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ANNOUNCEMENT

30 YEARS AFTER THE SPITAK EARTHQUAKE: EXPERIENCE AND PERSPECTIVES

International Conference

December 03-07, 2018

YEREVAN, ARMENIA



Dear colleagues,

The Organizing Committee announces “Thirty years after the Spitak Earthquake: Experience and Perspectives” International Conference dedicated to the devastating earthquake of 1988, which occurred in the north of Armenia. The Conference will take place in Yerevan on December 03-07, 2018.

The social shock caused by the Spitak earthquake brought seismological and geodynamic studies and seismic hazard and risk assessment in Armenia up to a new level. It served also an impetus to develop up-to-date studies on active tectonics and paleoseismology in the country and promoted international cooperation.

The Conference aims to bring together leading scientists as well as young scholars to present reports and exchange their experiences, as well as discuss recent innovations and further challenges in this field.

The conference will also include a visit to Gyumri and the epicentral zone.

Approved abstracts will be published.

**** Attached you can find the expression of interest form.***

Please fill in the form and return it to spitak1988@geology.am before April 15, 2018

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

- National Academy of Sciences (NAS), Armenia
- Ministry of Emergency Situations (MES), Armenia
- International Science and Technology Center (ISTC) in Armenia
- State Committee of Science (SCS) of the Ministry of Education and Science, Armenia
- Georisk Scientific Research CJSC
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Armenia
- Armenian Association of Earth Physics and Seismology (AAEPS)

CONFERENCE TOPICS

- 1. The 1988 Spitak earthquake: field observations in the epicentral area; present-day seismicity of the region; new studies and results after 30 years;*
- 2. Seismological and geophysical studies; seismotectonics, paleoseismology, archeoseismology, and earthquake engineering;*
- 3. Geo-hazards, seismic risk assessment and seismic resilience;*
- 4. Studies of social and cultural effects of strong earthquakes;*
- 5. Strategy and international cooperation on disaster risk reduction.*

Official Language of the Conference is English

Abstract submission procedure and details on presentations will be provided later.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- ***December 03, 2018***-Arrival to Yerevan
- ***December 04, 2018***-Opening and General Session
- ***December 05-06, 2018***-Conference section sessions by topics
- ***December 07, 2018***-Visit to Gyumri and the epicentral zone, Departure

IMPORTANT DATES

- ***April 15, 2018***-Deadline for submission of expression of interest form
- ***May 30, 2018***- Deadline for abstract submission
- ***June 30, 2018***- Notification of abstract acceptance and start of registration
- ***October 30, 2018***- Closure of early-bird registration for the conference, accompanying participant's early- bird online registration fee payment

REGISTRATION FEES

Full conference fee is USD 200. Reduced conference fee is planned for different categories of participants (to be announced later).

The conference fee includes:

- *Attendance at the scientific sessions*
- *Conference materials*
- *Welcome “Icebreaker”*
- *Refreshments during coffee breaks and lunch on December 04-06*
- *Conference banquet*
- *Travel to Gyumri and lunch on December 07, 2018*
- *Publication costs*

The fees do not include international travel and accommodation in Yerevan.

Information about fee for accompanying participants will be provided later.

Online credit card payment is accepted

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 is ~ USD 5).*

More information about visa policy of Armenia:

<http://mfa.am/en/visa/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_policy_of_Armenia

For further inquiries, feel free to contact the Organizing Committee Contact at:

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Detailed information about the conference will be provided in the First Circular.

We look forward to seeing you in Yerevan!