



# INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL UNION REGIONAL CONFERENCE

“CHANGES, CHALLENGES, RESPONSIBILITY”

KRAKÓW, POLAND, 18–22 AUGUST 2014



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# 1. Invitation

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the 2014 IGU Regional Conference which will be held in Kraków, Poland, 18–22 August, 2014. It will also be an excellent opportunity to discover the beauty and variety of the environment and the culture of Central and Eastern Europe.

The main theme of the conference is Changes, Challenges, Responsibility. Modern geography faces significant challenges focusing on the recognition of and response to contemporary changes in the environment, society and economy. All this calls for our responsibility. The conference aims to create a forum at which these issues can be addressed. It is open to all geographers across the spectrum who specialize in all fields of the discipline. The conference will be an event contributing to efforts undertaken, for example, by ICSU/ISSC Future Earth, and aimed at defining pathways towards sustainability and responding effectively to the risks and opportunities of global environmental change.

Kraków, the former capital of Poland, is the seat of the second oldest university in Central Europe, established in 1364. The Jagiellonian University is the seat of the first ever Chair of Geography in Poland, established in 1849.

We believe that the 2014 IGU Regional Conference will be an important and meaningful event, bringing together geographers from all over the world and contributing to a better understanding of the changes and challenges faced by the world and our discipline as well as the responsibility we all share.

**The conference is organized under the honorary patronage  
of the President of the Republic of Poland, Bronisław Komorowski.**

We look forward to welcoming you to Kraków in August 2014!



Collegium Maius of the Jagiellonian University

## 2. Conference theme

The theme of our conference is **CHANGES, CHALLENGES, RESPONSIBILITY**.

The world entered the second decade of the 21st century confronted with serious environmental, social and economic problems. We can observe numerous **CHANGES** in both natural and human systems, significantly influencing the present and future well-being of societies. Apart from well-known links and interactions between the two system types, new ones emerge, e.g. unbalanced economic development not only causes environmental degradation but also contributes to social and political problems that manifest themselves spatially.

Modern geography faces significant research **CHALLENGES** as its aim is to support citizens in better understanding the world we live in. Interdisciplinary research is gaining increasing importance as the best tool to combine the holistic approach with very advanced knowledge and techniques from particular branches of geography. Additionally, the results of scientific activity are the subject of public debate at the local, regional and global level, and are involved in the process of shaping societies' awareness concerning environmental issues at the local, regional and global level.

One of the key tasks for modern geography seems to be helping citizens in realizing their **RESPONSIBILITY** for the future of our world. Achieving that goal is connected, for example, with making research results better accessible for non-specialists. Life-long education is especially needed in the case of environmental sciences. However, it is still not sufficiently organized, even in the most developed countries.

We do hope the presentations of advanced knowledge and techniques by geographers from all over the world and the debates at the 2014 IGU Regional Conference held in Kraków will contribute to the development of better environmental, economic and social solutions for the future of different regions of our planet.



### **3. Session categories and programme**

The sessions to be organized during the IGU Regional Conference in Kraków can be categorized as follows: plenary sessions, Commission/Task Force sessions and thematic sessions. All Commission/Task Force chairpersons and other participants who wish to organize and chair sessions should contact the Organizing Committee no later than 15 October 2013 (see section “Call for papers and abstract submission”).

#### **3.1. Plenary sessions**

Plenary sessions are organized to focus interdisciplinary discussions on problems linked to the conference theme: CHANGES, CHALLENGES, RESPONSIBILITY. Invited speakers will present selected key issues from various perspectives during three conference days. On the last day of the conference, a panel discussion will be organized to summarize the final outcomes.

#### **3.2. Commission/Task Force sessions**

IGU Commissions and Task Forces (please see the list below) will organize sessions during the conference. Interested participants should indicate the relevant Commission/Task Force when submitting abstracts.

#### **3.3. Thematic sessions**

Thematic sessions may be organized by the conference participants to present the achievements of research groups or the results of important international and IGU research projects, or to gather experts specialized in a particular research topic in order to discuss selected research issues.

