

GENERAL INFORMATION

The XXIV Conference of the Danubian Countries on the hydrological forecasting and hydrological bases of water management is approaching and we are all looking forward to meeting you in Bled, between 2 and 4 June 2008.

Please find below some further important information.

Excursion

Within the conference there are two excursions planned. The first one to the Ljubljana Karst Basin and the second one along the Sava River.

Excursion to the Ljubljana Karst Basin

This excursion will take us to the Ljubljana Karst Basin. The Ljubljana river is an important tributary of the Sava river. Its recharge area of approximately 1200 km² is mainly karstic and belongs to the north-western part of Dinaric karst. The hydrological characteristics of the area are very interesting because of the changing between superficial and underground parts of the general water flow with sinking streams, temporary flooded karst poljes in several levels, large karst springs and numerous karst caves.

Excursion along the Sava River basin

Visit to the hydropower plants on the Lower Sava River reach which will include the visits to the hydropower plant Bostanj and the construction sites of the HPP Krsko and HPP Blanca.

Please send us an E-mail at danube@fgg.uni-lj.si stating your decision on which excursion you wish to attend («Sava» or «Karst») **by May 15, 2008**. Participation is free but the number of seats for each excursion is limited and they will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Accommodation

During the Slovene EU presidency and due to the high season, the hotel rooms in Bled are limited, so **we recommend that you arrange your accommodation on an urgent basis**. Please, contact the Albatros Agency as soon as possible. Vacancies in the hotels can be ensured by no later than **May 15, 2008**.

Transfer to/from Bled

Although there are regular local transport services from Ljubljana and Kranj to Bled during the day, you might experience difficulties in reaching Bled in the late evening and early morning hours. For transfer service from the airport directly to Bled please contact Albatros directly at info@albatros-bled.com or fill in the Accommodation & Transport form and state your flight details, date and time of arrival.

Conference fee

There is no conference fee for pre-registrations. **However, there will be a conference fee of 100 EUR for on-site registrations.**

By visiting the conference website at <http://ksh.fgg.uni-lj.si/bled2008/> please consult also the Preliminary Programme.

Yours Sincerely,

Local Organizing Committee