



Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the International Association for Geotourism (IAGt) has been established in Krakow, Poland in 2007.

Delayed information to the persons attend to geotourism was caused by technical problems connected with strategic issues of the Association routing, as well as organization duties, such as establishment of IAGt banking account, organization of International Conference Geotour 2008 in Cracow, creation of IAGt web site, process of purchasing of web site and e-mail addresses domain, etc.

Nowadays the Association begins of his routine work.

The Association is open to extensive co-operation with Geological, Mining and/or Ecology associations, corporations, universities, museums, geoparks, tourist agencies, NGO's, in short, with anybody working in a sphere of geo and/or mining tourism anywhere in the world. The Association begins its work by creation of National Associations' Bureaus representing national interests in IAGt. At the moment there are some countries, with local representatives of national Associations' Bureau prepared to co-operate with the Central Body of IAGt.

Our aim is to promote geo and mining heritage sites as tourist attractions, to promote interdisciplinary scientific research and comprehensive protection of nature and mining heritage sites, to promote business activity in geotourism and to grant scholarships for students and young scientists active in the field of nature and mining heritage protection.

The Association is prepared to organize competitions for the best-developed geotouristic and mining heritage projects all over the world. The Association will organize congresses, conferences, symposiums, workshops and professional trainings and will run databases related thematically to the abiotic nature and mining heritage sites.

The cost of membership is 30 €per year for ordinary members, 10 €per year for students and pensioners and 200 €per year for institutional members.

The benefits of the IAGt membership include:

- Ø Discount subscription of the GEOTURYSTYKA/ Geotourism quarterly - 10 € per year;
- Ø Reduced registration rates on IAGt conferences and workshops;
- Ø Publishing of abstracts on geotourism in on-line IAGt Electronic Journal with reduced editorial rates;
- Ø Publishing of reviewed papers on geotourism in on-line IAGt Electronic Journal with reduced editorial rates.

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to direct your attention to forthcoming activities of the Association:

- Ø International Conference Geotour 2009 at High Tatras, Slovakia, September 2009;
- Ø The First Geotourism World Congress in both - Poland and Slovakia, September 2010;
- Ø Current activity: Tender 2008 - promotion of geotourism and IAGt Association, competition by tender until the end of May 2009.



Dear colleagues,

We hope that mutual co-operation will yield benefit to you, your organization and for our Association - IAGT.

More details on our web site [www.iageotour.com](http://www.iageotour.com)

I am looking forward your answer

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