Additionally, the conference participants are encouraged to organize workshops and special sessions for young scholars and university teachers, school geography teachers and students.

#### **3.4. Poster presentations**

For Commission/Task Force sessions and thematic sessions, the chairpersons may decide about the form of the participants' presentations (oral or poster). Posters will be exhibited in the poster areas, in the conference buildings. Instructions for the participants presenting posters will be provided in due course at: <http://www.igu2014.org/>

## **IGU Commissions and Task Force**

- C12.01 Applied Geography
- C12.02 Arid Lands, Humankind, and Environment
- C12.03. Biogeography and Biodiversity
- C12.04 Climatology
- C12.05 Coastal Systems
- C12.06 Cold Region Environments
- C12.07 Cultural Approach in Geography
- C12.08 Dynamics of Economic Spaces
- C12.09 Environment Evolution
- C12.10 Gender and Geography
- C12.11 Geographical Education
- C12.12 Geographical Information Science
- C12.13 Geography of Governance
- C12.14 Geography of the Global Information Society
- C12.15 Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
- C12.16 Geoparks
- C12.17 Global Change and Human Mobility
- C12.18 Hazard and Risk
- C12.19 Health and Environment
- C12.20 History of Geography
- C12.21 Indigenous Knowledges and Peoples' Rights
- C12.22 Islands
- C12.23 Karst
- C12.24 Land Degradation and Desertification
- C12.25 Landscape Analysis and Landscape Planning
- C12.26 Land Use and Land Cover Change
- C12.27 Latin American Studies
- C12.28 Local and Regional Development
- C12.29 Marginalization, Globalization, and Regional and Local Responses
- C12.30 Mediterranean Basin
- C12.31 Modeling Geographical Systems
- C12.32 Mountain Response to Global Change
- C12.33 Political Geography
- C12.34 Population Geography
- C12.35 Sustainability of Rural Systems
- C12.36 Toponymy (Jointly with International Cartographic Association)
- C12.37 Transformation Processes in Megacities
- C12.38 Transport and Geography
- C12.39 Urban Commission: Urban Challenges in a Complex World
- C12.40 Water Sustainability
- T12.01 Olympiad

### 3.5 Conference programme

	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
17.08 Sun	Registration											
18.08 Mon	Registration											
	Opening Ceremony				Plenary session				Ice breaker party			
19.08 Tue	Com., TF, T Sessions	Coffee break	Com., TF, T Sessions	Lunch	Plenary session	Coffee break	Com., TF, T Sessions	Outdoor social event				
	Poster exhibition											
	Half-day and one-day trips											
20.08 Wed	Com., TF, T Sessions	Coffee break	Com., TF, T Sessions	Lunch	Plenary session	Coffee break	Com., TF, T Sessions					
	Poster exhibition											
	Half-day and one-day trips											
21.08 Thu	Com., TF, T Sessions	Coffee break	Com., TF, T Sessions	Lunch	Plenary session	Coffee break	Com., TF, T Sessions	Gala Dinner				
	Poster exhibition											
	Half-day and one-day trips											
22.08 Fri	Com., TF, T Sessions	Coffee break	Com., TF, T Sessions	Lunch	Panel session	Coffee break	Closing ceremony					
	Poster exhibition											

Explanation: types of sessions: Com. – Commission, TF – Task Force, T – Thematic  
 Special event: Monday 19:30 – opening of the exhibition “History of geographical thought in Poland”, Collegium Maius, 15 Jagiellonska St.

## 4. Call for papers and abstract submission

The sessions at the IGU Regional Conference in Kraków will be organized by the IGU Commissions and Task Forces. Additionally, the participants may propose thematic sessions to be organized during the conference (see section “Programme and session categories”). The proposals for Commission/Task Force sessions must be submitted to the Organizing Committee no later than 15 October 2013 and the proposals for other sessions no later than 30 November 2013. Joint sessions on appropriate themes relevant to two or more IGU Commissions are especially encouraged, as are those that contribute to Future Earth and the International Year of Global Understanding. Further instructions concerning the submission of proposals can be found at: <http://www.igu2014.org/>

The Organizing Committee invites all interested participants to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations. Abstracts will be reviewed by the chairpersons of the sessions. All accepted abstracts will be published and distributed to the participants at the conference.

