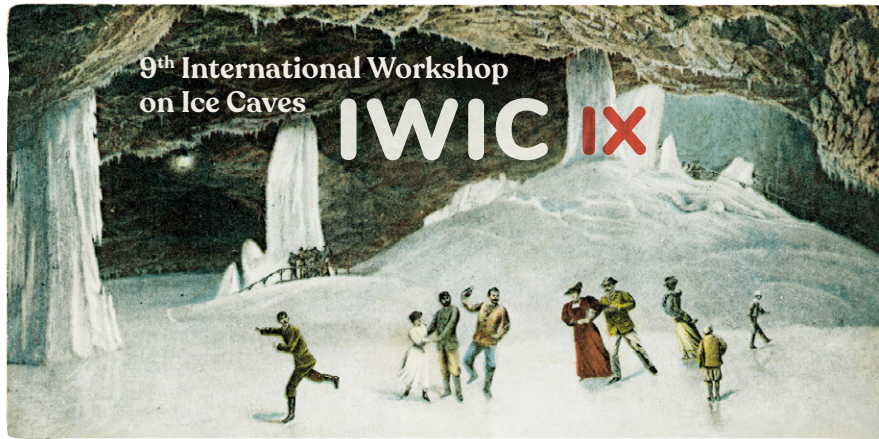




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Dobšiná Ice Cave 1870 - 2020



**9th International Workshop on Ice Caves (IWIC-IX)
 &
 12th Scientific Conference
 Research, Utilization and Protection of Caves
 &
 UIS Bureau Meeting**

under the auspices of International Union of Speleology (UIS)
 and International Show Caves Association (ISCA)

at the occasion of the

150th anniversary of the discovery of the Dobšiná Ice Cave

90th anniversary of the establishment of the Slovak Museum of Nature Protection and Speleology

50th anniversary of the establishment of the Slovak Caves Administration

25th anniversary of the inscription of the Caves of Slovak and Aggtelek Karst on the World Heritage List

May 12 – 15, 2020 Liptovský Mikuláš, Slovakia

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PROFESSIONAL FOCUS

The International Workshop on Ice Caves (IWIC) is held every two years, and previously has been organized in Cluj-Napoca (Romania, 2004), Demanovská Dolina (Slovakia, 2006), Kungur (Russia, 2008), Obertraun (Austria, 2010), Grigna-Milan (Italy, 2012), Idaho Falls (USA, 2014), Postojna (Slovenia, 2016) and Picos de Europa (Spain, 2018).

Since 1997, the Slovak Caves Administration biennially organizes the scientific conference “Research, Utilization, and Protection of Caves”, presenting the newest results of research, monitoring, and protection of the caves, especially from the territory of Slovakia and neighbouring countries of Central Europe.

In 2020, the 150th anniversary of the Dobšiná Ice Cave discovery will be commemorated by organizing a joint event: The IWIC-IX and 12th scientific conference “Research, Utilization and Protection of Caves”. The Dobšiná Ice Cave is one of the most important ice caves in the world with a very rich history.

IWIC-IX topics:

- ice cave climate, cave glaciation, morphology and mass balances of cave ice deposits
- stratigraphy and structure of cave ice, cryo-mineralogy, paleoclimatological studies
- ice cave biota and biodiversity
- ice cave management and protection

Conference topics:

- cave geology, morphology and genesis of caves
- cave deposits, paleoenvironmental changes in karst
- karst aquifers, geochemistry and karst vulnerability
- cave climate
- cave biota and biodiversity
- paleontological and archaeological findings in caves
- utilization and environmental protection of karst landscape and caves



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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME (FOR BOTH IWIC-IX AND CONFERENCE AND UIS BUREAU MEETING)

May 09, 2020 (Saturday)

16:00 – 22:00 UIS Bureau registration, executive meeting, meeting with SSJ, SSS

May 10, 2020 (Sunday)

09:00 – 17:00 UIS Bureau meeting session (incl. breaks)

May 11, 2020 (Monday)

09:00 – 17:00 UIS Bureau meeting session (incl. breaks)

May 12, 2020 (Tuesday)

07:30 – 09:00 IWIC & conference registration

09:00 – 09:30 IWIC and conference opening & UIS President address

09:30 – 12:30 lectures

12:30 – 14:00 lunch

14:00 – 17:30 lectures

17:30 – 18:30 opening of the exhibition about the Dobšiná Ice Cave

19:00 dinner and social gathering

09:00 – 17:00 UIS Bureau meeting session (incl. breaks & conference opening)

