountains, Srednogorie, and the Rhodope Metamorphic Complex.

□ Keynote Speakers & Experts

We are honored to host world-renowned specialists, including:

- **Prof. Damian Nance** (Ohio University, USA)
- **Prof. Brendan Murphy** (St. Francis Xavier University, Canada)
- **Prof. David Chew** (Trinity College Dublin, Ireland)
- **Dr. Ashley Gumsley & Dr. Anna Gumsley** (Poland)

- **Dr. Alexander Kunov** (University of Basel, Switzerland)
- ... alongside leading experts from Bulgaria

□ Preliminary Schedule

- **Oct 4:** Arrival & Welcome Reception
- **Oct 5: Scientific Conference (Sofia)** – Keynotes, presentations, and panel discussions on Paleozoic evolution and metallogeny.
- **Oct 6–9: Field Trip** – Iskar Gorge, Zlatitsa Balkan, Central Srednogorie, and the Rhodope/Ograzhden metamorphic units.
- **Oct 10:** Departure

□ Organizers

- **Geological Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (GI-BAS)**
- **Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (SU)**

Interested in participating?

Stay tuned for registration details and the formal Call for Abstracts. ✂
 #Geology #Paleozoic #Variscan #Balkans #Geosciences #Conference2026

Deadline for registration: Sept 15th 2026

Contact email and registration: by email at janko@gea.uni-sofia.bg

Registration fee: 30 euro.

The field excursion is optional. An additional field trip participation fee will cover transportation expenses and accommodation; TBD based on the number of participants.