Abstracts can be submitted **only** via the on-line system. Information and instructions will be provided in due course at <http://www.igu2014.org/>

Chairpersons of the sessions, together with the Steering Committee of the conference, will consider the possibility of publishing selected papers presented during the conference as special thematic issues of the best geographical periodicals.



## 5. Gala Dinner and outdoor social event

The conference **Gala Dinner** will be organized in one of the **underground historical salt mine chambers** of the Wieliczka Salt Mine Museum, located about 10 km south-east of Kraków. It is the only mining site in the world functioning continuously since the Middle Ages, and has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978. The chamber where the dinner will take place is named “Warszawa” (in English: Warsaw) and it is located 125 m underground. For the participants of the Gala Dinner, transport from the conference buildings to the Salt Mine will be provided. Before the dinner, a short sightseeing tour in the underground part of the museum will be offered (about 45 minutes).

**Venue:** Wieliczka Salt Mine

**Website:** [www.kopalnia.pl](http://www.kopalnia.pl)

**Date:** Thursday, 21 August 2014

**Time:** 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. (provisional)

**Cuisine:** Polish

**Style:** sit-down meal

**Dress code:** smart casual; the air temperature in the salt mine chambers is about 14-16°C (57-61°F) and for the sightseeing tour, appropriate walking shoes are required

**Maximum number of participants:** 400 persons



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Wieliczka Salt Mine, the Chapel of St. Kinga, 101 m underground

Conference participants who wish to join the Gala Dinner are kindly asked to choose the full registration fee; for details please visit: <http://www.igu2014.org/>, section “Registration”. Please notice that standard access to the underground part of the museum and “Warszawa” chamber is by walking. Disabled persons wishing to join the Gala Dinner are kindly asked to contact the Organizing Committee in advance in order to arrange appropriate facilities.

The **outdoor social event** will be an informal meeting for all the participants of the conference. The grill/bonfire style reception will be an opportunity for better integration of the geographical community. Details will be provided together with the provisional programme of the conference.



## 6. Field trips:

The participants of the conference will have a choice between three kinds of field trips. During the conference, half-day and one-day trips will be offered for the participants and accompanying persons. Before and after the conference, several academic excursions will be organized to allow the participants and accompanying persons to visit the most interesting and unique places in Poland and selected regions in neighbouring countries.

### 6.1. Half-day trips:

**Kraków old town** with the royal castle and the cathedral on Wawel hill (a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978) and Kazimierz, the historical Jewish district of Kraków; a walking tour; duration: 4 hours; minimum number of participants: 12 persons



Kraków old town

**Nowa Huta district:** the former socialist town and the steelworks; walking/bus tour, duration: 3 hours; minimum number of participants: 20 persons



Nowa Huta district in Kraków



## 6.2. One-day trips:

**Wieliczka Salt Mine Museum**, about 10 km south-east of Kraków: the only mining site in the world operating continuously since the Middle Ages, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978; bus/walking tour, more information: [www.kopalnia.pl](http://www.kopalnia.pl), duration: 6 hours; minimum number of participants: 20 persons



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Wieliczka Salt Mine, Tourist Route

**Ojców National Park**: the smallest Polish national park (1890 ha), established in 1956 to protect the most beautiful and environmentally valuable area of the Kraków-Częstochowa Upland with karst landscape, e.g. numerous caves with remains of Paleolithic settlements, 60 m-deep canyons, isolated rocks; minimum number of participants: 20 persons.



