

UIS ANNUAL BUREAU MEETING

August 25-27, 2018

Ebensee (Austria)

	Attendance: Session 1 <i>Saturday August 25, 2018; at 13h30 (local time)</i>
President	George VENI
Vice-President for Administration	Zdenek MOTYCKA
Vice-President for Operations	Efrain MERCADO
Secretary General	Fadi NADER (punctual attendance via SKYPE)
Adjunct Secretaries	Bernard CHIROL Nivaldo COLZATO Mladen GARASIC Satoshi GOTO Gyula HEGEDUS Tim MOULDS Bärbel VOGEL
Honorary M. & Past-Presidents	J.-A. LABEGALINI
Bureau members not in attendance	Fadi NADER Nadja Zupan Hajna/ last hour present
Guests	Jean-Pierre BARTHOLEYNS Mario VEROLE BOZZELLO
Deputy Delegate of Italy / (Italian show cave Association).	
National Delegate of Italy	Daniella PANI

1) Opening speech of the UIS President / Approval of Agenda

George VENI thanked all participants for coming to Ebensee (Austria). He presented the apologies of Fadi NADER for not attending this annual UIS Bureau meeting. George VENI highlighted in his opening speech the following points:

- a) Based on the group photograph of attendants of the recent UIS International Symposium on Vulcanospeleology, most of these attendants are over 60 years in age! This fact is alarming, showing that the young cavers appear not to be interested in UIS – or simply unaware. Some concrete actions should be followed, such as:
 - i. Encourage National Delegates to share information about UIS;
 - ii. Getting cavers to recognize efforts made by the UIS in supporting and funding projects and expeditions.
- b) While the Education Commission has been mostly involved in teaching cavers, we need to reach out for the larger public.

Jean-Pierre BARTHOLEYNS recalled why UIS was not deeply involved in education. Countries run their own education programs.

DECISION 1: The Agenda items of the Meeting (3 sessions) were approved by the present Bureau members.

2) Approval of Minutes of Regular Bureau Meeting of 2017 (Penrith, Australia)

One mistake was noted: Mladen GARASIC's name was misspelled on page 6.

DECISION 2: The minutes of the 2017 annual meeting were approved by the UIS Bureau.

3) Review Action Items and Decisions of previous UIS Bureau Meeting (2017) – Decisions to be made on follow up un-accomplished actions

a. Action Items and Decisions

All action items are done.

b. Discussion on projects for adjunct secretaries: Clear decisions and activities for all adjunct secretaries

- Gyula, Hungary, interested in IYCK, promoting information on UIS in neighbor countries, and sharing information about UIS in the Hungarian speleological information system.
- Mladen, Croatia, education projects and UIS film.
- Satoshi, Japan, involved in Iran, Malaysia, Philippines, China and Thailand projects for developing speleology.
- Nivaldo, Brazil, UIS Bulletin, publications of old bulletins not yet digitally converted.
- Bernard, France, History Commission, Cyprus Project.
- Tim, Australia, making cavers from Australia and some parts of southeast Asia aware of UIS.
- Bärbel, Germany, UN liaison and ISO technical commission on karst.

DECISION 3: Adjunct secretaries defined their specific activities within the context of the UIS Bureau obligation – briefly: Gyula (IYCK), Mladen (Education and film), Satoshi (Speleo development in Asian countries); Nivaldo (UIS Bulletin), Bernard (History Commission), Tim (focal point for Australia and southeast Asia), Bärbel (UN liaison).

c. New version of the Internal Regulations (G. VENI, F. NADER)

Corrections and comments made by the national delegates and revised by George VENI and Fadi NADER were presented to the UIS Bureau and approved.

The UIS Logo issue should be further discussed. Precise information relevant to the use of UIS Logo should appear in events guidelines too (check Point §13, Session 2 – below).

ACTION 1: George VENI will send the revised Internal Regulations first to all Bureau members and then to National Delegates.

d. UIS Archives in Postojna (Z. MOTYCKA, P. BOSAK)

Zdenek MOTYCKA presented the structure of the archives and showed how it works.

José-Ayton LABEGALINI asked to be sent old ICS posters for the History of UIS Book and to archive in Postojna.

ACTION 2: Zdenek MOTYCKA will provide the posters of the 16th ICS for the UIS Book and to deposit at the Postojna UIS archive office.

