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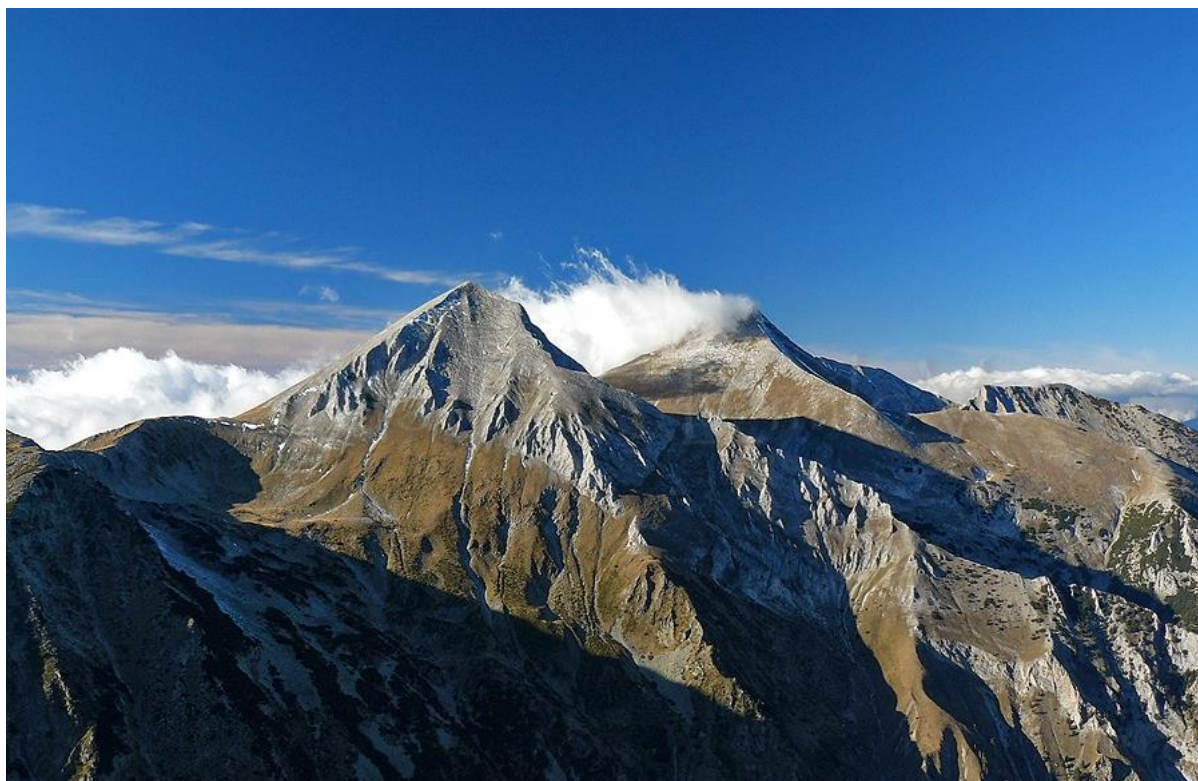


Sofia University  
"St. Kliment Ohridski"

### 10<sup>th</sup> I.A.G./A.I.G. SEDIBUD (Sediment Budgets in Cold Environments) Workshop

#### MONITORING OF GEOMORPHOLOGICAL PROCESSES IN COLD ENVIRONMENTS UNDER CLIMATE CHANGE – Bansko, Bulgaria, 7-10 September 2016

Global climate change concerns particularly the territories within the cryosphere margins - high-latitude and high-altitude regions from high arctic/antarctic and subarctic/subantarctic to alpine and upland sites. Especially in such cold areas the geomorphic responses are extremely fast and the climate oscillations intensify hazardous processes.



Vihren and Kutelo peaks (view from Todorka peak)

The 10<sup>th</sup> I.A.G./A.I.G. SEDIBUD (Sediment Budgets in Cold Environments) Workshop will take place in Bansko ski resort (925 m a.s.l.) at the foot of the Pirin Mountains, Bulgaria. In order to introduce you to the work of the Bulgarian team and to the characteristics of this region, we propose a one-day field trip. The field trip will take place in the area of Vihren peak (2914 m) with the Banderitsa valley and the double cirque Kazanite – crossing the

subalpine and the alpine belt of Pirin and observing fossil glacial, nival, slope, fluvial and karst processes.

In the Balkans high mountain area remnants from the Pleistocene glaciations can be observed and the related landforms are modified by the contemporary warmer conditions (and by the climate oscillations during the Holocene period). Frost and nival activity have a high importance in the contemporarily unglacierized alpine area. Studies on sedimentary fluxes and budgets must consider the influences of the past glacial and the paraglacial processes. This kind of geomorphological investigations has never before been conducted in this area and the results (from 2011-2012 and ongoing) that will be presented are the first for the country. The workshop will provide an excellent opportunity to discuss the sedimentary processes and ongoing studies in this high-mountain area of Southern Europe.