Ojców National Park

**Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum**: German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1940-1945), located near Oświęcim, about 60 km west of Kraków, and **Wadowice**, a town about 40 km south-west of Kraków with the museum of Pope John Paul II, minimum number of participants: 20 persons, maximum number of participants: 30 persons



Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum in Oświęcim



## 6.3. Academic excursions:

### 6.3.1. The Carpathian Mts.

**Date:** 23–25 August 2014

**Destinations** in Poland and Slovakia:

**1<sup>st</sup> day:** the Polish Western Carpathian Mts. (landslides, Flysch geology), the Babiogórski National Park, open-air museum of the Orawa region in Zubrzyca, Orawa-Nowy Targ Basin (peat bogs),

**2<sup>nd</sup> day:** the Pieniny Mts. National Park (the Dunajec River canyon), the Tatra Mts. National Park (Szczyrbskie Lake), Spis castle

**3<sup>rd</sup> day:** the Slovakian Paradise (karstic phenomena, Demanovska Cave), the Stiavnica Mts. (anthropogenic relief modifications due to historical mining)



The Tatra Mts.

**Number of participants:** minimum 30 persons, maximum 45 persons

**Organizer:** Miłosz Jodłowski, Jagiellonian University

**Email:** m.jodlowski@uj.edu.pl

#### Visa information:

Participants from non-EU countries are kindly asked to find out about the need for a visa to enter Slovakia. The participants are fully responsible for all the visa formalities.

### 6.3.2. Central Poland

**Date:** 23–25 August 2014

**Destinations:**

**1<sup>st</sup> day:** Kraków, Częstochowa (famous Pauline monastery of Jasna Góra), Brown Coal Mine in Belchatów, Tomaszów Mazowiecki

**2<sup>nd</sup> day:** The Sulejów Reservoir, bunkers from the Second World War in Konewka, Spała

**3<sup>rd</sup> day:** Łódź (traditional textile industrial centre), Uniejów (spa with hot springs), Warsaw



<http://www.krakow-zwiedzanie.pl/upload/galeria/Czestochowa/Czestochowa-top.jpg>

Częstochowa

**Number of participants:** minimum 10 persons, maximum 20 persons

**Organizer:** Robert Wiluś, Univeristy of Łódź,

**Email:** robwil@geo.uni.lodz.pl

### 6.3.3. Polish-Ukrainian border and Western Ukraine

**Date:** 23–28 August 2014

**Destinations** in Poland and Ukraine:

**1<sup>st</sup> day:** transfer Kraków-Lviv

**2<sup>nd</sup> day:** Lviv (old town sightseeing and the contemporary problems of spatial, social and economic development), Olesko (a castle), Pochaiv (an orthodox monastery), Kremenets

**3<sup>rd</sup> day:** Kremenets, Vyshnivets, Ternopil (sightseeing of the towns and noblemen's residences), Kamyanets Podliskyi

**4<sup>th</sup> day:** Kamyanets Podliskyi (town and fortress, a cruise on the Dniestr river), Khotyn (a fortress)

**5<sup>th</sup> day:** Chernivtsi, Kolomyia (sightseeing of the towns), Ivano-Frankivsk

**6<sup>th</sup> day:** Ivano-Frankivsk (sightseeing of the town), transfer to Kraków.



Kamyanets Podliskyi

**Number of participants:** minimum 30 persons, maximum 50 persons

**Organizers:** Mykola Habrel, Bartosz Bartosiewicz, Iwona Pielesiak, Sylwia Kowara, Univeristy of Łódź

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#### **Visa information:**

For every person entering Ukraine it is obligatory to have a passport valid for at least 6 months from the date of the planned return from Ukraine. Citizens of most European countries may enter Ukraine without a visa, in the case of short-term stays. Details concerning visa requirements for citizens of particular countries are available at the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine:

<http://mfa.gov.ua/en/consular-affairs/entering-ukraine/visa-requirements-for-foreigners>



### 6.3.4. Western Poland

**Date:** 15–17 August 2014

**Destinations:**

**1<sup>st</sup> day:** Rydzyna, Wrocław (sightseeing of the town),  
Świdnica (the largest wooden church in Europe  
on the UNESCO World Heritage List), Kłodzko  
(a unique and model example of defensive architecture;  
the most valuable 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> century fortification structure in Poland)

**2<sup>nd</sup> day:** Paczków, Otmuchów, Nysa, Tychy (Tyskie Brewery),  
Pszczyna (Castle Museum in Pszczyna)

**3<sup>rd</sup> day:** Zabrze (Historic Coal Mine Guido),  
Katowice (Nikiszowiec; Giszowiec - the historical miners'  
colony with the unique atmosphere of a “garden-town”).  
The site is entered on the list of Monuments of History).

