



International Conference¹

Natural Hazards

- Links between Science and Practice -
3rd call

1 regarding to International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction - 13.10.2013.

Dear colleagues,

It is our pleasure to inform you of the progress regarding the International Conference "Natural Hazards – Links between Science and Practice" which will be held in October 8-11, 2013 in Belgrade, Serbia.

Participants from the following 17 countries have confirmed their participation:

- Bangladesh
- Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- Bulgaria
- Germany
- Great Britain
- Greece
- Hungary
- India
- Macedonia
- Moldova
- Philippines
- Romania
- Russia
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Switzerland
- Ukraine

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Conference Program

Tuesday, October 8th 2013	
18:00 – 20:00	Opening ceremony
	Welcome cocktail
Wednesday, October 9th 2013	
8:00 – 9:00	Registration
	Conference welcome reception
9:00 – 14:00	Plenary session
14:00 – 15:00	Poster session
16:00	Conference lunch, Hotel “Palace”, floor VI
Thursday, October 10th 2013	
9:00 – 12:15	Morning parallel sessions
12:15 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 18:30	Afternoon parallel sessions
Friday, October 11th 2013	
11:00	Belgrade city tour

Schedule, Wednesday, October 9th 2013

PLENARY SESSION

Room: Ceremony Hall of the Serbian Academy of Science and Arts

Time: 9:00 – 13:50

Chairmen: Časlav Očić, Milan Radovanović

TIME	INVITED KEY SPEAKERS	TOPICS
09:00 - 09:20	Anatolij A. Yamashkin, S. A. Yamashkin	ELECTRONIC LANDSCAPE MAP GIS AS A BASE FOR FORECASTING OF GEOECOLOGICAL PROCESSES
09:30 - 09:50	Victor M. Plyusnin	NATURE MANAGEMENT RISKS IN SIBERIA
10:00 - 10:20	Dragan Savić	RAPIDS : A REAL-TIME FLOOD PREDICTION SYSTEM FOR URBAN AREAS
10:30 - 10:50	Tin Lukić, Predrag Marić, Ivana Hrnjak, Milivoj B. Gavrilov, Dragan Mlađan, Slobodan Marković, Rastislav Stojsavljević, Zoran Milošević	RECENT FOREST FIRES IN THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA – TOWARDS CLASSIFICATION, LEGISLATION AND FIRE MANAGEMENT
11:00 - 11:20	Stanislav A. Mahnatov	REDUCTION OF RISK LEVEL AS ONE OF THE MAIN TASKS OF THE KARSTIFIED TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT (IN COVERED KARST REGIONS)
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break	
12:00 - 12:20	Milan Radovanović, Yaroslav Vykylyuk, Ana Jovanović, Darko Vuković, Milan Milenković, Milan Stevančević, Nataliya Matsiuk	EXAMINATION OF THE CORRELATIONS BETWEEN FOREST FIRES AND SOLAR ACTIVITY USING HURST INDEX
12:30 - 12:50	Jorge S. Ebay	SAFETY AND RESILIENCY IN ACTION: STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR INTEGRATING RISK MANAGMENT INTO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
13:00 - 13:20	Mariyana Nikolova, Alexander Gikov	ASSESSMENT OF VULNERABILITY TO CLIMATE HAZARDS IN MUNICIPALITY OF LOM, BULGARIA
13:30 - 13:50	Michail Slipenchuk, Sergey Kirillov	EXPERIENCE OF CREATING AN ATLAS OF HAZARDS AND EMERGENCIES IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Schedule, Wednesday, October 9th 2013

POSTER SESSION

Room: Ceremony Hall of the Serbian Academy of Science and Arts

Time: 14:00 – 15:00

AUTHORS	TITLE
Ahinora Baltakova, Rossitza Kenderova	DEBRIS FLOWS IN KAZANLAK VALLEY, SOUTH SLOPES OF THE BALKAN MOUNTAIN RANGE, BULGARIA
Avram Sorin, Vilcea Cristiana	THE IMPACT OF NATURAL HAZARDS ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE SOUTH WEST OLTENIA DEVELOPMENT REGION
Jelena Kovačević Majkić, Dragana Miljanović, Milena Panić, Marko V. Milošević, Jelena Čalić	EVALUATION OF GEOGRAPHY TEACHING IN SERBIA CONSIDERING IT'S ROLE IN NATURAL DISASTER PREVENTION

