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SPARC 2017

Current topics of student research projects on geosciences and biosciences in Polar and Alpine environments – First Announcement

Dear young polar researchers,

We are happy to announce that Students in Polar and Alpine Research Conference (SPARC) will be held in Brno, Czech Republic, between 20 and 22 April 2017.

Department of Geography at the Faculty of Science, Masaryk University will host the third year of the conference. The last meeting showed the connection of Polar and Alpine regions in the field of geo- and bio-sciences as beneficial for all participants. Therefore, we decided to follow this trend and connect both geographical areas again. We hope you will discover a lot of interesting topics, ideas and contacts during the SPARC 2017.

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Program:

Two days, 20 April and 21 April are reserved for oral presentations. The poster session will be organized on 20 April, in the afternoon. Every half-day section of presentations will start with an invited lecture.

On the last day of conference, 22 April, optional half-day excursion to the Brno Reservoir and the Veveří Castle with an educational lecture is planned.

How to contribute:

We require that the first author of each contribution have to be student or early-career scientist (≤ 3 years after PhD. defence).

Oral presentation:

Presentations from any discipline of both geosciences and biosciences, which are focused on Polar, or Alpine regions research are welcomed. Oral contributions should fit to 15 minutes for presentation + 5 minutes for discussion. We accept only presentations, which are held in English. In the case of excessive number of oral presentation, the organisers reserve the right to shorten the length of contributions, or change the oral presentation to a poster. In that case, participants will be notified by an e-mail.

Poster presentation:

Presentation from any discipline of both geosciences and biosciences, which are focused on Polar, or Alpine regions research are welcomed. 5 minute will be given for every poster presentation. We accept only posters written in English.

Abstract:

Abstract are required to be written in English and meet the following criteria:

Format:

- MS Word document (*.doc, *.docx)

Obligatory parts:

- Title
- Full name of author(s) and email address to corresponding author
- Affiliation(s)
- Keywords (max 6)
- Text - maximum 1000 words (500 words is recommended)

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Optional parts:

- Figures – max. 2, png or tiff, at least 300 dpi for photographs and 600 dpi for drawings, send as separate files
- Tables – max. 1, in MS Word or MS Excel format.
- References (max. 5 in Harvard style)
- Acknowledgement

The abstracts will not be peer reviewed, however the organisers reserve the right to require correction if English or some of Obligatory/Optional part will not have required quality.

The book of abstracts will be assigned by ISSN and available online. Books of abstracts from the first two conferences are available for download here:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/276972363_Proceedings_Students_in_Polar_Research_Conference_2015

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/301788783_Proceedings_Students_in_Polar_and_Alpine_Research_Conference_2016?ev=prf_pub

Registration

Conference is free of charge for all participants. We will provide small refreshment during the conference (coffee breaks). There are many restaurants in the vicinity of the faculty, where you can have lunch or dinner for prices between 3 and 10 EUR.

For registration, please send the **Registration form** including abstract to geopolarbrno@gmail.com.

Please let us know if you need help finding accommodation in Brno. There is a possibility to stay at a student dormitory of Masaryk University with prices of approx. 10 EUR per night.

Do not hesitate to contact us in case of uncertainties or questions on email (geopolarbrno@gmail.com) or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GeoPolar-Brno-667809679997442/>. You can also contact directly the main conference coordinator – lenkaondrackova@mail.muni.cz

Important dates

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| March 10, 2017 | Second announcement with detailed information about the conference program, conference venue and invited speakers |
| April 7, 2017 | Deadline for registration and abstract submission |
| April 20–22, 2017 | Students in Polar and Alpine Research Conference (SPARC) |