## SCHEDULE

### The Workshop

Wednesday (2016-09-07)

6 p.m. Arrival of participants at Bansko ski resort, **Tanne Hotel**: <http://hotel-tanne.com/>

7 p.m. Dinner & Icebreaker at the hotel's restaurant.

Thursday (2016-09-08)

8 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Oral presentations and discussions at Tanne Hotel's conference hall.

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13 p.m. Lunch at the hotel's restaurant.

14 p.m. Oral/poster presentations and discussions.

15:30 p.m. Coffee break.

16 p.m. Oral/poster presentations and discussions.

7 p.m. Official dinner at the hotel's restaurant.

Friday (2016-09-09)

8 a.m. Breakfast

9 a.m. Full-day excursion\* to the Vihren peak (2914 m) with the Banderitsa valley and the double cirque Kazanite (lunch on the go).

7 p.m. Dinner and SEDIBUD business meeting.

Saturday (2016-09-10)

8 a.m. Breakfast

9 a.m. Scientific meeting with talks.

11 p.m. Departure.

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\* The excursion is optional! Please provide information about your choice to participate to the organizers e-mail.

## **Workshop Excursion**

On Friday (2016-09-09) at 9 a.m. – transportation to the hiking trail next to the Vihren hut (1950 m a.s.l.). The excursion is guided by Ahinora Baltakova, Dimitar Krenchev and Sonya Stoyanova from the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski” and will focus on the very interesting geology and landscape characteristics of the area and the work of the Bulgarian team in the area since 2011-12. Due to the alpine environment with the risk of rapid and unexpected change of weather conditions, every participant has to be well prepared in terms of equipment (robust boots, rain jacket etc.) and physical fitness. The tracking will end at Banderitsa hut (1810 m a.s.l.), where the bus will get the participants back in Bansko.

## **Scientific Meeting Registration**

The Scientific Meeting Registration Fee covers accommodation (2 or 3 nights), breakfast, official dinner (without alcoholic drinks) in Thursday (08.09.2016), coffee breaks, conference hall rent and workshop proceedings.

Please Note! If some participant doesn't go to the excursion, but stays at the hotel until Saturday (10.09.2016), he/she must pay the whole fee amount.

**Fees:** 100 € for 4 days (07.09. – 10.09., 3 nights) participation

80 € for 3 days (07.09. – 09.09., 2 nights) participation

Please transfer the registration fee without bank charges to the following bank account:

UniCredit Bulbank Ltd.  
Account № BG17UNCR70001520622980  
BIC – UNCRBGSF  
Account holder: Geographic World Travel Agency  
Reason for payment: SEDIBUD 2016, full name

Other meals (lunch ~7€, dinner ~10€) will be charged individually. We will offer also optional transportation from Sofia to Bansko. This tax, together with transportation from the hotel to the hiking trail and back, will be clarified after the filling of the number of participants and those in the field trip.

## **Abstract Submission**

Abstracts (1-2 pages of text, without illustration) must be submitted electronically (word attachment) to [abaltakova@gea.uni-sofia.bg](mailto:abaltakova@gea.uni-sofia.bg) or [a.g.baltakova@gmail.com](mailto:a.g.baltakova@gmail.com) until July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Please provide your choices of participation in the workshop and excursion together with abstract submission.

## **Deadlines**

Abstract deadline **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Fee deadline **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016**.

## Travel information

Nearest airport: Sofia Airport

From Sofia Airport has a direct Metro train (ticket 1.6 BGN = ~0.8 €) to the city center – information in English: <http://www.metrosofia.com/en/>.

Meeting point for the organized transport to Bansko: St. Aleksandar Nevski Cathedral (next to the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” main building, Metro station Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”).

From Sofia to Bansko have public bus transport – information in English: <http://www.bgrazpisanie.com/en>.

Travel by car will require Vignette sticker (available at gas stations or post stations) – information in English: <http://www.api.bg/index.php/en/vinetni-stikeri>.

## Travel tips

**Entry and exit formalities:** Bulgaria is a member of the EU, and so citizens of other EU nations have minimal border formalities. Citizens of Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK (British Citizen Passport Holders and British Nationals /Overseas/ only), USA, Uruguay, the Vatican, Venezuela, SAR - China (Hong Kong, Makao). All holders of passports from countries not mentioned in the list above should check the current requirements with their nearest Bulgarian embassy or consulate before their departure.

**National currency:** BGN (pronounced “lev”, plural “leva”) 1 BGN = 0,512778916 EUR (fixed course).

**Health Insurance** Citizens of the European Economic Area countries (EU plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) should pick up a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before they travel, which entitles you to the same immediate medical treatment that's available to Bulgarian nationals. However, they should also consider buying a policy.

**Language:** Bulgarian (hotel, administration and official staff must know English and/or other languages: German, French, Spanish, Russian, Greek etc.).

**Alphabet:** Cyrillic (important signs must be transliterated in Latin and directions must be translated in English).

If you would like to book pre- and post- workshop accommodation or excursions, we recommend Geographic World Travel Agency <http://www.geosviat.com>, e-mail: [petya@geosviat.com](mailto:petya@geosviat.com).

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WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEET YOU IN BULGARIA!