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Recently a message came from Prof. dr. Ahmad that very few contributions were received for the coming Symposium. Recently some E-mails back and forth between J.P. van der Pas, Harry Marinakos and John Pint did not arrive or work. So here a written reminder and data on the Symposium.

Certainly note the home page of the Symposium:

www.hu.edu.jo



CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Hashemite University is honored to invite you to participate in the **15TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON VULCANOSPELEOLOGY**.

The symposium is a forum to promote discussions on volcanic caves world-wide, natural or artificial, their occurrence, formation and decay, as well as to their general role in volcanism, the volcanic rock forming them, their importance to landscape development, microbiology, zoology, sedimentology, paleontology, Archaeology and tourism. The program is open to other related topics that could be of interest to the vulcanospeleological audience. Contributions to the scientific program are invited.



Correspondence and Registration

Enquiries concerning symposium registration, posters, abstract submission and field trips should be addressed to the president of the organizing committee:

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DATES AND DEADLINES

DECEMBER 31, 2011: Submission of abstracts.

JANUARY 31, 2011: Full manuscript.

REGISTRATION FEES

The symposium fees (300 Euro) include registration, a book of abstracts and participation in the scientific activities (Payment before December, 31. 2011: 200 Euro).



METHOD OF PAYMENT IN EUROS

- **Bank transfer** to the order of **Account No. 187 / 440000-3/7**, ARAB BANK / HASHEMITE UNIVERSITY BRANCH, ZARKA - Jordan.
- **Bank Cheque** made payable to **15TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON VULCANOSPELEOLOGY** (Treasurer) and mailed to the mentioned mailing address (personal cheques are not accepted)
- **Credit Card:** *Visa* *MasterCard* (please send authorization)
Card No.....Expiry date.....

Proposed Schedule

- March 14th: Arrival at Amman**
- March 15th: Opening and Presentations and Dinner**
- March 16th: Day excursions**
- March 17th: Presentations**
- March 18th: Presentations, Commission Session and Concluding Dinner**
- March 19th-22st: Harrat Excursion** ↗
- If possible, a day in Syria could be included or added*

FIELD TRIPS DURING THE SYMPOSIUM

V1: Yarmouk-Decapolis Tunnel (March 16, 2012)

Topics: Aqueduct, Wears, Canals and Under ground tunnels

Route: Amman, Irbidi, Al-Tura, Wadi shallah, Hobras and Umm Quis.

Leaders: Prof. Dr. Ahmad Al-Malabeh & Geol. Akram Abu Shanab

Price: 100 Euro per person

V2: Geo-Eco Tourism (March 16, 2012)

Topics: Old Iron Mines (Saladin), Karst Cave (Bergish), Upper Cretaceous in north Jordan.

Route: Amman, Ajlun, Deer Abu Sa'ied

Leaders: Ahmad Al-Shriedeh.

Price: 75 Euro per person.

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1 JOD = \$A 1.37
1 SA = ~ 70¢ JOD

V3: Dead Sea (March 16, 2012)

Topics: Jordan Graben, Dead Sea, Lisan, Saramuj Conglomerate.

Route: Amman, Dead Sea, Ghor Haditha, Ghor Safi.

Leaders: Prof. Dr. Eid Al-Tarazi

Price: 100 Euro per person.

FIELD TRIPS AND TOURS

There will be three field trips offered during the symposium and one post-symposium field trips as well as general interest tours (a minimum of 10 participants is required for each tour to be run).

Post-symposium trip (housing at Badia Research Center; 4WDs must be rented):

1. Day: Drive to Safawi, visit Qais Volcano and caves (Al-Howa, Azzam Cave etc.) and Badia Cave on the way
2. Day: Desert trip Jawa (Bronze Age City) and Al-Fahda Cave
3. Day: Desert Trip Eastern Harrat Rim, K-Cave and Shield Volcano, Kites, Safaitic inscriptions
4. Day: Pressure Ridge Caves and Al-Ameed Cave and Return to Amman.