4) Report by B. VOGEL on her work on the UN's High Level Political Forum this summer

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The UIS participated as part of the UN NGO Major Group during the UN's High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in New York City. UIS was represented by Veronika VOGEL (German Federation of Speleology) and Dr. Robert Brinkmann (NCKRI). The purpose is to influence the UN SGDs by inserting speleological information.

The Report on the UN High Level Political Forum HLPF in New York and UIS engagement in UN NGO Major Group on sustainable development was represented by Baerbel

- A working group of the German Federation of Speleology VdHK together with George Veni UIS was engaged in the NGO Major Group. The purpose is to influence the UN NGO papers by inserting input of speleology in development of sustainable environment.
- Veronika Vogel (VdHK) and Rob Brinkman (UIS) managed to represent speleology at the HLPF in New York.
- Two 30 seconds videos used at HLPF were shown and officially posted by UN NGO Major Group on Facebook and shared at the UIS Facebook Page.
- Baerbel proposed UIS to become part of ECOSOC to be listed as NGO to get an independent access at HLPF.
- UNESCO: Fadi Nader gave Baerbel the internet link to the UNESCO NGO Group to investigate about UIS becoming member of such organization (it was recommended by the Ambassador of France at UNESCO).
- Regarding IUCN – recommend to cooperate with working group on Karst and Caves (Nadjia, Baerbel and George are members).

Fadi Nader noted that the UN activities should be well explained to the community of UIS and the National Delegates, so that they become more interested (replies on emails and Facebook postings show dis-interest of the international community of cavers / and we need to work more to reach out for them).

5) UIS Media

a. Website (E. MERCADO)

- i. Mladen GARASIC will send info from European Federation about GDPR.
- ii. Risk Management Procedure sent to UIS Bureau for comments.
- iii. Risk Management Procedure sent to Tim MOULDS (Australia) for English language correction.
- iv. Jasmina RIJAVEC will add a banner to the webpage to comply with GDPR.
- v. Transfer UIS domain name from Melbourne to HostGator. Inform Jasmina RIJAVEC.

b. Facebook Page

Efrain MERCADO reported 1667 members on the UIS Facebook page.

c. UIS Bulletin (N. COLZATO)

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- i. Nivaldo highlighted the Bulletin status: need for info from Australia and other countries, reasons for delay in publications, each volume exceeds 100 pages - 2 issues a year.
 - ii. There is good input from the caver community about the Bulletin, the following actions were decided: Put the bulletin in Facebook (Mladen GARASIC); Add download statistics to UIS Bulletin in webpage; digitalize old Bulletins and add them on UIS website (Nivaldo COLZATO)

d. UIS History video (M. GARASIC)

The video is complete except that permission is being sought to use the music.

ACTION 3: GDPR issues will be settled on the UIS Website, coordinated by E. MERCADO.

ACTION 4: UIS Bulletin (2 issues per year) will be organized by N. COLZATO and promoted through UIS website and Facebook (M. GARASIC).

ACTION 5: Old UIS Bulletin will be digitized and added on UIS website by N. COLZATO.

ACTION 6: UIS History video will be finalized and put on website by M. GARASIC.

6) The new ISO technical commission on karst: engagement of UIS, next steps and future involvement (B. VOGEL): what went wrong in the past and what to do in the future.

- For the new ISO commission deadlines were set,
- UIS had a good collaboration with ISCA but the information was too late for delegates to act in time
- Ask National Speleological Federations to contact national ISO members.
- Ask national ISO members to cooperate in terms of money, status, and government support.
- Bärbel explained why UIS should engage with ISO.
- George will attend a meeting in China and discuss with Chinese the goals of the ISO committee and the estimated times and costs of participation.
- As far as Baerbel found out due to ICO statues UIS can not be an observer or participant.
- VdHK will have a meeting mid of September with the national ISO member at the German Ministry of Environment and will keep UIS updated
- European Cave Protection Commission ECPC agreed to set up a task force on ISO

ACTION 7: G. VENI will inform National Delegates about the status of ISO karst technical commission and request support for UIS.

ACTION 8: G. VENI will meet the Chinese and talk about the status of ISO karst technical commission and UIS point of view.

7) UIS Bureau internal functioning (F. NADER / G. VENI)

- a. **Information policy inside the Bureau (email, deadlines, skype)**
 - i. Important to answer communications
 - ii. Immediate reaction, even if briefly
 - iii. Skype shall be at least each three months
- b. **Structure of the Bureau: who does what? How? When? –reporting to whom?**
 - see Point §3 (above) and DECISION 3
- c. **Regular work shared and reported regularly.**
- d. **Skype meetings**

DECISION 4: The UIS Bureau will organize more Skype meetings throughout the year.

