

## NON - CAVING ACTIVITIES

The region of Southern Moravia features the unique blend of beautiful countryside, kind hospitality and rich history. Many places are listed in the UNESCO World Heritage, like the town of Telč, the Lednice-Valtice cultural landscape, and some other cultural and religion sites, as well as Biospheric reservations of UNESCO – Pavlov Hills. The region is also home to excellent Moravian wines and creative culinary ideas with traditional home cooking.



## SUPPORT AND PARTNERS

Many other partners will be participating in the event, together with the partnership of other organizations from the state authorities, educational and scientific institutions, as well as local speleological associations and clubs from other countries in Central Europe.

Ministry of the Environment  
City of Brno  
Southern Moravia Region  
Cave Administration of the Czech Republic  
Agency for Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection of the Czech Republic.  
Slovak Speleological Society  
Slovenian Cave Association  
Polish Association of Alpinism  
Polish Society of Naturalists of M. Copernicus  
Hungarian Cave and Karst Society  
Austrian Caving Society  
German Caver Association (Bavarian Section)  
Ukrainean Speleological Association

The realization of the International Congress of Speleology is not possible without the kind support of commercial sponsors. We have some partners already committed to sponsoring the event and we wish to attract more sponsorship agreements.

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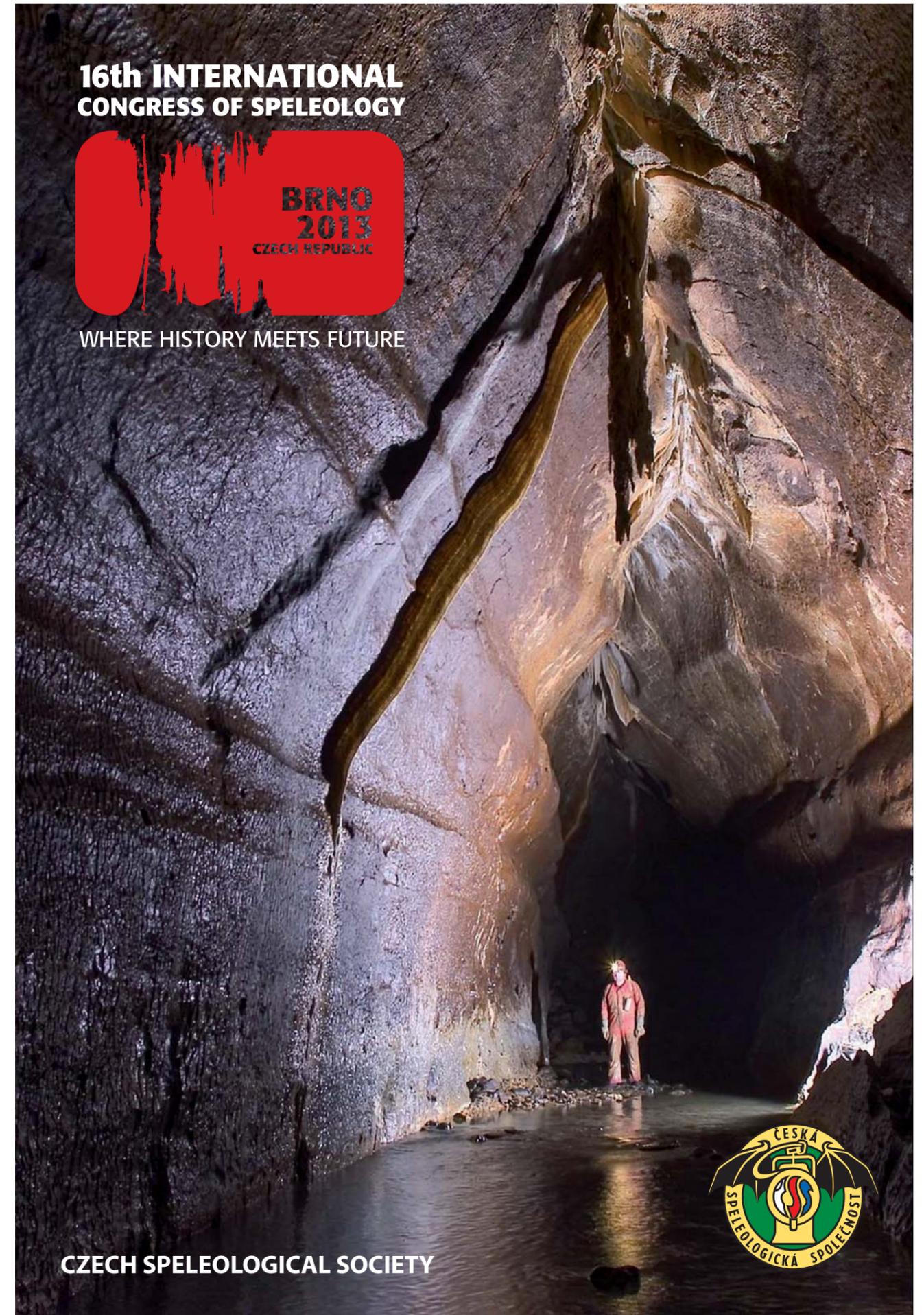
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## 16th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SPELEOLOGY



