Important dates

Scientific session proposals and Workshop proposals:

Deadline for announcement: 1st October 2014

http://strati2015.uni-graz.at/ Subcommisson meetings of ICS:

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Workshop proposal:

Deadline for announcement: 1st October 2014

The second conference circular will be distributed in fall 2014 and will provide information on registration fees and on prices for social events. It will also provide detailed information on field trips, in particular on logistics and prices.

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First Circular

The congress follows the invitation by the International Commission on Stratigraphy (ICS) of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) to be held in Graz (Austria), July 19-23, 2015. The congress will be open to all topics in stratigraphy. The technical program will range from the Archean to the Holocene, across all techniques and applications of stratigraphy and the discoveries that the stratigraphic record reveals about the Earth system. In addition, it will also serve as the primary venue for ICS business, for ICS subcommissions to meet and awarding the ICS stratigraphy prizes.

Venue and organization

The congress will take place on campus of the University of Graz, Austria. It will be organized by the Institute of Earth Sciences of the University of Graz in cooperation with other Austrian Earth Sciences institutions representing the Austrian Earth Science community (e.g., Geological Survey of Austria).

Chair: Werner E. Piller, Professor at the University of Graz, chair of the Austrian National Committee of Geosciences, the Austrian Commission on Stratigraphy and the Austrian National Committee for the IGCP. The organization and logistics will be guaranteed by the local organizing committee.



Location

Graz is the second largest city of Austria and a well suited location for organizing international conferences. Graz is also well known for cultural highlights, which is reflected in its status as a UNESCO World culture heritage site. Graz is located about 200 km south of Vienna and can be reached by plane (from Vienna, Munich, Frankfurt, Berlin, Stuttgart and Zurich) or by train.







Call for scientific session proposals

Since STRATI 2015 is intended to be a global conference the entire field of stratigraphy including geochronology and chronometry should be represented. Stratigraphy, however, is not only restricted to Planet Earth but has been intensively applied also to other celestial bodies during the last years and sessions on extraterrestrial stratigraphy are highly welcomed. Another important aspect are different scales in stratigraphic resolution where a major breakthrough was achieved during the recent past. Cyclostratigraphy and astronomical tuning are prospering fields in stratigraphy, however, problems of integrating classical stratigraphical methods arise and the divergence between field based stratigraphy and orbitally tuned models is increasing. Similarly important are the attempts to establish GSSP's in the Proterozoic instead of GSSA's.

These are only few of the burning topics in modern stratigraphy and we encourage all stratigraphy related researchers to submit proposals covering a wide range of themes.

Proposal can be submitted via the homepage of the conference: http://strati2015.uni-graz.at/
Deadline for proposal submission: 1st October 2014.

Subcommission Meetings and Workshop proposals

Following the suggestion of the ICS the conference will also host meetings of Subcommissions of ICS to discuss topical issues and problems. Such meetings should also be announced via the conference homepage: http://strati2015.uni-graz.at/

If there is any desire for organizing specific workshops on any stratigraphic topic (e.g., cyclostratigraphy and orbital tuning, sequence stratigraphy, chemostratigraphy and new methods) this is also very appreciated. Announcements can also be provided via the conference homepage until 1st October 2014.



Accomodation

The organisation of accommodation for the conference participants will be managed by the Graz Tourist Office, the official tourism unit of the city of Graz: http://www.graztourismus.at/

Social Programme

The social programme for the conference is already in the state of preparation. Several events are planned for both professional conference attendees as well as accompanying persons including a combined social dinner with music, wine tasting tours in the southern part of Styria, or guided city tours through Graz. For the later merely touristic tours but also tours demonstrating and explaining the building stones of Graz will be offered. Details follow in the second conference circular.

Field trips

Graz is located at the border between the Eastern Alps and the Pannonian Basin System, but the distances to the Southern Alps and even the Barrandium (Prague Basin) in the Czech Republic are relatively short. This offers the opportunity for extensive field trips, ranging from one day up to 4 days, covering most parts of Austria but including also Slovenia, Hungary, Italy, Czech Republic and Germany.

The following field trips are planned to be organized:

- FT 1: Neogene stratigraphy of the Styrian Basin (1 day; Austria)
- FT 2: From Early Paleozoic to the Neogene in the vicinity of Graz (1 day; Austria)
- FT 3: Miocene Pleistocene volcanics of the Styrian Basin (1 day; Austria)
- FT 4: Pre-Variscan Sequence of the Carnic Alps (3 days; Austria-Italy)
- FT 5: End-Triassic crisis events recorded in platforms and basins of the Austrian Alps. The Triassic/Jurassic GSSP and the Norian/Rhaetian GSSP candidate (3 days; Austria-Germany)
- FT 6: Cretaceous-Paleogene Stratigraphy of the Eastern Alps (including Cenomanian/Turonian, K/T and Paleocene/Eocene boundaries) (3 days; Austria)
- FT 7: Terminal megasequence of the NW Adriatic Carbonate Platform (Maastrichtian to Middle Eocene) (3 days; Slovenia)
- FT 8: The Silurian and Devonian successions of the Prague Synform (3 days; Czech Republic)
- FT 9: Mesozoic stratigraphy of the Transdanubian Range (3 days; Hungary)
- FT 10: The Neogene of the Transdanubian Basin (2 days, Hungary)
- FT 11: Late Pleistocene to Holocene stratigraphy of the former Drau glacier area (3 days; Austria)

Additional field trip proposals can still be accepted until 1st October 2014.

More detailed information on the announced field trips can be found at the conference homepage: http://strati2015.uni-graz.at/