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2021 ICS (FFS)	Laurence TANGUILLE Ferdinando Didonna

8) ICS 2021 (ICS Organizing Committee FFS)

Laurence TANGUILLE presented the status and updates with respect to ICS 2021:

- Laurence will be in contact with Bernard CHIROL.
- Approval of the University (hosting the ICS) expected on 2nd of September 2018.
- Website will be available in December 2018.
- Congress fee will be around 150 to 200 Euros.
- Accommodation: tents 10 Euros and rooms 15 Euros.
- Laurence wants to know how many prizes will be given.
- George VENI gave the guidelines for the congress, especially for sessions, Bureau and other organizations.
- Zdenek explained to Laurence how arrangement of sessions should be done. No double symposia. Organization should be aligned with UIS.
- Laurence ask about the Sami Karkabi prize. George explained (see below).
- Accommodation for UIS members. Low cost and near the venue. Also, rooms should be close to each other.
- ICS organization meetings will held each every two months.
- Inspection at beginning of summer. Two days (on weekend).
- University allocation is 70,000 Euros (Institut National des Sciences Appliqués - INSA).

- Difficulties: sponsors and public sponsors. Limited funds.
- 1500 attendees expected.
- There is \$3,000 seed money to help.
- George VENI recommends having at least three budget plans, one for low attendance, one for expected attendance, and one for high attendance, and make sure the registration fees can cover expenses in all scenarios.
- EuroSpeleo Forum plans to meet at ICS 2021.
- Laurence asked about IYCK celebration (see below)

Nadja ZUPAN HAJNA suggested going through the French National Commission of UNESCO for their support (and probably funds) for the 2021 ICS. It could be called “The UIS Scientific Conference of Cave and Karst”.

ACTION 9: G. VENI will send the Guidelines for ICS organization to Laurence TANGUILLE.

9) UIS Relationships with Regional Organization and Countries (F. NADER / G. VENI)

- a. Discussion of new and renewing member countries: how to keep countries and bring in new and former members (reports from S. GOTO, E. MERCADO).
- b. Mongolia paid its fees.
- c. Paraguay will pay in next FEALC congress in Colombia on November.
- d. Costa Rica (Ferdinando Diddona) was informed about real fees.
- e. Honduras has a new speleological organization. Arrangements in its way for joining UIS.
- f. Armenia: Bärbel VOGEL will contact Samuel from Armenia and ask for.
- g. Venezuela re-contact today - They will attend FEALC congress in Colombia and fixes their payments.
- h. George VENI asked to have someone from applying country members of UIS at Lyon to have time to speak to the General Assembly.
- i. Bärbel VOGEL spoke with a Georgian caver asking to join UIS.
- j. Report on the AUS meeting in Indonesia and the discussions with AUS president and vice president (Satoshi GOTO and Nadja ZUPAN HAJNA).
- k. Bangladesh and Myanmar do not have organized speleology (S. GOTO).
- l. Nadja ZUPAN HAJNA reported that Indonesian cavers ask UIS to support some young cavers to attend next ICS.
- m. Philippines: Two groups; One is not interested in joining UIS. (J-P. BARTHOLEYNS) They will be represented by Asian Federation.
- n. Fadi NADER explained the situation and request of PAKISTAN. Decision was made that if they pay their dues, UIS Bureau can ask for the re-entry of Pakistan to UIS General Assembly.

ACTION 10: B. VOGEL will contact representatives of Armenia and Georgia to see for their perspective membership at UIS.

ACTION 11: G. VENI will add on the agenda of the UIS General Assembly of ICS 2021 time for “would-be member countries of UIS” to address the Assembly.

ACTION 12: F. NADER will inform Pakistan that they have to pay membership fees before considering how to re-integrate Pakistan in UIS (Extraordinary General Assembly or Standard General Assembly).

DECISION 5: Only (active) Member Countries who paid their dues will remain on the UIS website list. National Organizations may still have their co-ordinates on the contacts page on the website – but not on the page of the UIS Member Countries.

10) ISCA News (G. VENI)

George VENI presented to the UIS Bureau the status of relationship between ISCA and the UIS, which is good and that he, Nadja ZUPAN HAJNA and Satoshi GOTO will meet with ISCA at their Congress in Italy in October 2018.