**Number of participants:** minimum 20 persons, maximum 40 persons

**Organizer:** Dorota Matuszewska, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań

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Poznań

### 6.3.5. Eastern Poland

**Date:** 23–27 August 2014

**Destinations:**

**1<sup>st</sup> day:** Kraków, Sandomierz (old town), Janów Podlaski  
(the Janów Podlaski Stud, breeding of purebred Arabians), Białowieża

**2<sup>nd</sup> day:** Białowieża (museum of the Białowieża National Park, natural reserve  
with European bison, orthodox church with a unique porcelain iconostasis),  
Hajnówka

**3<sup>rd</sup> day:** Grabarka (orthodox church and monastery, a religious centre),  
Mielnik (limestone mining), Koczery (glacimarginal zone with glacitectonic  
perturbations), Bielsk Podlaski (presentation of icon painting), Haćki  
(limnoglacial kame, remains of settlement of early Middle Ages), Białystok

**4<sup>th</sup> day:** Trześcianka (a walk along the Trail of Open Windows),  
Kruszyniany (a visit to a mosque), Krynki (the unique architectural  
structure of the old market square), Supraśl (a visit to a monastery  
and to an Icon Museum, orthodox church of a military character), Białystok

**5<sup>th</sup> day:** the Biebrza National Park (swamps of the Biebrza River), Tykocin (original spatial urban structure  
with former Jewish quarter, a synagogue), the Narew National Park (Narew as an anastomosing river),  
Warsaw.

**Number of participants:** minimum 15 persons, maximum 25 persons

**Organizer:** Barbara Woronko, University of Warsaw

**Email:** bworonko@uw.edu.pl



Sandomierz

### 6.3.6. Land degradation and reclamation in the Silesian Upland and the Polish Carpathians

**Date:** 14–17 August 2014

**Destinations:**

**1<sup>st</sup> day:** Kraków – Katowice (subsidence basin, waste heap) – Bytom (nature reserve Segiet) – Tarnowskie Góry (historic silver mine) – Piekary Śląskie (sanctuary)

**2<sup>nd</sup> day:** Będzin (medieval castle) – Dąbrowa Górnicza (anthropogenic lakeland) – Chechło (Błędów Desert) – Bukowno (the largest sandpit in Poland) – Sławków (old inn) – Jaworzno (GEOsfera – educational centre in a quarry)

**3<sup>rd</sup> day:** Kraków – Zakopane – the Tatra National Park (high mountain environment under pressure from tourists) – the Gorce Mountains (recent environmental changes due to the collapse of communism) – Krościenko-Szczawnica (balneological resort)

**4<sup>th</sup> day:** Krościenko-Szczawnica – Szymbark (soil erosion and landslide hazard) – the Beskid Niski Mts. – (environmental changes related to displacement after World War II) – Kraków

**Number of participants:** minimum 5 persons, maximum 40 persons

**Organizers:** Paweł Prokop, Polish Academy of Sciences, Krakow Branch, Renata Dulias, University of Silesia

**Email:** pawel@zg.pan.krakow.pl, rdulias@gmail.com



Błędów Desert



## 7. International Geography Olympiad 2014

The 11<sup>th</sup> International Geography Olympiad will be organized in 2014 in Kraków. The first one took place in 1996 in The Hague, the Netherlands. Then the Olympiad was organized every two years and since 2012 it has been organized every year, as an accompanying event of the conferences or congresses of the International Geographical Union.

The competition comprises three parts: a written response test, a fieldwork test and a multimedia test. The Olympiad gathers students 16–19 years of age, who have been chosen through the national competitions. Each country is represented by a team of four students and 2 team leaders. Apart from taking the tests, the participants take part in intercultural function and participate in a poster session where their scientific posters are discussed.

