

**SOFIA INITIATIVE
“PRESERVATION OF MINERAL DIVERSITY”**

**Fifth International Symposium
MINERAL DIVERSITY
RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION**

**9th - 12th October, 2009
SOFIA, BULGARIA**



FIRST CIRCULAR AND CALL FOR PAPERS

**The International Symposium will be held
at the Earth and Man National Museum,
4, Cherny Vrah Blvd., 1421 Sofia, Bulgaria**

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INVITATION

The Earth and Man National Museum, Sofia and International Group for Preservation of Mineral Diversity, along with governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions, are pleased to invite all mineralogists and environmental scientists who are interested in the research and preservation of mineral diversity, to participate in the Fifth International Symposium - “Mineral Diversity - Research and Preservation”.

1. MAIN TOPIC - SCIENTIFIC MINERAL COLLECTIONS AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE FOR REPRODUCTION OF THE KNOWLEDGE

- 1.1. Historical, scientific and thematic mineral collections
- 1.2. Monographic mineral collections
- 1.3. Scientific collections of famous mineralogists - historical and modern interpretations
- 1.4. Collections of type specimens – historical and modern interpretation
- 1.5. Presentation of scientific mineral collections in universities, scientific institutions, museums, mine enterprises or private collections of professional and non-professional mineralogists
- 1.6. Genetic and ontogenetic collections preserved in museums

2. SUBSIDIARY TOPICS

- 2.1 Preserved *in-situ* and *ex-situ* mineral diversity at the beginning of the 21 century
- 2.2. Presentation of concrete mineral objects for the purpose of Preservation of Mineral Diversity
- 2.3. The role of scientists and museums in preservation of mineral collections
- 2.4 The role of private collectors in preservation of mineral collections
- 2.5. New data for minerals and their localities
- 2.6. Uniting the young generation (young people) to the Sofia Initiative
- 2.7. Conservation mineralogy. Research and preservation of micro- specimens

3. ROUND TABLES

Sustainable development and mineralogical museums

GENERAL INFORMATION

The OFFICIAL LANGUAGES of the symposium are English and Russian. Translation services will be available.

REGISTRATION FEE is 100 EUR; registration fee for students and post-graduate students is 50 EUR; accompanying persons' fee is 30 EUR. The fee covers participation in the scientific program, the abstract volume and other printed materials of the symposium and cocktail party.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION will be provided at various hotels in Sofia. Detailed information will be sent with the Accommodation Form in the Second Circular.

REPORTS: Each report will last for 20 minutes, including discussion. Multimedia for visual support of the presentations will be available.

POSTERS: Posters should be prepared in English or in Russian. Available space for each poster: 70 cm x 130 cm.

Final deadline for PRELIMINARY APPLICATION is March 31, 2009.

The SECOND CIRCULAR will be mailed by the end of April 2009.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF THE SYMPOSIUM

October 9, 2009	Registration. Opening Ceremony. Invited lecturers. Mineral exchanges
October 10 - 11, 2009	Plenary and thematic sessions. Discussions
October 12, 2009	Round Table. Closing Ceremony. Musical greeting and Cocktail

POST-SYMPOSIUM FIELD TRIP

From October, 13 to October, 18 2009 - Classic mineral objects in Bulgaria

In the final form the route of the trip will be send with the Second circular.

ONE-DAY TRIPS TO MINERAL DEPOSITS NEAR CITY OF SOFIA

Kremikovtsi (open pit) - hematite, goethite, norsethite, barite, calcite, manganite, pyrolusite etc.

Kopriva village – crystals and twins of K-feldspar

SOCIAL PROGRAM:

Various sightseeing tours of Sofia and the vicinity will be organized.

Participants in the Symposium can take part in the October Mineral Show in the Earth and Man National Museum from 9 to 11 October 2009.

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Preliminary Application Form

(to be sent back by mail, FAX, or e-mail by March 31, 2009)

Name: (family and first names)

Title(s): Institution/Company

Address:

Phone: FAX:

E-mail:

I intend to present: report(s) poster(s) (please, mark with X)

Subject(s):

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Author(s) (Speaker):

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I am interested in: (please, mark with X)
Exchanging minerals during the Symposium
Participating in the field trips:

- in the main trip (please, mark with X)
- Kremikovtzi mine (please, mark with X)
- Kopriva village (please, mark with X)