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**42nd INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE HISTORY OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES
(INHIGEO) SYMPOSIUM**

YEREVAN, ARMENIA, 12-18 SEPTEMBER 2017

FIRST CIRCULAR

50th Anniversary of INHIGEO 1967-2017

INHIGEO was established during the International Symposium on the History of Geology held in Armenian National Academy of Sciences in Yerevan, Armenia in 1967



Yerevan – 2017

The INHIGEO 2017 conference will be held at the Armenian National Academy of Sciences in Yerevan, the same venue as the 1967 meeting. We sincerely invite you to Armenia to attend the 2017 INHIGEO Symposium.

In this first Circular, we announce the symposium and provide information about conference themes and associated excursions. We ask you to complete the "Expression of Interest" form that is provided as a separate attachment. Please return this form at your earliest convenience, but preferably by November 30, 2016, to inhigeo2017@geology.am

CONFERENCE THEMES

1. 50 years of INHIGEO
2. Development of geological ideas and concepts
3. History of geology in Armenia
4. Ancient knowledge of stone and metals
5. Studies of historic and prehistoric evidences of seismic and volcanic activity
6. General contributions and biographies of famous geologists

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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CONFERENCE VENUE

Round Hall of Presidium of Armenian National Academy of Sciences



REGISTRATION FEES

400 US Dollars for symposium and mid conference field trips and museums (Early bird registration)

Fee will cover: *coffee breaks and lunch during 13-14-15 September, transportation and lunch during mid-conference excursions (16-17 September), guided tours in State History Museum and Matenadaran Institute-Museum of Ancient Manuscripts, as well as conference dinner at the Pandok Yerevan restaurant*

400 US Dollars for Post Conference excursions (early bird registration)

Fee will cover: *transportation, hotels in Gyumri and Dilijan, breakfast, lunch and dinner.*

250 US Dollars for special programme for accompanying participants (early bird registration)

Fee will cover: *Special tours, excursions and lunch for accompanying participants during 13-14-15 of September as well as conference dinner at the Pandok Yerevan restaurant*

Registration fees will not cover costs of hotels in Yerevan during symposium and post-conference excursion

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 16 December 2016 - Deadline for Expression of Interest for symposium and post-conference trips
- 15 April 2017, deadline for abstract submission
- 15 May 2017, notification of acceptance and 2nd Circular
- 15 July 2017, closure of early bird registration for symposium, post-conference trips, accompanying participant's early bird on-line registration fee payment
- Registration fees for symposium and post-conference trips after 15 July will be 450 US Dollars, and 300 US dollars for accompanying participants.

VISA INFORMATION

- Citizens of all European Union countries, USA and former USSR countries do not need visas to enter Armenia.
- Citizens of many countries can get visa on arrival in the airport (visa fee ~5 USD)

More information about visa policy of Armenia:

<http://mfa.am/en/visa/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_policy_of_Armenia

AIRPORT INFORMATION

The new terminal of Yerevan Zvartnots International Airport was built in 2013. Currently 23 airlines operate flights to and from Yerevan, totally ~40 flights per day from/to Europe, Asia, Russia and the Middle East. Among them: Air Armenia, Air France, Lufthansa group/Austrian Airlines, Qatar Airways, Aeroflot, S7 Airlines, Lot Polish Airlines, Air Arabia, Aegean Airlines and others.

Airport web site: www.zvartnots.aero



HOTELS IN YEREVAN

A large selection of hotels is available in Yerevan - from luxury to affordable. Good hotels are available close to the INHIGEO 2017 Conference venue. More detailed Hotel information will be available in 2nd circular



SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

12 September, Arrival to Yerevan

13-14-15 September – Conference

(SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM TO BE COMPILED)

15 September 2017 - Conference dinner

16-17 September Mid-conference field trips

(Brief description is provided below)

18 September 2017 Departure from Yerevan

18-19-20-21 September - Post-conference field trips

(Brief description is provided below)