May 13, 2020 (Wednesday)

08:30 – 10:30 lectures

11:00 – 18:30 IWIC and conference excursion: Dobšiná Ice Cave – jubilee cave tour

18:30 – 19:30 posters

19:30 – 20:00 World Heritage Caves of Aggtelek and Slovak karsts in 3D slide show

08:30 – 21:00 UIS Bureau meeting session (excursion break 10:30 – 20:00)

May 14, 2020 (Thursday)

08:30 – 09:30 lectures

09:30 – 09:45 Information on the 18th Congress UIS, France 2021

10:00 – 11:30 lectures

11:30 – 13:00 lunch

13:00 – 16:15 lectures

16:15 – 16:45 posters

16:45 – 17:00 closing of the conference

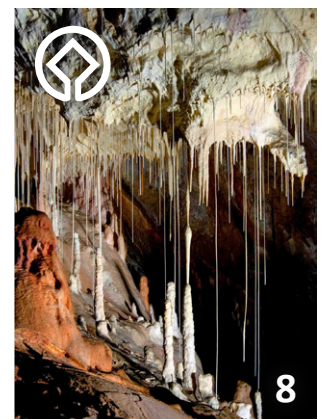
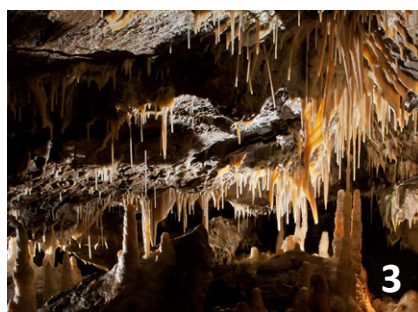
10:00 – 17:30 IWIC alternative program – all-day field excursion:
Belianska Cave (multi-annual attempt for the glaciation of lower cave part in the second half of 1930' and negative impacts on the cave environment), Važecká Cave

09:00 – 17:00 UIS Bureau meeting session (incl. breaks)

May 15, 2020 (Friday)

08:00 – 19:00 all-day IWIC, UIS Bureau and post-conference field excursion:
Ochtiná Aragonite Cave, Silická ľadnica (Silica Ice Cave – the lowest lying perennial ice cave up to the latitude of 50° north), Domica Cave, Baradla Cave

MAP OF SLOVAKIA



LECTURES AND POSTERS

The length of the lecture is 15 minutes. In the case of a large number of submitted lectures, the scientific committees reserves the right to reassign some lectures to poster presentations. Posters will be presented in a panel discussion. Maximum poster dimensions: 75 × 120 cm (width × height), posters should be given in English.

The lectures of IWIC-IX will be presented in English (May 12 – 13). The lectures of conference (May 14) should be given in English, Slovak, Polish and Czech (Power-point presentations have to be in English).

Lecture and poster abstracts in English will be published in Aragonit journal, volume 24, number 1, which the participants will receive at the IWIC-IX and conference registration. Extended abstract (1,500 to 3,000 characters) must be sent by January 31, 2020 at the latest, to the address: pavel.bella@ssj.sk. If necessary, black and white pictures can be included with the list of cited literature at the end of the abstract. The individual authors should be listed with full workplace addresses.

The original scientific articles from the IWIC-IX and conference will be published in journals Slovenský kras and Aragonit journal in the years 2020 and 2021 after assessment by editorial boards and reviews.

IWIC-IX AND CONFERENCE FEE

The IWIC-IX and conference fee of 80 € can be paid by bank transfer (see below) or in cash upon the registration of participants. It covers organizational costs including all workshop/conference materials, refreshment during breaks, transport during the excursion on May 13, 2020, as well as the publication of abstracts in Aragonit journal and contributions in Slovenský kras and Aragonit journals.

Fee for the field excursion on May 14, 2020 is 30 € (covers the entry to the caves, transport and lunch).

Fee for the field excursion on May 15, 2020 is 40 € (covers the entry to the caves, transport and lunch).

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TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE VENUE

Liptovský Mikuláš Town (557 m a.s.l.) is located in the northern part of Slovakia, in the Liptov Basin bounded by several mountains (Tatry, Nízke Tatry, Chočské vrchy, Veľká Fatra). It has more than 32,000 inhabitants. The headquarters of the Slovak Caves Administration, the Slovak Museum of Nature Protection and Speleology, and the Slovak Speleological Society are in Liptovský Mikuláš.

