



10th Baltic Stratigraphic Conference

12–14 September 2017

Chęciny, Poland

The Baltic Stratigraphic Association (BSA) unites Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian and NW Russian stratigraphic commissions. Every three years the BSA organizes international conferences focused on various aspects of regional geology and stratigraphy. So far, nine meetings have taken place since 1991, in Tallinn (1991, 1996, 2008), Vilnius (1993, 2002, 2014), Riga (1999, 2011) and St. Petersburg (2005). This year, the Polish Geological Society has officially asked for membership in the BSA, which is being evaluated at the moment. On account of this procedure, we have accepted the honour to organize the 10th jubilee conference of the association.



It is our pleasure to announce that the **10th Baltic Stratigraphic Conference** will take place in the Holy Cross Mountains in Poland, in the premises of the European Centre for Geological Education (ECGE), owned by the University of Warsaw and located in the old quarry on Rzepka Hill near the historical town of Chęciny. Our meeting, held in the heart of present day Europe and geologically on the margin of the East European Craton should enhance

scientific discussions and be an opportunity for exchange of views between experienced scientists, young researchers and students. We will be very pleased to host you between September 12th and 14th 2017. Additionally, we offer the participation in pre- and/or post-conference excursions into the geology of the area.

All contributions related to geology and stratigraphy of the ‘widely understood’ Baltic region are most welcome. Depending on the interest and the number of participants, we will have one or two parallel sessions, a poster session, and a key-lecture on the geology of the Holy Cross Mountains. The topics of primary interest include, but are not limited to:

- Regional stratigraphic schemes, correlation and stratotypes
- Regional aspects of the international timescale
- Biostratigraphy, palaeontology and biodiversification
- Sequence stratigraphy
- Isotope stratigraphy
- Event stratigraphy
- Palaeoenvironments, palaeogeography and climates
- Crucial issues of Cambrian to Devonian geology in the Baltic area
- Geotouristic potential of the circum-Baltic countries

If you wish to propose a special session, organize a workshop, or a committee meeting during the conference, please let us know by November 30th 2016.

Important deadlines:

1.06.2016 First circular

31.10.2016 Deadline for expression of interest

15.12.2016 Second circular

15.01.2017 Beginning of registration

15.05.2017 Deadline for regular registration; deadline for regular payment of conference fee; deadline for payment of excursion(s) fee(s), deadline for submission of abstracts

20.06.2017 Third circular with detailed programme

Provisional programme

September 10th

15.00–19.00 arrival and registration of conference participants taking part in the pre-conference excursion

September 11th to 12th

Pre-conference excursion '**Lower Palaeozoic to Middle Devonian of the Holy Cross Mountains**' .

We will travel around by bus and come back for the night to ECGE. All meals and accommodation (2 nights 10/11 and 11/12) are included in the excursion fee. Maximum number of participants: **40**

September 12th

Afternoon hours – arrival and registration of conference participants not taking part in the pre-conference excursion

An ice-breaker party for all participants is planned for the late evening

September 13th to 14th

Key-lecture, talks and poster sessions, workshops, committee meetings etc.

Depending on the number of declarations, the talks will be presented in one or two parallel sessions.

A special poster session is planned to take place on the first day (13th September).

There will be a possibility to spend another night at ECGE (14/15) upon earlier reservation; an additional fee will have to be paid for the meals and accommodation in this case (this does not apply to the participants of the post-conference excursion, who have it included in the excursion fee).

September 15th to 16th

Post-conference excursion '**Top geological sites in the Holy Cross Mountains**' .

We will travel around by bus and come back for the night to ECGE. All meals and accommodation (2 nights 14/15 and 15/16) are included in the excursion fee. Maximum number of participants: **40**

Depending on the declarations, the excursion will end at Kielce Railway Station in the evening of 16th September and/or at ECGE, where there will be a possibility to spend another night (16/17) upon earlier reservation; in this case, an additional fee will have to be paid for the meals and accommodation.

Payments (the prices are approximate and will be confirmed and updated in the second circular)

Regular registration fee (to be paid before May 15, 2017) includes: attendance in all sessions, 2 nights (12/13 and 13/14), full meals, coffee breaks, ice-breaker party, conference dinner, abstract book and excursion guide book	150 EUR	680 PLN
Late registration fee (after May 15, 2017)	180 EUR	800 PLN
Student fee	80 EUR	360 PLN
Pre-conference excursion (including 2 nights: 10/11 and 11/12)	150 EUR	680 PLN
Post-conference excursion (including 2 nights: 14/15 and 15/16)	150 EUR	680 PLN
Additional night at ECGE	20 EUR	90 PLN

Presentations

The official language of the conference will be English. Abstracts of oral presentations and posters submitted in relevance to the topic of the conference are most welcome. Extended abstracts will be published in a special conference volume. Further details will be provided in the second circular.

Transportation

Kielce, the major town of the Holy Cross Mountains area, can be reached by train or by bus from Warsaw or Cracow. The town of Chęciny is located about 15 km to the south of Kielce and you may travel there from the Main Railway Station at Kielce by local bus no. 31, a minibus or a taxi. Depending on the declarations, we are ready to organize transportation from the Kielce Main Railway Station on the relevant days. We would like to inform those travelling by car that ECGE has its own free-of-charge parking, where you will be able to leave your car during the conference.

Accommodation

The European Centre for Geological Education offers double rooms with bathrooms.

Organizing institutions:

Faculty of Geology, University of Warsaw

Polish Geological Institute – National Research Institute at Warsaw and Kielce

Institute of Palaeobiology, Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw

Polish Geological Society

Expression of interest (preliminary registration form)

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Title					
First name					
Family name					
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Postal (zip) code					
City					
Country					
Phone					
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I plan to present:					
Oral presentation (please provide list of authors and provisional title)	Poster (please provide list of authors and provisional title)				
I plan to attend the:					
Pre-conference excursion (September 10-12)	YES/NO				
Post-conference excursion (September 15-16)	YES/NO				
I will be interested in transportation from Kielce Main Railway Station					
September 10th	YES/NO	September 12th	YES/NO	September 17th	YES/NO

If you are interested in participation in the 10th BSC, please fill in this registration form and return it by e-mail to Anna Żylińska (anna.zylinska@uw.edu.pl) before **October 31st 2016**.

Please feel free to copy and distribute this form among your colleagues who will express their interest in the participation in the conference.