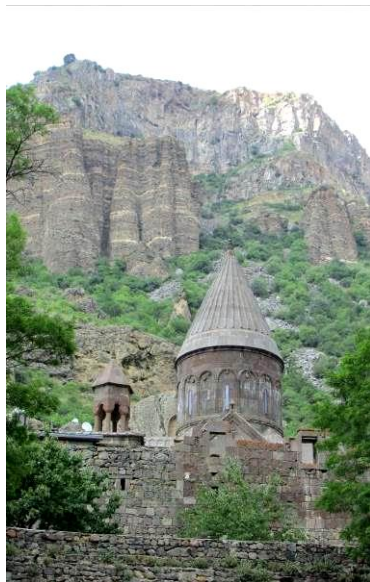
MID-CONFERENCE FIELD TRIPS (2 Days, 16-17 September 2017)

16th September

- a. Visit to 1st century AD Classical Hellenistic temple of Garni,
- b. Visit to gorge of Azat river, spectacular columnar joints lava flow and Garni active fault
- c. Visit to 4th-13th Century AD Geghard monastery and view of Vokhchaberd volcanoclastic suite of Upper-Miocene-Pliocene Age.



Garni Hellenistic temple



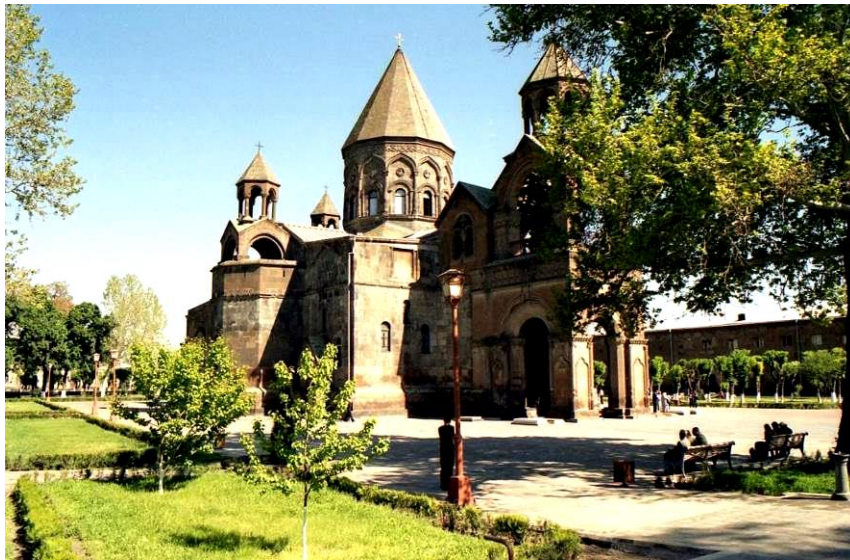
Geghard Monastery



Garni columnar lava flow, 127 Ka,

17th September

- a. Visit to State History Museum of Armenia
- b. Visit to Matenadaran, Institute and Museum of Ancient Manuscripts.
- c. Visit to Echmiatsin Cathedral (est. 4th Century AD), Center of Armenian Apostolic Church
- d. Visit to Hripsime 7th Century AD church



Mother See of Holy Echmiatsin



Hripsime church (7th Century AD)

POST-CONFERENCE FIELD TRIPS (4 DAYS, 18-21 SEPTEMBER)

18th September: Yerevan – Gyumri (stay in Gyumri)

Aragats volcano- Armenian ignimbrites (650 Ka), Arteni obsidian volcano (1.5 Ma) and Barozh mid-late Paleolithic open air site and obsidian workshop.

19th September: Gyumri – Spitak-Vanadsor-Dilijan (stay in Dilijan)

PSSF active fault, scarp of Spitak 1988 earthquake, Agstev river valley, Eocene volcano-sedimentary units.

20th September: Dilijan-Sevan-Nor-Geghi-1 – Yerevan (stay in Yerevan)

Crossing of Amassia-Sevan-Akera suture zone that divides two geological terranes (Eurasian margin and south Armenian block microcontinent of Gondwanaland origin), Lake Sevan and Sevanavank Monastery, Nor Geghi Mid-Paleolithic site (400-200 Ka).

21st September: Yerevan-Aknashen-Metsamor – Erebuni – Yerevan

Aknashen Neolithic archeological site, Metsamor archaeological site and museum, Erebuni Urartian fortress (8th century BC) and museum.

More detailed information on post-conference field trips will be available in 2nd circular

For any questions please contact organising committee by e-mail: inhigeo2017@geology.am

Follow conference Web site for updates: <http://inhigeo2017.geology.am>