



**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**ON**  
**"NEW APPROACHES TO**  
**GROUNDWATER VULNERABILITY"**



**Ustroń, Poland**

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**Organized by:**

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**FIRST CIRCULAR**  
**AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

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## CONFERENCE TOPICS

1. Development of the vulnerability concept
2. Groundwater vulnerability assessment in urbanised and heavily transformed mining areas
3. Groundwater vulnerability and groundwater pollution risk
4. Groundwater recharge and its role in vulnerability assessment
5. Vulnerability in karst areas
6. Application of GIS tools and modelling in GW vulnerability assessment
7. Groundwater vulnerability assessment in order to CC and efficient land use management
8. Vulnerability assessment role in sustainable water management
9. Groundwater vulnerability mapping and its practical application.

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Conference will be English.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Participants intending to present a paper are invited to send abstracts - in English - of up to 300 words to the Conference Secretariat by **30<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. Accepted abstracts will be published in a special conference volume.

We also encourage to send full papers. As post-conference publications, 40 most outstanding papers will be published in the special volume of IAH selected papers (30 papers) and Environmental Earth Sciences (10 papers).

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Pre-conference workshop concerning specialized hydrogeological software is planned. More details will be provided soon.

## EXCURSION

Conference Field Trip concerning negative impact of various sources of groundwater contamination, sightseeing tour of southern part of the Upper Silesia Region.

## ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Accompanying persons may join the Conference. Special programme will be organised according to number of accompanying persons.

## SECOND CIRCULAR

Second circular giving details of the organisation of the Conference will be distributed in **November 2017**.

## ACCOMMODATION

Hotel at the Conference complex - approximately **30 - 50 €** per person per night (breakfast included).

## VENUE

The Conference traditionally will be held in Ustroń, Poland. Ustroń is one of the best known Polish resorts and spas in the Beskidy Mts. The town is located 90 km south of Katowice in the southern part of Poland. There are several possibilities of travelling to Katowice: by air, by train or by bus. Special buses from Sosnowiec to Ustroń will be provided by the Conference organisers.

## REGISTRATION

Registration form is available on Conference website [www.vulnerability.us.edu.pl](http://www.vulnerability.us.edu.pl)

## IMPORTANT DATES

First circular and call for papers:	<b>May 2017</b>
Preliminary registration and submission of abstracts:	<b>30<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>
Information on acceptance of papers:	<b>31<sup>st</sup> October 2017</b>
Second circular:	<b>November 2017</b>
Submission of full papers:	<b>31<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>
Final registration (for participants presenting papers):	<b>1<sup>st</sup> February 2018</b>
Third circular:	<b>March / April 2018</b>

## REGISTRATION FEE

	<i>before 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2018</i>	<i>after 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2018</i>
IAH member	<b>400 €</b>	<b>450 €</b>
Non-member	<b>450 €</b>	<b>500 €</b>
Early Career Hydrogeologist (IAH)	<b>300 €</b>	<b>350 €</b>
Student IAH member	<b>220 €</b>	<b>250 €</b>
Student	<b>270 €</b>	<b>300 €</b>
Accompanying Person	<b>270 €</b>	<b>300 €</b>

Registration fee includes: admittance to all sessions, proceedings (only for participants), ice breaker party, refreshments during breaks, lunches (3), dinner, barbecue party, conference banquet and field trip.

**Early Career Hydrogeologist** – member of IAH and Early Career Hydrogeologists' Network.

**Student** is obliged to confirm its status by presenting an appropriate document.

For cancellation before 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 an administration fee of 50 € will be deducted. For cancellation between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 a refund of 50% will be possible. No refund will be possible for cancellation received after 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

## FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

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