11) IYCK 2021 (G. VENI, N. ZUPAN HAJNA, F. NADER)

a. Present situation (reported by F. NADER)

- i. George VENI gave Laurence TANGUILLE and the UIS Bureau an introduction about IYCK and what has been done so far with UN/UNESCO and supportive organizations.
- ii. UIS plans to celebrate IYCK with or without UNESCO on a national level – Z. MOTYCKA approves and thinks that we do not need UNESCO's designation for the international year.
- iii. Another option was proposed by A. KLIMCHOUK (Ukraine) but for a year after 2021.
- iv. Fadi NADER explained the work done so far with UNESCO – and shared the proposal to have a launching event from UNESCO venue in Paris in 2021 for a UIS IYCK 2021 and to ask for UNESCO label for the ICS 2021 (Lyon). He explained that this does not contradict having another UN/UNESCO IYCK after 2021 (if possible) or other special events like an international day or week.

b. International Day proposal (G. VENI)

- i. Tim MOULDS favored an international day instead of year and supported by countries.
- ii. Efraín suggested asking a proclamation of the international day of caves and karst from countries parliaments, congresses or legislatures.
- iii. Ferdinando DIDONNA and B. VOGEL suggested communicating with ISCA and local countries for promotion.
- iv. George VENI supports negotiation with ISCA to change the name. Satoshi, George and Nadia will attend the ISCA Congress at Frasassi Cave in October 2018 to talk about it.
- v. Gyula proposed that 16 September – birthday of UIS – could be a good date for International Day.

c. Way forward

- George VENI listed the organizations that supported the UIS IYCK project, which was followed by voting by the UIS Bureau for maintaining the UIS IYCK 2021 (with or without UNESCO/UN support or designation):
 - 11 votes YES. Creation of IYCK Committee: George, Fadi, Gyula, Nadja and Zdenek.

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- Bärbel asked committee to send minutes of the meetings to Bureau.
 - George will send communication to Chinese about our IYCK event and about supporting entities.

DECISION 6: UIS Bureau voted to pursue the IYCK 2021 project with or without the UN/UNESCO designation. A Committee was formed (George VENI, Fadi NADER, Gyula HEGEDUS, Nadja ZUPAN HAJNA and Zdenek MOTYCKA) to follow up on the organization of the IYCK 2021.

ACTION 13: The UIS IYCK 2021 Committee will start meetings and preparation and share the minutes of its meetings and activities with the UIS Bureau.

12) UIS Commissions and Expeditions (Z. MOTYCKA).

a. HABE Prize (J.-P. BARTHOLEYNS)

Allotment of money for prizes every year: 250.00 Euros were approved for each prize yearly (the UIS website needs to be updated accordingly to).

Jean-Pierre BARTHOLEYNS asked for an increase of funds up to 500.00 Euros, and if possible to carry on the funds to next year in case there is no prize allocated to a certain year.

- Vote approved assigning 250.00 Euros each year to Protection Commission for the HABE Prize. These funds will not be carried on to the next year in case there is no prize allotted for a certain year.

b. UIS Commissions (support)

Up to 2,000 .00 Euros have been assigned to support commissions (George VENI).

- Monica PONCE asked for support to the Materials and Techniques commission.
- Speleotherapy commission asked for support – 300 Euros (request rejected by UIS Bureau but set for a vote after the Bureau Meeting).
- Karst Hydrogeology commission asked for support (request approved).
- Firn and Glacier commission request:
 - UIS shall not pay for travelling expenses
 - UIS Bureau needs more precise information

Funds allotted for this year. May change as funding requests fluctuate in the next years.

UIS supports commissions webpages linked to UIS Website. Mirror page from commission sites could be provided on UIS Website.

DECISION 7: UIS Bureau will allocate 2000 Euros to support UIS Commissions, including 250 Euros for the HABE Prize.

c. International Expeditions (support)

UIS supported two international expeditions: Greece (Maaras Expedition) presented by Z. MOTYCKA, and Cyprus Kyrenia Project by M. GARASIC

- UIS International Expeditions support: First application was from Greece (Maaras Expedition 2018)= 1,360.00 Euros granted/ Report expected soon.

- A summary for the UIS Bulletin should be sent. Add this to item 5 of special conditions for supported expeditions.
- It is necessary to have 2 deadlines for the different expeditions. Next deadline is November 2018. No one has asked yet for funds beyond those mentioned above.

DECISION 8: The next deadline for the UIS International expeditions support bid is set to November 2018 – advertisement will be made via website and Bulletin.

