

## ABOUT THE GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF THE SAS AND THE JOURNAL GEOLOGICA CARPATHICA

A small institute which was the origin of the present **Geological Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences**, was founded in 1953 and headed during the first decade of its existence by the father of modern Slovak geology — Academician *Dimitrij Andrusov*. He was nominated as chairman of the „Commission for Geology“ (later, the “Geological Laboratory”), established by the Section of Mathematical and Natural Sciences of the SAS. In 1963, Professor *Bohuslav Cambel* became the Director of the Geological Institute. He founded the Geochemical Department and tried to evolve analytical laboratories of the Institute. An older, Biostratigraphical Department was guided by outstanding specialists: Dr. *Ján Seneš*, later by Dr. *Ján Bystrický* and (finally) by Dr. *Eduard Köhler*. The third, Sedimentological Department was guided by Dr. *Karol Borza*. The Tectonic Department was founded in 1976, under the guidance of Academician *Michal Mahel*. The youngest section (founded in 1981) is the detached Department of Mineral Resources in Banská Bystrica, led by Dr. *Milan Háber*, and later by Dr. *Ján Spišiak*.

Geological Institute of the SAS concentrates important capacities in Slovak geological research, and achieved important results in scientific research. It guided, or shared in numerous IGCP UNESCO Projects (Nos. 4, 25, 58, 262, 362), HEXAGONALA, PHARE and KBGA Projects. It is an external educational institution for PhD postgraduate studies in paleontology and tectonics. The Institute collaborates with geological institutions, or departments in the Comenius University in Bratislava, Masaryk University in Brno, Charles University in Prague, Mining Universities in Ostrava and Košice, with the Geological Surveys of the Slovak and Czech Republics, Austria, Poland and with many other institutions at home and abroad.

The international scientific journal **Geologica Carpathica** was founded in 1949 under the name “Geologický zborník SAV”. Later, it was renamed “Geologický zborník Geologica Carpathica”, oriented towards a wide spectrum of geological problems of the Alpine-Carpathian-Balkan (-Caucasus) mountains system. In 1990, the prefix “Geologický zborník” was deleted, a wide international Editorial Board was elected and new, strict editorial rules were introduced. The journal is now indexed in the databases: Current Contents, BIOSIS, Chemical Abstracts, GeoAbstracts, GeoArchive, Mineralogical Abstracts, NISC GeoSEARCH, Ulrich’s International Periodicals.

The scientific sections of our Conference are devoted to important birthdays of four outstanding personalities, who substantially contributed to the scientific development of the Geological Institute of the SAS.

Professor ***Bohuslav Cambel*** was the second director in the history of the Institute. He devoted all his fruitful life to geochemical research, investigations of composition of the Carpathian crystalline rocks, scientific cooperation with geological institutions at home and abroad, collaboration with geoscientific departments of the Comenius University and development of our Institute. He celebrates its eightieth birthday in these days.

Professor ***Milan Mišik*** is an outstanding carbonate sedimentologist, sedimentary petrographer and excellent teacher of sedimentary geology. He is the pioneer of the detailed profile method of microfacies study in the Carpathians. He acted as a long-time member of the Collegium of Earth Sciences of the SAS, always being prepared with collegial help and advice. His vitality and scientific activity is justly famous. It is rather unbelievable that he celebrated his seventieth birthday almost one year ago.

Assistant Professor ***Róbert Marschalko*** is a worldwide known flysch sedimentologist. In his scientific career, he combined the shrewdness of a mining engineer with the deep

ly penetrating knowledge of a field geologist. He constructed verified basin models of clastic sedimentation in the Alpine-Carpathian orogene belt. He is seventy years young.

Finally, Professor ***Igor Rojkovič*** is a keen specialist, active working in the geology of deposits. He investigated metallic and uranium ore deposits, but he penetrated equally deeply into the sedimentological problems of metallogeny of Lower Paleozoic vein complexes, Carpathian Upper Paleozoic basins and Permian volcanism, in addition to being interested in Mesozoic sedimentary Mn and Fe deposits, meteorite composition and many other subjects. In August this year, he celebrated his sixtieth birthday.

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