The nearest airports to the venue are: Poprad – Slovakia (distance 60 km), **Košice** – Slovakia (160 km), **Ostrava** – Czech Republic (190 km), **Krakow** – Poland (170 km), **Katowice** – Poland (240 km), **Bratislava** – Slovakia (290 km), **Vienna** – Austria (350 km), **Budapest** – Hungary (420 km), **Brno** – Czech Republic (430 km), **Prague** – Czech Republic (520 km). For following transport from airports to the venue we recommend to use **Express trains (Intercity – IC)** or **Long-distance buses**.

Air connections to Bratislava and less frequented airports

Bratislava airport			Poprad airport	Košice airport	Ostrava airport	Brno airport
Athens	Dublin	Manchester	London	Istanbul	London	Berlin
Barcelona	Edinburgh	Milan/Bergamo		London		London
Berlin	Kiev	Moscow		Prague		Milan/Bergamo
Bologna	London	Paris		Vienna		
Brussels	Madrid	Roma		Warsaw		
Dubai	Malaga					

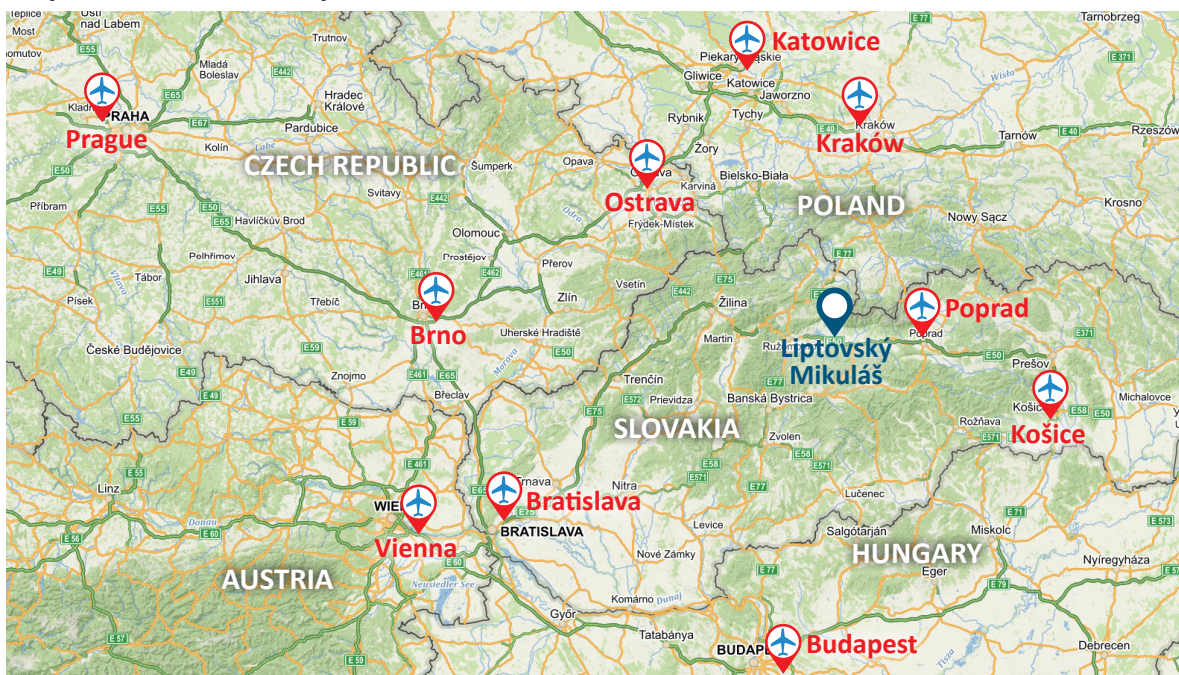
Express trains run on these lines:

- Vienna – Bratislava (transfer) – Liptovský Mikuláš
- Budapest – Bratislava (transfer) – Liptovský Mikuláš
- Budapest – Košice (transfer) – Liptovský Mikuláš
- Praha – Liptovský Mikuláš
- Ostrava – Liptovský Mikuláš
- Brno – Bratislava (transfer) – Liptovský Mikuláš
- Katowice – Bohumín (transfer) – Liptovský Mikuláš

Long-distance buses run on these lines:

- Krakow – Ružomberok (transfer to trains or buses) – Liptovský Mikuláš
- Krakow – Poprad (transfer to trains or buses) – Liptovský Mikuláš
- Katowice – Krakow (transfer) – Ružomberok (transfer to trains or buses) – Liptovský Mikuláš