- **Cyprus Kyrenia Project (M. GARASIC):** 30 people involved, 14 caves explored, and the expectation of the establishment of new national caving group – no financial support requested from UIS.
 - George VENI asked for a report for the UIS Bulletin
 - Project will end in November 2018 (Fadi NADER via Skype)

ACTION 14: Fadi NADER will work on a report on the Cyprus Kyrenia Project and UIS involvement for the upcoming UIS Bulletin.

d. News of Commissions

- Monica Ponce approved the new leader of Materials and Techniques commission
- New education commission president, András Hegedűs, from Hungary, proposed by Gyula. Approved by UIS Bureau. UIS Video Photo Commission proposed by Jean-Pierre BARTHOLEYNS) and supported by B. VOGEL
 - Shall be presented to General Assembly



UIS Bureau (2018) and friends at the EuroSpeleo Forum (Ebensee, Austria)

13) Adding a section to UIS Internal Guidelines for the use of Logo.

Added. Only national representative organizations of member countries can use the UIS Logo. Others shall ask for permission and all must follow the user per the Visual Identity Guide. These changes were made in the UIS Internal Regulations.

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14) MESS 2018 - Turkey (F. Nader)

Fadi NADER (through Skype) presented to the Bureau the recent updates of the fourth Middle East International Speleology Symposium, which will take place for the first time outside Lebanon, in Antalya (Turkey).

Mladen GARASIC will attend the MESS 4, and will represent the UIS in this event.

DECISION 9: Mladen GARASIC will represent the UIS at the MESS 4, October 2018 (Antalya, Turkey).

15) Update on Sami Karkabi Prize (F. Nader)

Fadi NADER presented the project proposed by the Speleo-Club du Liban (SCL) for setting an international speleological prize on the name of Sami Karkabi. He explained that the proposed prize will be based on a single photo related to speleology and karst, and is not a UIS prize. Still, the Prize is to be granted only at the ICS with the collaboration of the ICS organizers and UIS. The awarding mechanism will be set after approval by UIS Bureau, it will consist of having an international board with members of SCL, the UIS, and the ICS organizers.

Fadi NADER asked the Bureau to approve the request to the ICS organizers to allocate a Podium (space) for giving out such international prizes by Member Countries and associations, provided that they respect the host country and ICS program and that they follow the UIS Code of Ethics.

The Sami Karkabi Prize will not overlap with any other prizes (so coordination shall be undertaken with the ICS organizers) – the first Prize will be at the 2021 ICS in Lyon (France).

Nivaldo COLZATO asked to have a UIS scientific achievement prize in the name of Giovanni Badino. La Venta Exploration Team already plans to organize this prize, similar to the Karkabi Prize.

George proposed that Nivaldo's idea to create a Scientific Achievement prize be done without naming it for Badino's, not to duplicate the La Venta Exploration Team prize.

In addition, George VENI proposed that we do not use name of deceased cavers/speleologists for any prizes within 5-10 years after their death.

ACTION 15: The UIS agrees on having international prizes given at the ICS by Member Countries; Fadi NADER is asked by the BUREAU to inform SCL and the ICS 2021 organizers this decision and follow up on the organization of the Sami Karkabi Prize with them. George VENI will notify La Venta.

ACTION 16: George VENI asked Nivaldo COLZATO to create a UIS, Scientific Achievement Prize.

16) 17. Finance Update (N. Zupan Hajna)

a. Summary – Status

Not updated til'2 month (end of fiscal year). Still, Nadja ZUPAN HAJNA noted difficulties with PayPal (Koper Banka has its own payment system) and reminded that UIS is registered in Slovenian Business Register - Nadja ZUPAN HAJNA is registered as the owner of the account for the UIS.

- Efraín MERCADO proposes to use Banka system for UIS Fees payment and for selling books

- Costa Rica fees will be waived for three years once UIS received a formal request letter. Approved.
- Honduras is out. There is a new organization in the country. They must ask for getting accepted in Lyon 2021.
- George asked to waive Venezuela's fees. Bureau accepts under the conditions of having an official request letter.
- Pakistan: Decision was made that if they pay their dues, UIS Bureau can ask for the re-entry of Pakistan to UIS General Assembly (see above Point §9, above).
- George propose to have an explanation on the UIS website about categories and specific payments of each member country.

ACTION 17: Costa Rica fees will be waived for 3 years (pending receipt of request letter); Venezuela's fees are waived (pending letter of request); Honduras is no more a UIS member country; Pakistan needs to send an official letter and pay fees before asking General Assembly for its return. Fadi NADER will inform the above listed countries about these decisions.

