



Federația Română de Speologie
Asociația Speologică Sfinx Gârda



National Congress of Speleology

XLIst Edition

Rosia Commune, Bihor County

September 6-8, 2013

CIRCULAR II

Sfinx Speleological Association together with the Romanian Federation of Speleology are honored to invite you to the XLIst edition of the National Congress of Speleology, taking place in Rosia commune, Bihor county, between the 6th and 8th of September 2013.

Brief history:

In 1973, Romanian cavers were meeting for the first time at “Padina” cabin for a national event called “Speosport”. This event takes place once a year, and since 2000 the name was changed into “National Congress of Speleology”.

At the same time, the National Congress of Speleology celebrates a year of activity, representing a forum where one may express and debate opinions in all domains related to speleology, karstology or their connections.

Place:

Cultural Centre of Rosia commune, Bihor county.

Location:

Rosia commune, Bihor county, is situated on County Route (DJ) 764, at 25 km from Beius and 89 km from Oradea.

Access by car:

1. Oradea – DN75 – Beius – DJ764 – Rosia (89 km)
2. Cluj – E60 – Bucea – Bratca – Rosia (122 km)
3. Deva – DN75 – Beius – DJ764 – Rosia (152 km)



Speleological objectives in the area:

Tourist caves: Crystal Cave from Rosia, Meziad Cave, Bear Cave.

Non-tourist caves: Ciur Ponor downstream Cave, Jofi Cave, Cave from Valau (V2), Gruiet Cave, Vacii Cave from Cheile Cutilor (limited group TSA1 qualified), Craiului Cave, Ferns Cave (Pestera cu Ferigi), Muhuchii Cave.

Congress Schedule

Friday 06.09.2013

14:00 – 17:00 – Registration of participants. Preparing stands (maps, posters, photo etc.).

17:00 – 18:00 – Official opening of the National Congress of Speleology, XLIst edition.

18:00 – 19:00 – Media presentation by Cristian Lascu.

19:00 – Video projection contest.

Saturday 07.09.2013

10:00 – 11:00 – dialogue with the Speleological Heritage Board's representatives regarding the licensing of caving activities.

11:00 – 12:00 – Meeting between Apuseni Nature Park Administration and speleologists.

12:00 – 15:00 – General Meeting of the Romanian Federation of Speleology.

15:00 – 16:00 – Lunch break.

16:00 – 16:30 – Presentation: "Caving in the Abode of the Clouds 2013 – Meghalaya, India".

16:30 – 18:30 – Scientific communications.

18:30 – 19:30 – Presentation: "The Birth of Speosport", Prof. Dr. Iosif Viehmann.

19:30 – 20:30 – Surprise TSA contest

20:30 – Official dinner, awarding of competitors and artistic program

Sunday 08.09.2013

10:00 – 12:00 – Workshops and Steering Committee of the Romanian Federation of Speleology meeting;

12:00 – Closing of the XLIst National Congress of Speleology



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Pre-congress Schedule

September 2-6

Tourist caves: Crystal Cave from Rosia, Meziad Cave, Bear Cave.

Non-tourist caves:

C.S. Cristal Oradea provides guided tours in Ciur Ponor caves and Jofi Cave (only TSA1 qualified);

Other caves to visit: Gruiet Cave, Vacii Cave from Cheile Cutilor (limited group TSA1 qualified), Ferns Cave (Pestera cu Ferigi).

Contests

1. Photo contest
 - Scientific documentary (size 30x40cm, maximum 3 photos)
 - Reportage (size 30x40cm, series of 10 images each)
2. Video contest
 - Reportage or documentary (maximum 2 movies or the equivalent of 30 minutes together)
3. Scientific communications (maximum 15 minutes)
4. Cartography – mapping, remapping
5. Surprise TSA contest

Prizes will be announced in circular III.



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CONTEST RULES

The works awarded in contest may be used by the Romanian Federation of Speleology (F.R.S.) for 1 year in order to promote speleology, as well as for other actions of F.R.S., without remunerating the authors. F.R.S. guarantees that the author's name shall be mentioned next to the reproduced works.

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Contest categories within the National Congress of Speleology are:

1. Photo Contest
 - scientific documentary (size 30x40cm, maximum 3 photos)
 - reportage (size 30x40cm, series of 10 images each)
2. Video Projections
 - Reportage or documentary (maximum 2 movies or the equivalent of 30 minutes together)
3. Scientific communications (maximum 15 minutes)
4. Cartography – mapping, remapping
5. Surprise TSA contest (compulsory equipment: helmet with light source, overall, TSA equipment and banana). The contest is against the clock and each mistake will add 10 seconds to the final time.

Photos of other size than 30x40cm shall not be judged.

All presentations must have "Speleology" as theme.

Contest judging shall be as follows:

All participants to photo, video, scientific communications and cartography contests shall sit on the jury judging the category they do not participate to.

Grades will be from 1 to 10 and the participants are not allowed to grade their own works. At the end, the highest grade and the lowest grade will not count and the average will be calculated. If several minimum or maximum grades will exist, then just one of those shall be cut.

Congress accommodation

- In tent or lodges/pensions in the area

Participation fee

- Ron 50, includes access to all Congress sections, official dinner, folder, name plate and accommodation in tent with access to showers and WC.
- Bank account for participation fee payment: RO48 RZBR 0000 0600 1551 0993 opened with Raiffeisen Bank S.A. Agentia Campeni, on the name: Asociatia de Turism si Speologie "Sfinx", Sole Registration Code (CUI) 31438443

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