



NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

MUSEUMS OF NATURAL SCIENCES AS A FACTOR OF DEVELOPMENT OF GEOTOURISM

**80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM
NAMED AFTER HOVHANNES KARAPETYAN, 1939-2019**

YEREVAN, ARMENIA, 15-18 OCTOBER, 2019

FIRST CIRCULAR

Yerevan – 2019

The museum was founded in 1939 based on the exhibition of rich and diverse collections of prominent geologist, Professor Hovhannes Karapetyan, adjunct to the Institute of Geological Sciences of the Armenian branch of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.

The exhibition was related to the desire of a group of participants of the 17th International Geological Congress in Moscow to get acquainted with Armenia's geology.

In this first Circular, we announce the conference and provide information about conference themes. We ask you to complete the “Expression of Interest” form that is provided as a separate attachment. Please return this form preferably by August 31, 2019, to armmuseum80@geology.am, armgeomuseum@gmail.com.

CONFERENCE PURPOSE

Combine the potential of Museums of Natural Sciences for sustainable development of Museums, strengthening eco-education, geotourism development in the Republic of Armenia.

CONFERENCE THEMES

1. HISTORY OF GEOLOGY IN ARMENIA

Subtheme

- Activities and biographies of famous naturalists.
- The history of Museums of Natural Sciences.
- Best practices and thematic researches in Natural History Museums.

2. NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUMS AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Subtheme

- Scientific tourism policy and strategy and Natural History Museums. How Natural History Museums are promote economic development and investment, acting as tourist destination?

- Natural History Museums and their tourist services.
- Collaboration and development perspectives between Natural History Museums, specially protected areas, tour operators and travel agencies.
- Natural History Museums as eco-education centers.
- Eco-museum as a model of environmental Museum and the nature protection problem within its framework.

3. GEOSCIENCE FOR SOCIETY

Subtheme

- Protection and use of unique geological monuments.
- Geological studies and science Festivals based on them.
- Development perspectives of Geoparks: geotourism, ecotourism.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

1. Dr. Khachatur Meliksetian (Institute of Geological Sciences)
2. Irina Ghaplanyan (Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Nature Protection)
3. Dr. Hetu C. Sheth(The Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay,India)
4. Mr. Khachik Hakobyan (Municipality of Yerevan city of the Republic of Armenia)
5. Dr. Sci. Georgi Khomizuri (Institute of Geological Sciences)
6. Dr. Lilit Sahakyan (Institute of Geological Sciences)
7. Mrs. Gayane Grigoryan (Institute of Geological Sciences)
8. Mrs. Ani Avagyan (ICOM National Center of Museums of Armenia NGO)
9. Hayk Aloyan (President of the Union of Miners and Metallurgists of Armenia, Managing Director of Lydian Armenia CJSC)
10. Volodya Kirakosyan (Director of the Union of Miners and Metallurgists of Armenia)

REGISTRATION FEES

Early bird registration: By 31 July, 2019, 24:00 ARM T

1 participant -250 EURO

1 accompanying participant -200 EURO

1 student-125 EURO

Regular registration: 1 August, 2019 - 30 September

2019 1 participant -300 EURO

1 accompanying participant 200 EURO

1 student-150 EURO

- * The registration fee will be paid online.
- * The registration fee includes:
Attendance at the Conference
sessions Conference materials

Coffee breaks and lunch during the
conference Conference banquet
Conference excursions
- * The registrations fee does not cover travel and accommodation costs.

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. More detailed

Hotel information will be available in 2nd Circular.



IMPORTANT DATES

30 June 2019 - deadline for Expression of Interest for conference and post-conference trips
15 July 2019 - deadline for abstract submission

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

14 October, 2019-Arrival to Yerevan, Armenia (foreign guests)
15 October, 2019 – The Opening ceremony of the Scientific Conference, an excursion at the Geological museum named after H. Karapetyan, Conference banquet
16 October – Conference continuation, City tour
17 October- Conference excursion, geotourism (workshop)
18 October- Conference excursion, geotourism (workshop)
19 October-Post-conference excursions (optional)
19/20 October- Departure from Yerevan, Armenia (foreign guests)

CONFERENCE EXCURSIONS, GEOTOURISM (WORKSHOP) (2 days: 15-16 October, 2019)



The Geological museum named after H. Karapetyan of IGS of NAS of Armenia

15 October 2019

1. Visit to the Geological museum named after H. Karapetyan of IGS of NAS of Armenia
2. City tour in Yerevan

16 October 2019

1. "Erebuni" Historical & Archaeological Museum-Reserve

**CONFERENCE EXCURSIONS, GEOTOURISM (WORKSHOP)
(2 days: 17-18 October 2019)**

17 October, 2019

1. Lake Sevan, Sevan National park, Sevanavank Monastery (4th Century AD)
2. Perlite-obsidian mine of Jraber

18 October, 2019

1. Khor Virap Monastery(17th century,AD), backstage: the Mount-volcano Ararat
2. "Khosrov Forest" State Reserve
3. "Cave of Birds" of Areni (5-6th millennium BC, where were founded jars for reservation of wine, mausoleums from stone age to medieval, the oldest shoe of humanity)
4. «Gnishik» protected landscape
5. Areni wine factory



Khor Virap Monastery



“Khosrov Forest” State Reserve



"Cave of Birds" of Areni



«Gnishik» protected lanscape

POST-CONFERENCE EXCURSIONS FOR FOREIGN GUESTS (OPTIONAL)
(1 day: 19 October, 2019)

First version

1. Matenadaran, Institute and Museum of Ancient Manuscripts
2. Classical Hellenistic temple of Garni (1st Century AD)
3. Geghard Monastery (4th-13th Century AD)



Garni columnar lava flow



Geghard monastery



Hellenistic Garni temple

Second version

1. The National Academy of Sciences
2. Agarak ancient site (ruins illustration)
3. The Mount-volcano Arteni, the Obsidian deposit,
4. Barozh open-air Paleolithic site
5. Qagheni(Dashtadem) fortress
6. Back to Yerevan



Arteni volcanic complex in Armenia

* More detailed information will be available in 2nd Circular

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