The 11<sup>th</sup> International Geography Olympiad is organized in Kraków by the Polish Geographical Society, the Polish Geography Olympiad Committee and the Pedagogical University in Kraków, under the auspices of the IGU Olympiad Task Force. It will be held between 12–18 August 2014 in the buildings of the Pedagogical University. The organizers expect the participation of young geographers from around 40 countries. The closing ceremony of the 11<sup>th</sup> International Geography Olympiad will be a part of the opening ceremony of the IGU Regional Conference in Kraków.

The participants of the Olympiad will take part in excursions which will take them to the most interesting and attractive places in Southern Poland and show the fascinating history and culture of Kraków. After the Olympiad, excursions to other regions of Poland will be organized for the national teams which express an interest.

## 8. Exhibition

There will be 20 exhibition booths arranged for organizations and businesses with involvement in geography. The exhibition area will be located close to the plenary lecture room. Applications for exhibition booths may be submitted from 1 November 2013 to 31 March 2014 and the payments need to be completed by 30 April 2014. Booking forms and the exhibitors' guide book will be available at the conference website <http://www.igu2014.org/>

## 9. Conference venue

The conference will be held in Kraków at the Jagiellonian University. The registration of the participants on Sunday, 17 Aug., and the opening of the conference on Monday, 18 Aug., will take place in the **Auditorium Maximum** of the Jagiellonian University, 33 Krupnicza St., close to the historical city centre.



The conference venue, where the sessions on 19-22 Aug. will take place, is the **Institute of Geography and Spatial Management of the Jagiellonian University**, 7 Gronostajowa St. The institute is located on the Campus of the 600th Anniversary of the Jagiellonian University Revival, in the south-western part of Kraków.



The International Geography Olympiad 2014 will be held at the **Pedagogical University** of Cracow, 2 Podchorążych St., in the western part of the city.





## 10. Registration

On-line registration for the IGU Regional Conference in Kraków starts on 1 November 2013 at: <http://www.igu2014.org/>. Everyone planning to attend the conference needs to register and pay the conference fee. Each registered participant may submit no more than two abstracts by 15 January 2014. In the case where an abstract is accepted, it will be included in the programme and abstract book **only** if the registration fee is paid no later than 1 April 2014. Please check the table below to find your appropriate registration fee and deadlines for booking options.

Type of conference fee *	Early	Regular	Late	One-day
	1 Nov 2013–1 Apr 2014	2 Apr–15 May 2014	after 15 May 2014	
Full **	1670 PLN	1920 PLN	2170 PLN	-
Standard	1320 PLN	1570 PLN	1820 PLN	500 PLN
Reduced full **	1370 PLN	1620 PLN	1820 PLN	-
Reduced standard	1020 PLN	1270 PLN	1470 PLN	400 PLN
Accompanying person full fee **	1100 PLN	1400 PLN	1700 PLN	-
Accompanying person standard fee	700 PLN	1000 PLN	1300 PLN	-

\* The fee in PLN includes the credit card transaction surcharges. In the case of bank transfer payment, participants are obliged to cover all the bank charges.

\*\* The full registration fee option is available on a first come first served basis due to the limited number of participants in the Gala Dinner in the Wieliczka Salt Mine

1 EUR = 4.33 PLN (June 2013)

1 USD = 3.32 PLN (June 2013)

**Full registration fee** includes the following:

- Admission to all scientific sessions and the exhibition
- Name badge, conference materials, USB with abstracts
- Ice breaker party, coffee breaks, lunches
- Gala Dinner in the underground museum of the Wieliczka Salt Mine
- Outdoor social event
- One half-day trip in Kraków

**Standard registration fee** includes the following:

- Admission to all scientific sessions and the exhibition
- Name badge, conference materials, USB with abstracts
- Ice breaker party, coffee breaks, lunches
- Outdoor social event

**Reduced registration fee** includes the same items as the standard registration fee but is available only for the participants whose abstracts are accepted and who are under the age of 30. The participants applying for the reduced registration fee should provide proof of age (e.g. a copy of an ID document with a photo, an official statement from the university administration etc.).

**Accompanying person full registration fee** includes the following:

- Ice breaker party
- Gala Dinner
- Outdoor social event
- Two half-day trips

**Accompanying person standard registration fee** includes the following:

- Ice breaker party
- Outdoor social event

Accompanying persons may not present papers or posters. If you would like to register a family member under 12 years old as an accompanying person, please contact the Organizing Committee.