Map of international airports close to the venue

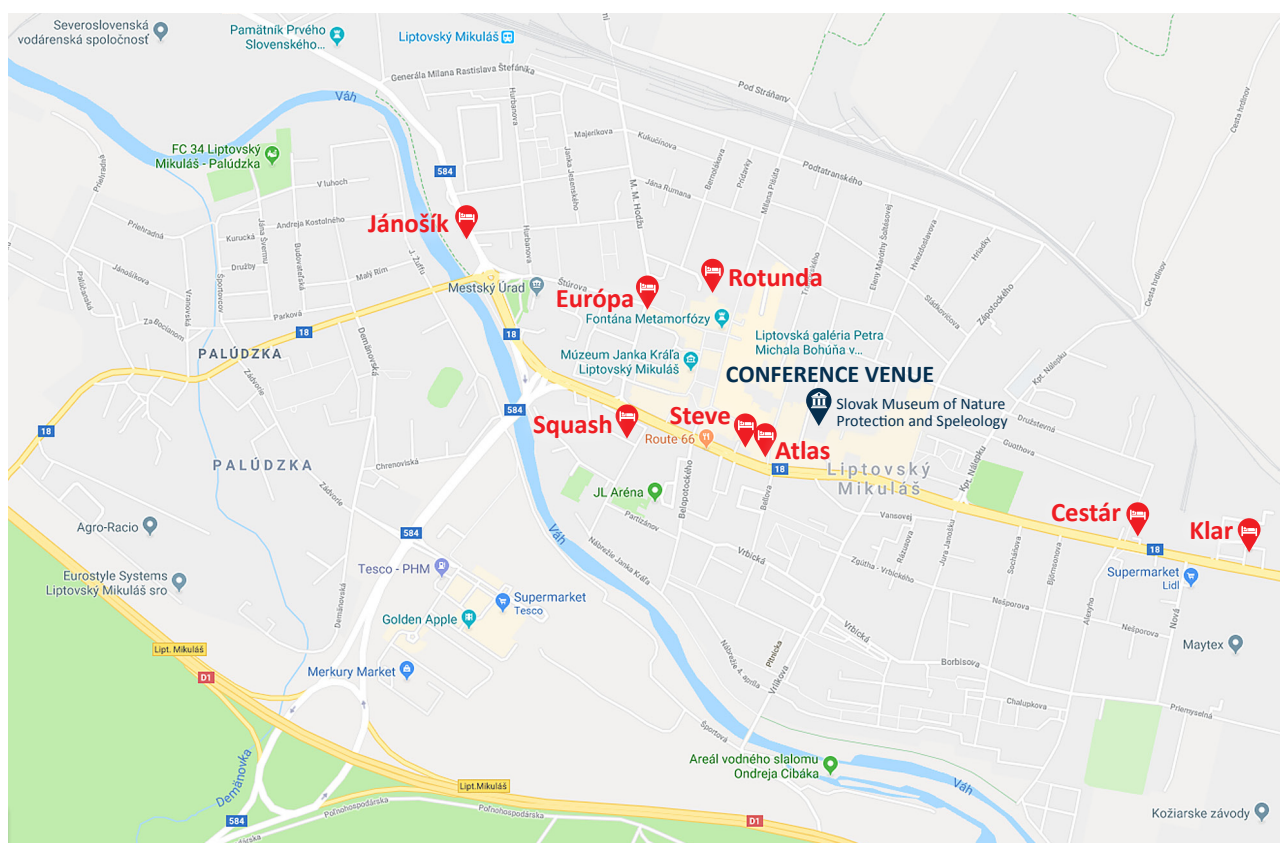


CATERING AND ACCOMMODATION

Catering and accommodation are paid by the participants individually.

Accommodation options near the conference venue:

Hotel	single room	double room	distance from venue	contact
Jánošík	50 €	80 €	600 m	http://www.hoteljanosik.sk
Europa	50 €	80 €	400 m	http://www.hoteleuropalm.sk
Atlas (Bonifác)	25 €	40 €	200 m	http://www.penzionatlas.eu
Rotunda	30 €	34 €	400 m	http://www.penzionrotunda.sk
Steve	34 €	49 €	200 m	http://www.hotelsteve.sk
Squash	16 €	25 €	400 m	http://www.squash-liptov.sk
Cestár	15 €	30 €	1000 m	http://www.penzioncestar.sk
Klar	26 €	30 €	1000 m	https://www.klar.sk



Lunch on May 12 and 14, 2020 - can be reserved by the organizer (one selected menu together with other participants) or individually in nearby restaurants.