ACTION 18: George VENI asked Efrain MERCADO to add on the UIS website information on categories and specific payments of each member country.

b. Upcoming payments (Internet, Commissions, ...)

- **Commissions (see above – up to 2000 Euros)**
- **Sponsorship support: TransKarst and National Mexican Congress.**
 1. Agreed. Send a Bureau Picture and short clip supporting their congress.
 2. Mexican Congress 500 EUR, two UIS history books, and cave geology books (according to postage costs)
 3. AUS support from UIS with 1290 EUR (6 x student scholarships)

DECISION 10: The UIS Bureau agreed to support the TransKarst, the National Mexican Congress and the AUS. George VENI will notify them.

- **Indonesia proposal:**
 1. Indonesia Project Proposal. To help funding a potable water system in a village.
 2. Nadja updated the issue of contamination of karst underground waters. She thinks UIS should ask the Indonesian government to react.
 3. We should ask UNEP to initiate a program for water supply in Indonesia and to work with.

ACTION 8 Jean-Pierre BARTHOLEYNS will ask further information from UNEP and report back to UIS Bureau.

- **UIS Website: Payment of 200 – 300 EUR for website support to Jasmina RIJAVEC (Z. MOTYCKA).**

ACTION 19: Nadja ZUPAN HAJNA will transfer up to 300 Euros to Jasmina RIJAVEC for website support.

17) Venue and date of the 2019 UIS Bureau Meeting

The following options were discussed:

- a. **Japan** - Japanese Speleological Society meeting (Satoshi Goto); Satoshi accepted to have the meeting in Philippines.
- b. **Philippines 3rd TransKarst meeting with AUS** (G. Veni / N. Zupan).
 - Mindanao area is unstable and not safe, seek second option (Bohol).
 - Bureau will ask for more safety information.
- c. Other proposals?
 - **Brazil** asked to receive UIS Bureau in June 2019 in Bonito (Brazil), Nivaldo showed a short video on Bonito.
 - Spanish CEC asked to have UIS Bureau meeting in 2020 in Valencia (**Spain**), during their congress.

DECISION 11: The UIS Bureau meeting for the year 2019 will be at the 3rd TransKarst meeting (Philippines) in coordination with AUS, if security permits.

18) News from major past speleological events

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- a.* International Clean-up of Gouffre Berger, 1-15 August 2017 (Vercors, France), <http://cds39.fr/BFC/index>. (no news)
- b.* 11th Balkan Caving Camp, 28 August – 3 September 2017 (Leonidio, Greece), <https://archive.org/details/11thBalkanCaversCamp2017> or <https://www.facebook.com/11th-Balkan-Caving-Camp-2017-in-Leonidio-301383733616075/> (no news)
- c.* 11th EuroSpeleo Forum, 15-17 September 2017 (Ferrières, Belgium), <https://www.speleovvs.be/index.php/en/caving-days> M. Garasic attended, 250-300 people attended
- d.* Biospeleology Conference, 21-23 September 2017 (Seville, Spain), <https://5encuentrossevill.wixsite.com/veibs> (no news)
- e.* 44th International Association of Hydrogeologists Congress, 25-29 September 2017 (Dubrovnik, Croatia), <http://iah2017.org/> M. Garasic attended, 500 people from 50 countries approximately.
- f.* National Cave and Karst Management Symposium, 16-20 October 2017 (Eureka Springs, Arkansas, USA), <http://www.nckms2017.com/> G. Veni reports low participation
- g.* British Cave Research Association 28th Cave Science Symposium, 20-21 October 2017 (Leeds, UK), website to be announced. (no news)
- h.* Geological Society of America Convention, 22-25 October (Seattle, -Washington, USA), http://www.geosociety.org/GSA/Events/Annual_Meeting/GSA/Events/gsa2017.aspx G. Veni attended, karst science focus increasing.
- i.* International Conference on Geomorphology, 6-11 November 2017 (New Delhi, India), karst session, <http://www.icg2017.com/session.php> (no news)
- j.* Workshop: Grotte de Han, New Dramatic Effect of Lighting, 16-18 November 2017 (Han-sur-Lesse, Belgium), at@cavelighting.de. JP Bartholeyns attended, 3-4 show caves represented.
- k.* BCA 50 years of exploration. Hosted by the Royal Geographic Society. 1-4 December 2017, Attended by M. Garasic, Z. M Motycka, N. Zupan Hajna.
- l.* To Know and Share Caves and Karsts: Understanding, Conservation, and Geotourism, 6-9 March 2018 (Ardèche, France), <https://dhuguet.wixsite.com/cavesymposium2018> Cancelled due to low registration
- m.* International Conference Man and Karst 2018. 13th March 2018. Livno, Bosnia. N. Zupan Hajna.
- n.* The Sinkhole Conference, joint with the 3rd Appalachian Karst Symposium, 2-6 April 2018 (Shepherdstown, West Virginia, USA), <http://www.sinkholeconference.com/> G. Veni attended
- o.* IUCN Geoheritage workshop. Vilm Germany. 4-7 April 2018. Attended by N. Zupan Hajna and B. Vogel
- p.* 4th International Cave Photographers Meeting. Carlsbad New Mexico, USA. 21-28th April 2018. Attended by S. Goto. Approximately 60 people attended, with 20 of those being photographers. NCKRI hosted the public lectures.
- q.* 26th International Karstological School. Classical Karst. Shows cave and science. Postojna June 18-22. Attended by N. Zupan Hajna and M Garasic (and J.P. Bartholeyns)
- r.* International Council of Scientific Unions. Paris. July. (no news)
- s.* EuroKarst 2018, 2-6 July 2018 (Besançon, France), <http://www.eurokarst.org/> M. don't see hinGarasic attended for 1 day only (no news)
- t.* 12th Balkan Speleo Camp, 2-8 July 2018 (Baru Mare, Romania). Attended by G. Hegedus, E. Mercado and JP. Bartholeyns. Report is written and disseminated.
- u.* 18th International Vulcanospeleology Symposium, 21-27 July 2018 (Lava Beds National Monument, California, USA), <http://www.vulcanospeleology.org/sym18/ISV18.html> (no attendance, Julia James spoke on behalf of the UIS).
- v.* Summer School on Speleology. Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. 5-15th August. Attended by S. Goto and N. Zupan Hajna. Multiple disciplines of speleology were presented to students including geology, hydrology and photography. Many Asian countries were represented.

