



March 15, 2026,

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the ***Organizing Committee of the 20th International Congress of Speleology***, which will take place in Cluj-Napoca, Romania in July 2029, we would like to invite your organization(s) to consider proposing pre- and post-Congress field trips to karst areas and caves in your country.

The International Congress of Speleology traditionally includes a diverse program of field excursions that allow participants to explore important karst regions and strengthen collaboration within the international speleological community. Given Romania's location and the exceptional karst landscapes throughout the region, we believe that field trips organized in neighboring countries would represent a valuable addition to the Congress program.

To facilitate the planning and promotion of these excursions, we kindly ask interested organizations to submit a brief proposal using the attached template, which outlines the basic information needed for advertising each field trip on the Congress website. This includes, among other details, a short description of the excursion, duration, maximum number of participants, logistical considerations, and an estimated cost.

Please send your proposed field trip descriptions by ***October 1, 2026***, so that we can include them in the initial planning and promotional materials for the Congress.

We sincerely hope that your organization will consider contributing to this effort and helping us showcase the remarkable karst heritage of our region to the international speleological community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best regards,

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Cluj-Napoca, Romania