



16th

International Conference on Soil Micromorphology

Kraków 2020

FIRST CIRCULAR

It is a great honour and pleasure to invite you to
the 16th International Conference on Soil Micromorphology in Kraków,
Poland from August 30th to September 3rd, 2020 and an optional post-
conference trip from September 4th to 6th, 2020.

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The venue of the conference is the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, 3rd Campus, Gronostajowa Str.

GENERAL SCHEDULE

MICROMORPHOLOGICAL COURSE – August 24–30, 2020 (details will be announced later)

THE CONFERENCE – August 30 – September 3, 2020:

- **August 30 (Sunday)** – registration at the conference venue (in the afternoon) and ice-breaking party, Institute of Geography and Spatial Management, Jagiellonian University
- **August 31 (Monday)** – registration, opening session, plenary sessions, poster session 1, afternoon: visit in the Kraków city center with a guide (undergrounds beneath the Main Market Square, a walk around the city center)
- **September 1 (Tuesday)** – Plenary sessions, poster session 2, IUSS Business Meeting, Banquet
- **September 2 (Wednesday)** – Mid-conference trip (micromorphology of selected soils in Kraków and its close vicinity)
- **September 3 (Thursday)** – Plenary sessions, summary and closing ceremony

POST-CONFERENCE TRIP– September 4–6, 2020 (from Friday to Sunday):

- Polish Upland tour with emphasis to micromorphology of: soils developed from loess, gypsum and carbonate rocks; paleosols in loess; fossil Jurassic podzols; Technosols in metal mining areas.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **July 2019:** Second circular
- **September 30, 2019:** Early registration opens, call for abstracts
- **February 29, 2020:** End of the abstract submission
- **February 29, 2020:** Early-bird registration closed
- **March 2020:** Acceptance of abstracts

FEES

Fees will be announced later (2nd circular).

COURSE

The micromorphological course is to take place on August 24–30, 2020.

The course is organized in labs at the Institute of Geography and Spatial Management, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Gronostajowa Str. 7. Labs are equipped in polarizing microscopes and necessary teaching tools. There are also rooms equipped with computers with internet connection.

The detailed course program is to be announced later.

ABOUT KRAKÓW

The conference will be held in [Kraków](#). It is the second largest and one of the oldest cities in Poland located on the Vistula (Wisła) River in the Lesser Poland region, the city dates back to the 7th century. Kraków was the official capital of Poland and the seat of Polish kings until 1596 and has traditionally been one of the leading centres of Polish academic, economic, cultural and artistic life. The city takes pride in an exceptional concentration of valuable historic monuments and buildings as well as works of art. Kraków is cited as one of Europe's most beautiful cities.

The most interesting sights are: the Old Town with its preserved medieval city street pattern and a very large market place (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), the Wawel royal castle, architecture from medieval to contemporary including more than a hundred churches and numerous monasteries, the Jewish Quarter and Nowa Huta – an exceptional example of socrealistic urban planning. The city's surroundings are also very interesting with plenty of places worth visiting as the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum (the former German Nazi concentration camp), the oldest operating medieval salt mine in Wieliczka or numerous castles.

Kraków can be easily reached from anywhere in the world by plane (airport Balice), railway or car (A4 motorway).

The venue of the conference is the [Jagiellonian University in Kraków](#), 3rd Campus, Gronostajowa Str. The Jagiellonian University in Kraków (in Polish: Uniwersytet Jagielloński) was founded in 1364. It is the oldest university in Poland and one of the oldest in Europe. Some of the Jagiellonian University students and academics have been major historical persons, including world famous scholars, such as astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus or chemist Karol Olszewski, as well as Karol Wojtyła, the future Pope John Paul II.

Today, the Jagiellonian University comprises 15 Faculties, where 4 thousand academic staff conduct research and provide education to almost 50 thousand students, within the framework of more than 80 different fields of study.

The conference is to be held at the [Institute of Geography and Spatial Management](#) (in Polish: Instytut Geografii i Gospodarki Przestrzennej) – a part of the Faculty of Geography and Geology. The scientific sessions are to take place in the Campus of the 600th Anniversary of the Jagiellonian University Revival. The campus is situated within a 15-minutes tram ride from the city centre.

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