Schedule, Thursday, October 10th 2013

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION IN NATURAL DISASTERS

Room: 1

Time: 9:00 – 12:15

Chairmen: Mariyana Nikolova, Ana Jovanović

TIME	KEY SPEAKERS	TOPICS
09:00 – 09:15	Tamara Lukić, Željko Bjeljac, Bojan Đerčan, Milka Bubalo Živković	THE IMPORTANCE OF GEOGRAPHERS IN THE STUDY OF NATURAL HAZARDS
09:25 – 09:40	Natalia Luzhkova	HIKING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN PROTECTED AREAS AND NATURE HAZARD PREVENTION IN THE LAKE BAIKAL NATURAL TERRITORY
09:50 – 10:05	T.B. Minakova, E.V. Buldakova, A.V. Buldakov, I.S. Savisko	VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT FOR NATURAL HAZARDS TO PROTECTIVE MEASURES
10:15 – 10:30	Anna Ďuricová, Helena Hybská, Jozef Mitterpach	POSSIBILITIES OF REDUCING RISKS OF ENVIRONMENT CONTAMINATION FROM SEWAGE SLUDGE
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 11:15	Jasmina Gačić, Milica Bošković, Jelena Raković	POSSIBILITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA FOR REDUCING VULNERABILITY TO NATURAL HAZARDS
11:25 – 11:40	Radmila Jovanović, Željko Bjeljac, Olgica Miljković, Aleksandra Terzić	SPATIAL ANALYSIS AND MAPPING OF FIRE RISK ZONES AND VULNERABILITY ASSESMENT – CASE STUDY MT. STARA PLANINA
12:00 – 12:15	Guskova N.D., Neretina E.A	THREATS OF NATURAL CHARACTER, FACTORS AFFECTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF TERRITORIES AND THEIR PREVENTION

Schedule, Thursday, October 10th 2013

SOCIETY AND NATURAL DISASTERS

Room: 2

Time: 9:00 – 12:15

Chairmen: Dmitrii Parmacli, Milan Milenković

TIME	KEY SPEAKERS	TOPICS
09:00 – 09:15	Jasminka Smailagic, Miroljub Zarić	COLD SPELL IN FEBRUARY 2012
09:25 – 09:40	Liliana Popescu, Mihaela Licurici, Oana Ionuș, Sandu Boengiu	ANALYTICAL EVALUATION OF SOCIAL VULNERABILITY TO NATURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL HAZARDS WITHIN THE DANUBE FLOODPLAIN, THE CALAFAT - TURNU MĂGURELE SECTOR (ROMANIA)
09:50 – 10:05	Pavel Stoynov	THE POTENTIAL OF BULGARIAN SPA HOTELS TO HOST VICTIMS OF NATURAL HAZARDS
10:15 – 10:30	Aleksandar Valjarevic, Dragica Živković, Mila Pavlovic	THE PROBABILITY OF FLOODING WAVE OCCURRENCE AND THE VULNERABILITY OF THE KOSOVO TERRITORY SETTLEMENTS
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 11:15	Dmitry Magritsky, Serafima Lebedeva, Vadim Polonsky, Elena Skripnik	INUNDATIONS IN THE DELTA OF THE NORTHERN DVINA RIVER
11:25 – 11:40	Rahman Nurković, Nusret Drešković	REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THE RURAL SETTLEMENTS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
12:00 – 12:15	Gorica Stanojević, Aleksandra Spalević, Vlasta Kokotović, Jelena Stojilković	DOES BELGRADE (SERBIA) NEED HEAT HEALTH WARNING SYSTEM? SUMMER 2007 AS A WARNING