19) Attendance of future speleology events (listing events and attendees)

- a. International Association of Hydrogeologists Congress, with Topic 7: Advances in Karst and Fractured-rock Hydrogeology, 9-14 September 2018 (Daejeon, South Korea), <http://iah2018.org/> Kyung Sik Woo?
- b. Quaternary Stratigraphy and Karst and Cave Sediments. INQUA-SEQS, Postojna, Slovenia 11-17 September. N. Zupan Hajna and P. Bosak.
- c. International Workshop for Women Speleologists in Latin America, 2-6 October 2018, (Viñales, Pinar del Río, Cuba), presidentesec@ceniai.inf.cu B Chiról to attend.
- d. Middle Eastern Speleological Symposium, 3-6 October 2018 (Antalya, Turkey), <http://mess4.com/>. M. Garasic
- e. British Cave Research Association 29th Cave Science Symposium, 13 October 2018 (Bristol, United Kingdom), for information contact Gina Moseley (gina.moseley[-at-juibk.ac.at) Andy Eavis?
- f. 8th Congress of the International Show Caves Association, 12-18 October 2018 (Genga, Italy), <http://www.i-s-c-a.com/event/68-8th-isca-congress> S Goto, G. Veni and N. Zupan Hajna
- 16th International Symposium of Speleotherapy, 24-28 October 2018 (Zlate Hory, Czech Republic), <http://www.speleotherapycommission.webgarden.com/menu/news/the-xvi-th-international> Z. Motycka?
- g. Casola 2018 – Incontro Internazionale di Speleologia, 1-4 November 2018 (Casola Valsenio, RA, Italy. <http://www.speleopolis.org/> - A. Cigna and J-P. Bartholeyns
- h. 12th European Cave Rescue Meeting, 1-4 November, 2018, Casola Valsenio/Italy, <https://caverescue.eu/12th-european-cave-rescue-meeting-2nd-circular/>, G. Hegedus
- i. j. National Conference of Hungarian Cave Professionals, Sopron/Hungary. 16-18th November 2018., G. Hegedus
- j.
- k. 1st Colombian Speleological Congress and 8th Congress of FEALC (Federation of Latin American and Caribbean Speleological Associations), 6-10 November 2018 (San Gil, Colombia), <http://sociedadcolombianadegeologia.org/8cealc/> E. Mercado, N. Colzato, J. Labegalini
- l. National Conference of Hungarian Cave Professionals. Budapest Hungary. 16-18th November 2018. G Hegedus
- m. International Cave Rescue Training, 10-18 November 2018 (Lozere, France), dodelinchristian@gmail.com
- n. XIV National Congress of Speleology, 1-4 February 2019 (Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico), <http://umae.org/congreso2019/> G. Veni, E Mercado
- o. International Cave Photographers Meeting. 17-24th March 219, Akiyoshi dai, Japan. S. Goto
- p. Hypogea 2019: The International Congress of Speleology in Artificial Cavities, 20-25 May 2019 (Dobrich, Bulgaria), <http://www.hypogea2019.org/>
- q. 27th International Karst School, Classical Karst. Postojna Slovenia. June 2019.
- r. US National Speleological Society Convention. 17-21st June 2019, Cookeville, Tennessee, USA. G. Veni to attend.
- s. 35th Brazilian Congress of Speleology, 19-22nd June 2019. Bonito, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil. N. Colzato, J. Labegalini and J-P. Bartholeyns.
- t. SINTERLAKEN - National Speleological Congress of Switzerland, 9-12 August 2019 (Interlaken, Switzerland), <https://sinterlaken.ch/en/> M. Garasic, Z. Motycka, JP Bartholeyns
- u. 3rd Asian TransKarst Conference, 30 August – 1 September 2019 (Philippines), website to be announced