### **Payment methods**

There will be two available payment methods: online credit card payment and bank transfer. Further detailed information will be provided at the conference website.

### **Cancellation Policy**

Deadlines and fees for cancellation of your completed booking:

Cancellation before 15 May 2014: full refund minus the banking charges.

Cancellation after 15 May 2014: no refund.

Please note that all cancellations have to be confirmed in writing to: e-mail: [cbin@adm.uj.edu.pl](mailto:cbin@adm.uj.edu.pl).

All refunds will be processed after the conference.

## **11. Important dates & deadlines**

- 15 October 2013 – Deadline for the submission of the IGU Commission / Task Force sessions proposals
- 1 November 2013 – Early registration starts
- 30 November 2013 – Deadline for the submission of the Thematic sessions proposals
- 15 January 2014 – Deadline for submitting abstracts for papers and posters
- 25 February 2014 – Notification of results of abstract reviews
- 10 March 2014 – Publication of the provisional conference programme
- 2 April 2014 – Deadline for early registration fee payment
- 15 May 2014 – Deadline for regular registration fee payment
- 18–22 August 2014 – IGU Regional Conference in Kraków



## 12. Access to the conference venue

Kraków is located in southern Poland and Kraków-Balice airport can be reached by direct flights from e.g. London, Paris, Munich, Frankfurt, Rome. Public bus and train services provide easy access from the airport to the city centre (in about 30 minutes). For more information please go to:

<http://www.krakowairport.pl/>

Kraków can also be reached by train and the main railway station (Kraków Główny) is located in the city centre. Direct connection from the railway station to the main conference venue, i.e. the Campus of the 600th Anniversary of the Jagiellonian University Revival, is provided by tram No. 52 (direction: Czerwone Maki). There are several tram lines from the city centre to the conference venue (tram stop: Ruczaj). The campus may be reached in about 20 minutes by trams No. 11, 18, 23 and 52, direction: “Czerwone Maki”. Additionally, there is one bus line No. 194. More information at:

<http://www.mpk.krakow.pl/en/>

Participants who wish to come to Kraków by car and need a parking place at the conference site are kindly asked to contact the Organizing Committee in advance.

## 13. Visa

Depending on your nationality, you may be required to obtain a visa to enter Poland. For European Union citizens, a visa is not required. Please apply for a visa at the Polish Embassy or Consulate near your home. Visa guidelines and application requirements differ widely between countries, so we strongly recommend that you contact the Polish embassy in your home country as early as possible to inquire about the specific visa regulations applicable to your country. If you require a letter of invitation to support your visa application, please contact the Organizing Committee.

We are only able to issue a letter of invitation to participants who fulfil three criteria:

### A. Participants with abstracts:

- you have to submit an abstract;
- your paper/poster has been accepted;
- you must complete the registration and payment by 1 April 2014.

### B. Participants without abstracts:

- you must complete the registration and pay the registration fee.

Please note the following conditions:

1. Since the letter of invitation will be sent by postal mail, delays are possible. The conference organizers cannot be held responsible for this.
2. The letter of invitation does not imply financial support of any kind.

Participants planning to join trans-border academic excursions (see section “Field trips”) are kindly asked to check whether they need a visa to enter Slovakia or Ukraine. The participants take full responsibility for the provision of a visa, if necessary.

## 14. Accommodation

Participants are advised to book accommodation in advance. In the registration system, information will be provided about the hotels recommended by organizers, but participants are fully responsible for booking and paying for the accommodation. In Kraków, there is a wide range of accommodation types available to suit all budgets, including student hostels, guest houses and hotels of all standards.

## 15. Organizers

The conference is organized by a consortium of eight Polish geographical institutions

- Polish Geographical Society
- Adam Mickiewicz University, Faculty of Geographical and Geological Sciences, Poznań
- Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization, Warsaw
- University of Łódź, Faculty of Geographical Sciences
- University of Silesia, Faculty of Earth Sciences, Sosnowiec
- University of Warsaw, Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies
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