Schedule, Thursday, October 10th 2013

THEORY AND METHODS OF NATURAL HAZARDS RESEARCH

Room: 3

Time: 9:00 – 12:15

Chairmen: Dagmar Samešova, Aleksandra Terzić

TIME	KEY SPEAKERS	TOPICS
09:00 – 09:15	Jugoslav Nikolić, Miroљjub Zarić	ANALYSIS/FORECAST OF A SEVERE METEOROLOGICAL EVENT
09:25 – 09:40	Семина И. А., Фоломейкина Л. Н.	РЕГИОНАЛЬНАЯ СПЕЦИФИКА ПРОЯВЛЕНИЯ ЧРЕЗВЫЧАЙНЫХ СИТУАЦИЙ (REGIONAL SPECIFICS OF MANIFESTATION OF NATURAL HAZARDS' SITUATION)
09:50 – 10:05	Nedeljko Todorović, Dragana Vujović	ANALYSIS AND PROJECTION OF SUMMER TEMPERATURE REGIME IN BELGRADE
10:15 – 10:30	Ana Petrović, Stanimir Kostadinov	PHENOMENON OF TORRENTIAL FLOODS AS NATURAL HAZARDS IN SERBIA
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 11:15	Husak Olena	WAYS TO IMPROVE OBJECTS RECOGNITION AND CLASSIFICATION IN SATELLITE IMAGES
11:25 – 11:40	Sandu Boengiu, Oana Ionuș, Mihaela Licurici, Liliana Popescu, Daniel Simulescu	MAPPING SOIL EROSION SUSCEPTIBILITY USING GIS TECHNIQUES WITHIN THE DANUBE FLOODPLAIN, THE CALAFAT - TURNU MĂGURELE SECTOR (ROMANIA)
12:00 – 12:15	Ivana Hrnjak, Milivoj B. Gavrilov, Slobodan B. Marković, Tin Lukić, Ivana Tošić, Miroslava Unkašević	SPECIAL SOFTWARE FOR ARIDITY INDICES CALCULATION (AICS); VOJVODINA, SERBIA CASE STUDY

Schedule, Thursday, October 10th 2013

MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL DISASTERS MITIGATION SYSTEMS AND PRACTICAL EXAMPLES

Room: 1

Time: 15:00 – 17:55

Chairmen: Alina Vlačić, Jovana Brankov

TIME	KEY SPEAKERS	TOPICS
15:00 – 15:15	Jugoslav Nikolić, Đorđe Nikolić, Miroljub Mitić	ATMOSPHERIC NATURAL DISASTERS IN SERBIA - MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS
15:25 – 15:40	Vladimir Tolmachev	KARST RISK ASSESSMENT FOR ENGINEERING IN NIZHNY NOVGOROD REGION, RUSSIA
15:50 – 16:05	Milan Milenković, Milan Radovanović, Vladan Ducić, Marko Milošević	FIRE PROTECTION PROBLEMS WITH LARGE FOREST FIRES IN DELIBLATSKA PEŠČARA (SERBIA)
16:15 – 16:30	Dejana Jakovljević	WATER QUALITY CHANGES AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE IN KRALJEVO, 2010
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break	
17:00 – 17:15	Dagmar Samešova, Helena Hybská, Jozef Mitterpach	THE RISK OF SURFACE WATER CONTAMINATION BY OIL PRODUCTS
17:25 – 17:40	Gats Bogdan, Bryzhak Petro, Vykylyuk Yaroslav	INFORMATION SYSTEM OF FORECASTING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN TOURISM
17:40 – 17:55	M. Operta, J. Golijanin	LANDSLIDES' INFLUENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Schedule, Thursday, October 10th 2013

SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL DISASTERS – EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE

Room: 2

Time: 15:00 – 18:20

Chairmen: Vyklyuk Yaroslav, Darko Vuković

TIME	KEY SPEAKERS	TOPICS
15:00 – 15:15	Vojkan Gajović, Bojana Todorović	SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL ANALYSIS OF FIRES IN SERBIA FOR PERIOD 2000-2013
15:25 – 15:40	Dmitrii Parmacli, Tatiana Staicova	NATURAL HAZARDS AND THEIR EFFECTS ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (CASE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA)
15:50 – 16:05	Nada Pavlovic Berdon, Miroljub Zaric, Andreja Stankovic	THE OCCURRENCE OF A TORNADO IN SERBIA ON 31 MARCH 2013
16:15 – 16:30	Moroşanu Gabriela Adina	CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF FLASH FLOODS IN THE UPPER BASIN OF DESNĂŢUI RIVER, ROMANIA
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break	
17:00 – 17:15	Dragana Milijašević, Bojan Gavrilović, Ljiljana Gavrilović, Suzana Lović, Jugoslav Nikolić	FLOW-RATE IMPACT ON SURFACE WATER QUALITY: A CASE STUDY OF THE TIMOK RIVER BASIN
17:25 – 17:40	Slavica Malinović-Miličević	SUMMER HAZARDS IN NOVI SAD
17:40 – 17:55	Stevan Stankovic, Jelena Basarić	FIFTY YEARS AFTER THE DISASTER OF ZAVOJ LAKE
18:05 – 18:20	Vladimir Cvetković, Saša Mijalković	SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL DISTRIBUTION OF GEOPHYSICAL DISASTERS

Instructions for presentations

- Plenary session presentation will be up to 20 minutes with 10 minutes for discussion
- Oral presentation in other sections will be up to 15 minutes with 10 minutes for discussion
- Poster presentation: Posters should not exceed the A1 (60 x 85 cm) format. During the Poster Session authors will have up to 10 minutes for presentation of the content of each individual poster. Posters will be displayed during the whole conference.
- Official language for plenary session: Serbian, Russian, English
- Official language for sessions: Serbian, English
- Technical information: Data projector with an appropriate computer (equipped with DVD-ROM, USB, operating system MS-Windows XP and installed MS-Office 2003 for PowerPoint presentation) will be at the disposal of the lecturers. All data are supposed to be brought by participants on a CD disc or USB.

