

SECOND CIRCULAR

To know and share caves and karsts

Understanding, conservation and geotourism

March 06-09 2018, Voguë, FRANCE



Held under the auspices of the Public Joint Union of Chauvet Cave, the symposium is scheduled from March 06th to 09th 2018 in ([Voguë, Ardèche](#), South of France). It will bring together 100 experts to discuss the latest advances dealing with understanding and development of subterranean environments.

With the 1st Symposium "To know and share karsts and caves: understanding, conservation and geotourism" we want to encourage exchanges between scientists and managers in karst environments. The exchanges will take place during three round tables focusing on the involvement of scientists in the development of subterranean environments, the importance of developed caves in their territories and the long-term view of global geotourism.

This symposium, open to all, is available on registration. Exchanges will be both in French and English (simultaneous translation). It will be possible to exhibit posters.

[REGISTRATION FORM ON LINE](#)

VENUE

The symposium will take place at the [Domaine Lou Capitelle](#). Voguë.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW			
March 6th	March 7th	March 8th	March 9th
<p>Registration (from 03pm)</p> <p>Welcome (04pm) Presentation of the symposium</p> <p>Presentation of the project of a Platform for education, training and expertise in the subterranean environments*</p> <p>Dinner</p>	<p>Field trip (09am)</p> <p>A karstic landscape: the Ardèche canyon</p> <p>Meal</p> <p>The Orgnac cave an example of sustainable geotourism</p> <p>The Caverne du Pont d'Arc and the Chauvet Cave Replica: mediation about subterranean environments</p> <p>Free evening</p>	<p>Round tables</p> <p>10-12:30am Roles of scientists in the current and coming development of subterranean environments</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>14pm Cultural and economic importance of the subterranean environments in their locations</p> <p>Free evening</p>	<p>Round table</p> <p>10-12:30am Global outlook for subterranean geotourism in the long term</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>14pm Restitution from the round tables</p> <p>Conclusions by the President of the symposium</p> <p>Leaving do</p>

ABOUT REGISTRATION

1. Registration is on line until March 05th
2. It will be possible to pay on line (**available soon**) or by check (send your check payment: **SMERGC 4 rue Pierre Filliat BP737 07007 Privas Cedex France**. check payable to Trésor Public).

ABOUT DINNER/MEAL/LUNCHES DURING THE SYMPOSIUM

The Organizing board will supply dinner (March 06th), meal (March 07th) and lunches (March 08th and March 09th) for the participants during the Symposium. Please contact us if you have your own life taboo.

ABOUT TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN [VALENCE-TGV \(station train\)](#) AND VOGUË

We will organize shuttles between Valence-TGV Station-Train and Voguë:

- One departure from Valence-TGV Station-Train on Monday March 05th (late afternoon)
- One departure from Valence-TGV Station-Train on Tuesday March 06th (morning)

The return to Valence-TGV Station-Train will take place on Friday March 09th (afternoon)

If you arrive on March 6th at Valence-TGV and return on Friday 09th, we ask you to let us know if you want to borrow the shuttles and we will fix the exact times according to the requests we have collected

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Participants will have many opportunities to exchange and establish contacts in an informal atmosphere (welcome reception, dinner,...). Visits will also permit to discover Ardèche and karstic environments.

REGISTRATION FEES (including VAT)

The registration fees are 100€.

Fees include:

- A welcome bag
- Welcome reception and the dinner (March 6th)
- Excursion by bus and the meal (March 07th)
- Coffee/tea breaks (March 06th-08th-09th)
- Lunches (March 08-09th)
- Transportation by bus (round trip) between the city of Valence-TGV Station-Train and Voguë
- The Symposium Proceedings (by video)

Payment: credit card (only on line [soon available](#)) or by bank check with order form to the Trésor Public (send to : SMERGC 4 rue Pierre Filliat BP737 07007 Privas cedex France).

Cancellation: 80% refund before February 15th 2018; no refund after February 15th 2018.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Participants are encouraged to submit an abstract about their presentation in order to contribute actively to the symposium. Abstracts will be considered for poster or oral presentation during round-tables by the scientific board.

We would like to collect your abstract and transparency before your talk, unless you use complicated functions in the slide. Please send your abstract to dhuguet@lagrotte.fr as soon as possible by email and talk slide to the same address. Abstracts of your oral presentations or posters should be prepared and submitted online by February 15th 2018.

If the file size of your slide is more than 10MB, we cannot receive the file by an email. In the case please transfer your slide by using wetransfer.com (or equal).

The best format is PDF, but PowerPoint is also available. If you need to use animations or other complicated functions, you may use your own laptop for your presentation. In that case please tell us if you need to check the connection between your laptop and the projector.

INFORMATION FOR POSTER AUTHORS

A poster should be prepared with maximum size B0 [1000mm x 1414mm]. The conference secretariat will provide magnets to fix up the poster on the poster board at the symposium site. You should not use double sided tape.

Each poster author can present his / her work for 5 minutes in front of the audience.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The organization of the accommodation is left to the delegates. We strongly urge you to book your hotel now to benefit from the best deals.

You will be able to enjoy the comfort of Lou Capitelle where the Symposium takes place. Please make sure to book your room in advance. [We also suggest other hotels in the area.](#)

To get the best price to book a room ([68€ a night in Lou Capitelle](#)):

Contact : Aurélie Lombard

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PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings will be video recorded and edited on YouTube.

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AGENDA

Opening of registration and abstract submission: **September 22th, 2017**

Abstract submission deadline: February 15th 2018

End of registration: March 06th 2018

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