THE CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP OF EAST AFRICA

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'SPELEOPHANT' BULLETINS & 'GUIDE TO THE VOLCANIC CAVES OF KILIMANJARO'

Dear colleagues –

You will no doubt be pleased to hear that publication of the CEGEA Bulletin 'Speleophant' has been resuscitated after many years absence, the last issue (Vol.6) appearing way back in 1982! Past issues have now become rare collector's items!

Over the years, a back-log of unpublished material and intended articles has been accumulated that will provide the basis for a series of annual issues starting with Volume 7, 2010, that is now ready for circulation. While some of the contents will be a bit dated, there are and will be articles covering original work in the caves of our region and those that reflect the historical and humorous side of CEGEA's exploratory activities over the years. Future editions are also expected to include a 'final' report on our great Leviathan Cave.

In addition, Clive Ward and I have put together a small, privately published, volume 'Guide to the Volcanic Caves of Kilimanjaro-Report on the Lava Tubes of Mawenzi' which basically summarises what is presently known about the caves on this mountain upon which further investigations can be based.

Having, I hope, re-aroused your interest in caves in this part of the world, here are some notes on how you can obtain these volumes and otherwise help resuscitate and support the activities of the CEGEA which is the only formal caving body in East Africa (albeit, somewhat in need of more and younger cavers!):

PURCHASE (Orders through Jim Simons by e-mail (as above))

'Speleophant' - Current issue: Volume 7, 2010 (for 1992), 33 pp. (Soft cover) Computer generated. Contents include articles on CEGEA activities and cave discoveries, with various B/W photos & plans of some lava caves.

Price K.Shs.1,200/-or equivalent (Including surface postage)

'Guide to the Volcanic Caves of Kilimajaro' – A unique first edition of any guide to the volcanic caves of Kilimanjaro containing a summary of the geology, caves upon the mountain, and description of the Mawenzi Lava Tubes as known to date. The report is 26 pp., having 12 text figures (maps/cave plans) and 8 colour plates.

Price K. Shs.1,800/- or equivalent (Including surface postage)

We regret that we cannot transmit these documents by e-mail and only printed copies can be sent by surface post on confirmed receipt of advance payment.

(The publication of future editions will be announced together with prices & postages)

**GUIDE TO THE VOLCANIC CAVES OF
KILIMANJARO, TANZANIA**

REPORT ON THE LAVA TUBES OF MAWENZI



BY

JIM W SIMONS and CLIVE WARD

**CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP OF EAST AFRICA
(Nairobi, Kenya. June, 2011)**

A new publication by Jim Simons & Clive Ward about Kilimanjaro

It is a private issue (no ISBN number). First published on June 2011, the latest version has an update of October 2011.

34 Pages, size A-4, weight 200 gram, 29 colour pictures, 13 cave maps.

Price K.Shs. 1800 - this is around US\$ 20.

The **Speleophant** same layout, A-4, reports from 1982 - 1991. Some 15 cave maps. Albeit a kind of late, it contains information nowhere available. Weight 160 gram. All b/w.

The WoMOVoc project

The 'Worlds Most Outstanding Volcanic Caves'

During the symposium in Korea (2008) João P. Constância (Azores) introduced officially the WoMOVoc project. This would be an inventory of the most important volcanic caves of (this) world.

The form of the data-base was proposed - and a committee was established, five people (Paolo Forti, Chris Wood, Stefan Kempe, Pedro Oromi, Jan-Paul van der Pas) nominated to judge the input of the data.

However, after that a long silence.

But: the project has come to live again!

It is now supported by the well-known **Associação Os Montanheiros**.

The *executive manager* of the project will be **Susana Ázera**. All info now via:

www.montanheiros.com

Their current work now is to inform the scientific committee members and inform our commission how this project will continue.

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Please, send information BOTH to Jan-Paul and Harry !

Please realize the printed newsletter will at times only be published for special reasons. The 'Digital Newsletter' is in full colour.

This note appears after a call from the organizer of our coming symposium in Jordan. Clearly several E-mails never reached me, resulting in even a note to other members that my (Jan-Paul's) E-mail bounced. Don't ask me why - the address has never been changed. More is missing - at this very moment I can't even locate Newsletter # 71. So here some notes which might not have reached others.

Jan-Paul, chairman of the commission