Participation fee

- Full participation (first author) fee – 100 EUR
- Accompanying person (co-authors and others) fee – 50 EUR
- Student participation fee – 50 EUR

Participation fee include:

- Publications (Book of abstracts and Collection of papers)
- Conference material
- Conference dinner
- Belgrade city tour

General information

Accommodation

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More information you can find on links: <http://www.palacehotel.co.rs>, <http://www.majestic.rs/en/> and <http://www.hotelroyal.rs/en/>

Phone numbers for useful and helpful information

If you need help while staying in Belgrade, you may call following numbers:

- 061 1333 852 – for information in Russian, contact person Marko Urošev
- 061 2497 235 – for information in English, contact person Aleksandra Spalević
- 061 2497 231 – for information in English, contact person Jovana Todorčić

Practical information

Currency: Serbian currency is dinar. This has been stable at roughly 115 dinars per euro. Foreign currencies are not accepted, in general, but there are plenty of exchange offices around town.

Weather: The weather in Belgrade in October can be sunny or cloudy with occasional rain. Come prepared for mild days (10° – 17°C) and fresher nights.

**With enthusiasm and excitement,
The Organizing Committee is looking forward to your participation!**

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VENUE

"The sky above Belgrade is expansive and high, shifting yet always beautiful; clear with its chill splendour during the winter; turning into a single downcast cloud during summer storms, driven by the crazy winds and bearing rain mixed with the dust of the Pannonian plain; seeming to flower along with the ground during spring; and growing heavy with roils of autumnal stars during fall. Always beautiful and bountiful, it is a reward to this odd township for all that is missing and a comfort for everything that should not be."

Ivo Andrić, writer and Nobel Prize winner





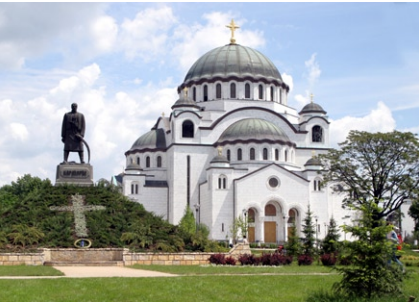
By car

Corridors E-70 and E-75 go through Belgrade. All you need is a valid international driving license and international vehicle insurance, which can also be bought at the border.

There are new spaces for parking in the city center. There is a large carpark with 500 spaces under the Old Palace in the city center, over the road from the National Parliament building.

There are also several public car parks where you can park for an unlimited amount of time during day. Fees are charged on an hourly basis. In some non-zoned areas, parking is also charged depending on duration of your stay and this is paid in cash to parking attendant. Saturday 14.00 - Monday 7.00 the parking is free.

Further information about driving conditions: http://www.amss.org.rs/index.php?option=com_google&view=standard&id=4&Itemid=181



By bus

The main activity of the Belgrade bus station (BAS) is admission passenger and buses. It is located near center, about 15 minutes of walking away. In addition to all the major towns in Serbia, a network of bus lines, BAS covers all the republics of the former Yugoslavia and keeps regular bus connection to the 17 countries of Europe. The process of the BAS-in takes place from 0 to 24 hours, 365 days a year. Information and reservations on +381 11 26 36 299.

Next to the main bus station there is station of public transport: buses 46, 78, 83, 511, 601 and trams: 2, 3, 7, 9, 12 and 13.