WHERE HISTORY MEETS FUTURE



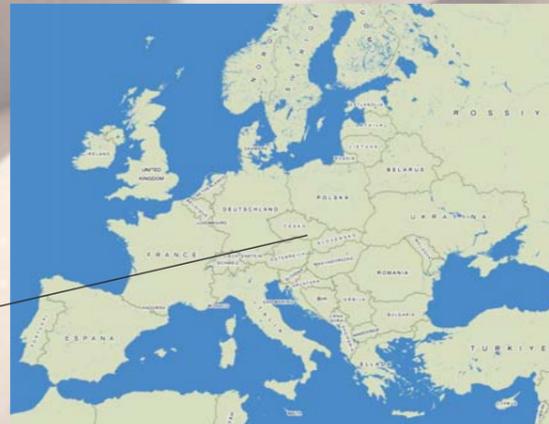
CZECH SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## LOCATION - BRNO - THE HEART OF EUROPE

We have great pleasure to inform you, that the Czech Republic will host the 16th International Congress of Speleology in 2013. The location of the ICS will be in city of Brno, and will held in July 2013.



Brno is the second largest city in the Czech Republic. Its geographical location is in the centre of Europe close to the principal capitals of central-western and central-eastern Europe.



informal meeting points, poster areas, UIS Bureau rooms, etc.).

The place for the congress will be the Brno Congress Centre situated in the Brno Trade Fair area. Brno Trade Fairs (BVV) is one of the prominent trade centres in the whole of Europe. It provides the wide range of space and facilities for the mass presentations and for all Congress activities (lectures, Commissions and Working Group sessions, banquets,



There is ample accommodation available near the congress centre – from dormitories and camps up to luxury hotels (\*\*\*\*\*).



Large parking areas are located in front of the centre, together with bus and tram stops with links to the city centre and main traffic routes. The nearest international airport is 20 km away (it has only limited connections), however important international airports for main and low-cost airlines are located within quite short distances, Vienna (120 km), Prague (200 km). Brno is well connected also by railways (junction of the N-S and W-E principal routes) and is directly connected to the network of European highways.

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## CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS



In the north of Brno begins the largest and the most important karst area in the Czech Republic – the Moravian Karst with more than 1,200 caves. The history of the exploration of the Moravian Karst is longer than 200 years and it brought many discoveries not only speleological but also paleontological and archeological. There will be organized Wednesday congress excursion, as well as pre- and post-Congress camps. Some caves will be open for excursions during the congress.



Pre- and post-Congress excursions and camps will be limited by a distance of maximum 500-600 km (with possible exception) from the city of Brno, which enables relative easy transport of participants to and from ICS. The activities will not be limited only to classical limestone karsts, but also focused to different kinds of pseudokarst (in sedimentary, magmatic, volcanic and metamorphic host-rocks), karst forms in other host-rocks (rocky salt, gypsum), also to history of speleology and karstology, historical underground spaces (mines, urban underground, military constructions, etc.). Classical and important sites for archeology, cave art, paleontology, mineralogy, hydrology and hydrogeology, karst morphology will also be included.

- Slovakia – Low and High Tatras Mts., Slovak Karst, pseudokarst in volcanic rocks.
- Germany – Franken Jura.
- Austria – karst areas of Northern Calcareous Alps.
- Ukraine – gypsum caves in Podolje.
- Slovenia – Classical Karst and Kras, Julian Alps.
- Hungary – Aggtelek Karst and karst phenomena in Budapest.
- Poland – High Tatras Mts., Cracow–Czestochowa Jura region, Sudetes, sandstone pseudokarst in Carpathians.



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