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15TH WORKSHOP
September 12 – 14 2022

**15th Emile Argand Conference on Alpine Geological Studies
(Alpine Workshop)**

September 12-14 2022, Ljubljana, Slovenia

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Dear colleagues,

It is our great honour to invite you to the 15th Emile Argand Conference on Alpine Geological Studies, popularly known as the Alpine Workshop, which will take place in Ljubljana, Slovenia, between the 12th and the 14th of September 2022.

Conference will last for 3 days and will be held at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering. In addition to the conference event we will offer two 3-day field trips, three 1-day field-trips, and the conference dinner. Below you can find basic information, whereas further details will be provided on the conference website (expected to be launched in mid-December).



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Important dates

March 14	Opening of abstract submission and registration
May 31	Abstract submission deadline
September 9-11	Pre-conference 3-day field trip
September 11	Ice-breaker party
September 12-14	Alpshop 2022 conference
September 13	Conference Dinner
September 15	3 post-conference 1-day field trips
September 15-17	Post-conference 3-day field trip

As an additional offer, Alpine Workshop participants may choose to join the pre- and post-conference fieldtrips of the Interrad 2022 conference that will take place in Ljubljana at the same time as the Alpine Workshop (<https://interrad2020.zrc-sazu.si/>)

September 8-11	Interrad 2022 pre-conference 4-day field trip
September 16 - 20	Interrad 2022 post-conference 5-day field trip



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Aims and scope

From the first meeting in 1993 in Grenoble (France), to the last meeting in 2019 in Sion (Switzerland), the “Alpine Workshop” brings together geoscientists doing research or simply being interested in the structure and evolution of the Alps.

The main attribute of this meeting is a friendly, unofficial atmosphere, which promotes the exchange of new ideas about tectonics, structure, stratigraphy, and metamorphic evolution of the Alps and the adjacent Alpine-type orogens. Geoscientists from different disciplines and of different views are welcome to present their ideas. In addition to oral and poster presentations, two multi-day field excursions will be offered before and after the meeting, as well as several day trips in the vicinity of Ljubljana. The field trips will take you to some of the most beautiful areas of the diverse Slovenian landscape.

Friendly atmosphere and constructive discussions within a relatively small group of participants have always been the main attributes of the Alpine Workshop meetings. We will do our best to keep to this tradition and to offer you the best of Slovenian hospitality. We are very much looking forward to welcome you soon in Ljubljana.

Location

The conference is hosted by the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering of the University of Ljubljana, the oldest and the largest university in Slovenia.

Ljubljana is located in the northern Mediterranean region, only a few hours drive from Austria, Hungary, Croatia and Slovakia, making it the perfect venue for the meeting. Ljubljana is the capital of Slovenia and has been the cultural, educational, economic, political and administrative centre of independent Slovenia since 1991. Currently, Ljubljana is a vibrant and lively city, often named as one of the 10 most desirable destinations in Europe.

The location of the Faculty in the centre of Ljubljana provide a range of relaxation areas, bars, restaurants, museums, galleries and shops.

More information: <https://www.visitljubljana.com/en/visitors/>



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Venue

The Alpine Workshop Conference will take place in the renovated »Montanistika« building of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering, located a short walk from the historical center of Ljubljana. The building offers state-of-the-art lecture rooms, including a large auditorium for 120 people. Follow the links below to learn about the history of the Montanistika Building and about the natural stone used in its construction and decoration:

1. Entrance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wT7VVXeSTy0>
2. Entry stairway: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8bT41hjla0>
3. Hall: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7o8qc16t8I>
4. Stairway: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8eIFPCDEkYo>
5. Elevator: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzoBQBezA7k>
6. Reading room: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d49gEIsCvF4>

CONFERENCE VENUE

University of Ljubljana
Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering
Department of Geology

Aškerčeva 12
1000 Ljubljana
Slovenia

Location: [46.04703685420861, 14.497689926035179](https://www.google.com/maps/place/46.04703685420861,14.497689926035179)

Language

English will be the official language of the conference.

Proceedings

Following the tradition of the Emile Argand Conference on Alpine Geological Studies, we are pleased to announce that participants will be invited to submit their contributions for publication in a Special Issue of the Swiss Journal of Geosciences, one of the leading peer-reviewed journals on Alpine geology. This multidisciplinary journal is open to all contributions in the field of Alpine geology.



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Field trips

Five field trips will be offered, presenting the geodiversity of the Alpine-Dinaric-Pannonian transition zone that marks the present-day Slovenia.

Pre-conference 3-day field trip (September 9-11) will focus on the paleogeographic and geodynamic evolution of the Alpine-Dinaric transition zone within Alpine orogenic cycle.

Two post-conference 1-day field trips (September 15) will present paleontological richness of the Velika planina lagersttate beds, and the Roman sources of the natural stone around Ljubljana. On the same day, a half-day walk through Ljubljana will present the rich variety of its natural stone.

Post-conference 3-day field-trip (September 15-17) will visit the Miocene Pohorje metamorphic core complex in NE Slovenia to present its tectonic, magmatic metamorphic and sedimentary evolution, and to visit the occurrences of exhumed Cretaceous UHP rocks.

Social events

Icebraker party will take place in the Montanistika building on the evening before the conference (September 11). Participants will be able to take advantage of early registration and will have the opportunity for an informal chat at the open bar, take part in the guided tour of the largest geological collection (minerals, rocks, ores, and fossils) in Slovenia, as well as in the VR tour of the natural stone used for the construction of the Montanistika.

The conference dinner will take place at the Ljubljana Castle. This centrally placed historical place on a hill overlooking the city offers astounding views of Ljubljana city center and is easily accessible by cable cart running from downtown Ljubljana to the castle, or by foot. The conference dinner will offer the attendees to experience the best of local Slovenian cuisine and vines and an unforgettable surprise. The price of the conference dinner includes a round trip with the cable cart to the castle, four-course menu with wine accompaniment, a guided tour of geological collection of Carboniferous rocks and fossils outcropping in the Castle cellar.