Timetable on link: <http://www.bas.rs/RedVoznje.aspx?lng=sc>



By train

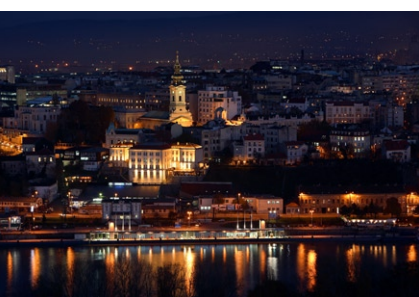
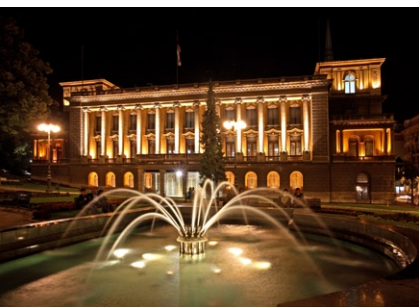
Belgrade main railway station has central location with city center just 10-15 minutes of walking away, beside BAS. If you need a transportation, you just have to take a tram number 2 (taking left/west direction) to get to the center of the city. Tourist information office is located in the exit passage headed in the direction of rails as well as the exchange office. It is convenient place if you want to leave your luggage while you walk around the city - this will cost you somewhere around 2,5 euro/day. One note - please do not take taxi at the train station - why - go to our section on Belgrade taxi to find out more about this.

Timetable on link: http://www.belgradetrainstation.com/index.php?id=3_Timetable%20/%20Schedules



By plain

Airport "Nikola Tesla" is located near Surcin, 18 kilometers westward from Belgrade. Information about flights you can find on link: <http://www.beg.aero/welcome.54.html>





"This grand city seems to have always been like this: torn and split, as if it never exists but is perpetually being created, built upon and recovered. On one side it waxes and grows, on the other it wanes and deteriorates. Ever in motion and rustle, never calm and never knowing tranquillity or quiet. The city upon two rivers, on the grand clearing, bound by the winds."

Ivo Andrić, writer and Nobel Prize winner

AT YOUR ARRIVAL IN BELGRADE

Public transportation from the airport to the city centre

Bus, No 72 – Ticket price: 170 din (less than 2 euros). Trip duration: 40 min. Route: Air port – Zeleni venac, Time table on link: <http://www.gsp.rs/english/additional.asp?id=72>

Minibus, A1 – Ticket price: 300 din (3 euros). Trip duration 40 min. Route: Airport Nikola Tesla – Square Slavija. Time table: http://www.beg.aero/upload/map_timetable.jpg

There is a taxi stop at the airport. The price of taxi transportation from the airport to the city centre is approximately 1,800 dinars (16 euros).

Public transport

Belgrade has an extensive public transport system, which consists of buses, trams, trolley buses and trains operated by the city-owned GSP Belgrade and several private companies. The ride costs 72 dinars (for 1st or 2nd Zone) and 114 dinars (1st and 2nd zone). Also, you will be able to purchase a group ticket, if having enough "credit" on your depersonalized card. On the display you should select "Grupna karta" (Group ticket), choose the number of persons for whom you are buying a ticket and validate your card. In the bus ticket price is 145 dinars and 205 for 2nd zone.

The two zones tariff system is applied here and these were the prices for daily transport (from 04.00 to 24.00). During nighttime, buses run at 1-hour intervals from 00:10 to 02:10 usually from special stops at the Republic Square towards other parts of the city. The night fare is 145 dinars (1st or 2nd Zone) and 205 dinars (1st, 2nd Zone). You can only buy it in the bus.

It's one ticket per journey, regardless of length, and they can be used on all city public transport. Smoking is strictly forbidden in all forms of public transport in Serbia. Machines installed in all vehicles for the ticket validation are also announcing the current stop and the next one so you could more easily use the Belgrade public transportation. Also, charging all cards will be possible on the Stampa, Futura stands and many shops in the city.

Timetable: <http://www.gsp.rs/english/transportlines.htm>

Taxis

Taxis are cheap and plentiful, and you can either stop one in the street, or call a taxi company. Make sure that you ride only in licensed cabs, which carry a little blue sign with the city coat of arms and a number on it, or you may end up paying too much. Never take a privately owned cab (the ones with the white marker on the top that does not list the name of the company), since you can pay up to four times the normal price.

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"Belgrade is a fantastic European city, connected to the world."

Anrzej Wajda, film director

Visit Belgrade

Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, is the third largest city in South-eastern Europe after Istanbul and Athens. It is located on the outfall of the river Sava into the Danube, and a sign in Knez Mihailova street marks its latitude and longitude: 44.49 North and 20.27 East, at an altitude of 116.75 meters.

Belgrade is the biggest town in Serbia. It is one of the oldest towns in Europe. The town was founded by Celts, in the 3rd century BC, before it became Roman settlement Singidunum. The Slavic name Beligrad was first recorded in 878. Belgrade has been capital of Serbia since 1405, and it used to be the capital of the different states of south Slavs as well.

