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Slovak Caves Administration, Liptovský Mikuláš
Slovak Museum of Nature Protection and Speleology, Liptovský Mikuláš
Slovak Speleological Society



RESEARCH, UTILIZATION AND PROTECTION OF CAVES 16th Scientific Conference

on the occasion of the
100th Anniversary of the Discovery of Domica Cave

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

**October 6 – 8, 2026
Liptovský Mikuláš**

SECOND CIRCULAR

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Professional focus

Since 1997, the Slovak Caves Administration has been organising the scientific conference "Research, Utilization and Protection of Caves", presenting the latest results of research, monitoring, and protection of caves, especially from Slovakia and neighbouring Central European countries. Caves as natural monuments are protected in terms of their geological, mineralogical, geomorphological, hydrological, climatic, biological, paleontological, archaeological or historical values.

Conference topics

- geological conditions of karst and cave formation, morphology and genesis of caves
- mineral cave fills, cave sediments, paleoenvironmental changes in karst
- karst hydrogeology, hydrology and geochemistry
- cave climate
- cave biota and biodiversity
- palaeontological and archaeological findings in caves, cave settlements, history of speleology
- utilization and environmental protection of karst landscape and caves, management of show caves
- information systems and documentation of karst phenomena and caves



Conference venue

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Programme

October 6, 2026 (Tuesday)

- 07.30 – 09.00 Registration
09.00 – 09.15 Conference opening
09.15 – 12.30 Lectures
12.30 – 14.00 Lunch
14.00 – 17.30 Lectures
17.30 Exhibition on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the discovery of the Domica Cave
18.30 Dinner and social gathering

October 7, 2026 (Wednesday)

- 07.30 – 19.30 All-day excursion to the Domica Cave combined with a ceremonial gathering on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the discovery of the Domica Cave (Rožňava Town Hall)

October 8, 2026 (Thursday)

- 08.30 – 13.15 Lectures
13.15 – 14.00 Poster presentation
14.00 Conference closing



Lectures and posters

The length of the lecture is 15 minutes. The presentation may be delivered in Slovak, Czech, English, or Polish. The PowerPoint (PPT) presentation must be prepared in English. Posters will be presented during a panel discussion. Maximum poster size: 75 × 120 cm (width × height). Lecture and poster abstracts will be published in the journal *Aragonit*, volume 31, issue 1, which participants will receive upon registration at the conference.

The original scientific articles from the conference, after review and consideration by the editorial board, will be published in 2026 and 2027 in the journals *Slovenský kras* and *Aragonit*.

Conference fee

The participation fee is 150 €. It can be paid either by bank transfer (see below) or in cash upon the registration of participants at the conference. It covers organisational costs, including refreshments during breaks, the social gathering (October 6, 2026), cost of the all-day excursion (October 7, 2026), all conference materials, as well as publication of abstracts in the journal *Aragonit* and papers in the journals *Slovenský kras* and *Aragonit*.

Payment

Bank address: Statná pokladnica, Radlinskeho 32, 810 05 Bratislava, Slovakia

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Country code: SK

Remittance information: **name and surname of participant**

Variable symbol: **162026**

Catering and accommodation

Individual, not provided by the conference organiser (except for dinner at the social gathering and lunch during the day excursion).

Accommodation options near the conference venue:

HOTEL	DISTANCE FROM VENUE	CONTACT
Jánošík	600 m	www.hoteljanosik.sk
Europa	400 m	www.hoteleuropalm.sk
Atlas (Bonifác)	200 m	www.penzionatlas.eu
Rotunda	400 m	www.penzionrotunda.sk
Squash	400 m	www.squash-liptov.sk
Klar	1000 m	www.klar.sk