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- v. ArmConference 2019: Caves as Natural and Cultural Monuments, 11-13 September 2019 (Yerevan, Armenia), <http://armconference2019.com/>
- w. National Cave and Karst Management Symposium, 7-11 October 2019 (Bristol, Virginia, USA), <http://nckms.org/2019-symposium>
- x. 18th International Congress of Speleology, 23-29 July 2021 (Lyon, France), <http://uis2021.speleos.fr/>

20) Any other business

- a. Proposal that NCKRI becomes a Cooperating Organization of the UIS (G. Veni) - Agreed by the UIS Bureau (G. Veni abstained).
- b. MOU between UIS and the Karst Research Institute (N. Zupan-Hajna) - To be finished in September by N. Zupan Hajna.
- c. Request by Bernard Chirol for financial assistance - UIS does not support travel for members of the Bureau or the Commissions, therefore the Bureau did not support the request.
- d. Use of logo at Casola and UIS attendance (G. Veni) - Agreed for use of the UIS logo.
- e. Italian request on accident protocols - G. Veni to share with UIS Cave Rescue Commission.

DECISION 12: The UIS Bureau agreed that NCKRI becomes a Cooperating Organization of the UIS.

DECISION 13: The UIS Bureau agree to grant the UIS Logo use to CASOLA event 2019.

ACTION 20: Nadja ZUPAN HAJNA will finalize the MOU between UIS and the Karst Research Institute in September 2018.

ACTION 21: George VENI will distribute to UIS Cave Rescue Commission the Italian request on accident protocols for consideration.

- f. UIS T-shirts, Pins
- Who will sell them? Store them?
 - A formal UIS shirt or other clothing (tie, scarf etc.) for professional meetings? Pre-ordering / limited edition produced every few years?
 - Keeping stocks in different parts of the world to minimize postage/costs/storage?
 - Use a commercial online seller partner?

ACTION 22: The UIS Bureau decided to form a committee for shirt/clothing design and specific products, with JP BARTHOLEYNS, G. HEGEDUS and N. COLZATO (they will coordinate with IYCK 2021 Committee).

- g. Raising the profile of the UIS
- h. Are there ways to simplify the process of approving requests from the UIS. Formation of sub groups to review requests for money or logo was decided to possibly reduce communication within the Bureau. All important decisions should be made by the entire Bureau.
- i. Translate the UIS Code of Ethics into other languages? Request each member country to provide a translation?

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- j. Provide a translate option for the UIS website (N. COLZATO and M GARASIC to coordinate with F NADER by approaching a native speaker of each major language from the UIS delegates).

ACTION 23: Nivaldo COLZATO and Mladen GARASIC will coordinate with Fadi NADER to provide translation options for the UIS website.

ACTION 24: Fadi NADER will prepare the minutes of the meetings and the Action List for 2018/2019.

21) Closing Statements (G. Veni)

George VENI closed the 2018 UIS Bureau meeting, by reminding Bureau members to reach out people from outside the Bureau to help with their tasks and by thanking them for their time and input.

Meeting closed at 17.46, on the 27th August 2018.