Belgrade lies at the confluence of two rivers, the Danube and the Sava, at an altitude of 117 m, in Central Serbia, and covers more than 3.6% of the territory of the Republic Serbia. It has a population of more than 1,700,000 and the surface of 360km². Territory of Belgrade is divided in 17 city municipalities, and each of them has its local authorities.

Belgrade is the economic center of Serbia and center of Serbian culture, science and education, as well as the most important media center in Serbia. Belgrade has two state universities and several private universities and institutions of higher education. The Belgrade University has been developed from Velika Škola (The Big School), which was founded in 1808.

All citizens of Belgrade love to talk of the spirit of the city. Open and ever ready for fun, many Belgraders will claim to be true hedonists – and many of them really are - knowing all there is to know about good food, wine and music. They like all sorts of things: pleasant conversations and long walks, drinking their morning coffee or days off work, they also love it when they find freshly baked warm bread in the local bakery. They like being in motion and therefore the streets, walkways, cafes and restaurants are always filled with people.

More importantly, Belgraders like everyone, so get to know Belgrade by getting to know Belgraders!

Further tourist information about Belgrade you can find on: <http://www.tob.rs/en/index.php>

"I am particularly impressed by the bright and warm atmosphere of Belgrade."

Samuel Beckett, drama writer

"Belgrade is a low-budget New York."

Momo Kapor, writer



About Serbian Academy of Science and Arts

The name of the Academy was officially introduced by the Law of November 1, 1886, but it was not the actual beginning of the Academy's work in Serbia. The formal founding of the Serbian Royal Academy was only one of the turning points in the development of learned societies in Serbia. The Academy inherited the property of the Serbian Learned Society and continued its work. Finally, in 1892 when the two institutions merged the Academy accepted the members of the Serbian Learned Society as its own either regular or honorary members. The Serbian Learned Society (1864-1892) was, however, only the short-term extension of the suspended Society of Serbian Letters (1841-1864). Thus, the development of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts cannot be presented without the learned societies that preceded it and from which it originated. ENDOWMENTS and FUNDS have also enormous importance for life and development of the Academy.

Within the Academy there are eight departments: Department of Mathematics, Physics and Geo Sciences, Department of Chemical and Biological Sciences, Department of Technical Sciences, Department of Medical Sciences, Department of Language and Literature, Department of Social Sciences, Department of Historical Sciences, Department of Fine Arts and Music and eight institutes: Institute for Balkan Studies, Institute for Byzantine Studies, Geographical Institute, "Jovan Cvijić", Ethnographical Institute, Institute for the Serbian Language, Institute of Technical Sciences, Mathematical Institute, Institute of Musicology.

About Geographical Institute "Jovan Cvijic" SASA

The Geographical Institute was founded on May 31st 1947 within the framework of the Serbian Academy of Sciences (Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts). One of the initiators, founders and the first Director of the Institute was Petar S. Jovanović, a member of the Academy of Sciences and Arts. Institute Directors have included the Academicians Pavle Vujević and Milisav Lutovac, Prof. Dušan Dukić, PhD, Prof. Milovan Radovanović, PhD, and others.

The Institute is a scientific institution, a unit of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Belgrade, whose basic activities are organisation and systematic work on developing scientific research in the sphere of geography.

It is the Institute's task in particular to study landscape phenomena, objects, forms, relations, states and processes within the geographical environment. Its research encompasses the landscapes of Serbia, as well as the broader territories of the Balkan Peninsula, South and Central Europe and the world.

The Geographical Institute publishes the work of its collaborators in its editions entitled Journal (Collection of Papers) and Special Publications. So far, the Institute has published 60 collections of papers, containing more than 600 authorial contributions, and 76 monographs.

The Institute organises various scientific events dealing with geographical issues of topical interest and cooperates with other geographical institutions, both domestic and foreign, especially with institutes within the Academies of other countries (Bulgaria, Romania, Slovenia, etc.). Members of the Institute participate in scientific conferences within our country and abroad on a regular basis.

The Institute consists of four departments: the Physical Geography Department (comprising all the physical geographic disciplines), the Social Geography Department (dealing with research into settlements, population and anthropogeographic research), the Regional Geography Department (dealing with landscape planning and the environment) and the Cartography Department (compiling the Institute database, processing data and preparing thematic maps).

The Institute engages the services of 35 collaborators (among whom 12 hold a PhD degree and 21 hold a MSc degree), who realise projects funded by the Ministry of Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia and other institutions.

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