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THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL CONFERENCE
CONGEO 2011

EXPLORING NEW LANDSCAPES OF ENERGIES



BRNO, CZECH REPUBLIC

HOTEL CONTINENTAL

August 1 – 5, 2011

1st Circular and Call for Papers

The conference is organized as an element of the project
“Energy Landscapes: Innovation, Development and Internationalization of Research“
(Registration Code: CZ.1.07/2.3.00/20.0025)

**The organization of this conference is co-sponsored by the European Social Fund
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INVITATION

Dear Colleagues,

We have the honour of inviting you to the CONGEO 2011 international conference on **“EXPLORING NEW LANDSCAPES OF ENERGIES”**. CONGEO 2011 is the 8th presentation of the geographical conferences organized by the Department of Environmental Geography at the Institute of Geonics ASCR, which continues the tradition of biennial international meetings of geographers and other social scientists dealing with contemporary regional problems.

This year's conference is organized in the context of a recently initiated research project: **“Energy Landscapes: Innovation, Development and Internationalization of Research”**, aimed at accelerating international collaboration in research in the field of Energy and Landscape Interrelationships. The traditions of the CONGEO conferences indicate that the organizers should create a familiar milieu for 30 - 40 scientists, not just to present their papers but also to discuss their research more informally and to establish new personal contacts. The conference is open to all academics and professionals dealing with the program issues - both geographers and non-geographers (landscape ecologists, environmental sociologists, environmental economists, etc.). The program of the conference will consist of a block of paper and poster presentations, bilateral discussions, an excursion and social activities. Conference results will be published in the Proceedings of the Extended Abstracts (in an electronic form). The full text of selected papers will be recommended for publication in special thematic issue of the peer-reviewed journal *Moravian Geographical Reports* published by the Institute (<http://www.scopus.com/source/sourceInfo.url?sourceld=29791&origin=sbrowse>).

We ask you kindly to send your preliminary registration via e-mail, including titles (themes) of papers by **March 30, 2011** at the latest. The authors then will be notified of the acceptance of their conference papers, either for oral or poster presentation. All correspondence should be forwarded to the address below.

RNDr. Bohumil Frantál
(Conference secretary)

Conference Committee:

Prof. Bryn Greer-Wootten (York University, Canada)
Dr. Dan van der Horst (University of Birmingham, UK)
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CALL FOR PAPERS

We ask you kindly to send your preliminary registration and themes of papers or posters by **March 30, 2011** at the latest. After preliminary registration and sending proposed themes of papers, the authors will be notified of the acceptance of their proposals by the Conference Committee.

Suggested topics:

- New energy geographies: conceptual and methodological challenges
- Social acceptance of new energy technologies
- Energy development, landscape character and landscape aesthetics
- New energies for agriculture and multifunctional farming
- Local identity, sense of place and land-use conflicts
- Power, environmental (in)justice and politics of land-use
- GIS for landscape planning and energy development.

The anticipated time for oral presentations will be limited to 15 minutes of presentation following by 10 minutes of discussion. Technical equipment (laptop/notebook, projector) will be provided.

We offer the following modes for publication of papers. The Proceedings of the Extended Abstracts (including references and graphical supplements) will be published in an electronic form and will be available by registration. The full text papers will be recommended for publication in special thematic issues of our peer-reviewed journal, [Moravian Geographical Reports](#).

The deadline for extended abstracts for the Proceedings is **May 15, 2011** at the latest. The format of extended abstracts for all papers and posters to be published in the Proceedings of Extended Abstracts is as follows: the number of words should be between 500 (minimum) and 1300 (maximum), including text, references and graphic supplements. The text should include the following sections: (i) Introduction and/or general background; (ii) Objectives of the study or project; (iii) Methodology of the research or project; (iv) Analysis, results and conclusions. Extended Abstracts may contain tables, graphs, etc., but not exceeding the limitations stated above.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Monday, **1 August**: arrival and registration of participants, walking tour of Brno city

Tuesday, **2 August**: conference opening, presentation of papers

Wednesday, **3 August**: presentation of papers and posters, evening dinner party

Thursday, **4 August**: whole-day field trip (excursion)

Friday, **5 August**: bilateral discussions, personal contacts, departure of participants

REGISTRATION FEE, ACCOMMODATION, MEALS, TRANSPORT

Conference participation will be **free of charge**, thanks to co-financing by the European Social Fund and the State Budget of the Czech Republic. However, participants will have to cover their own travel costs, accommodation costs and meals (with the exception of refreshments during the conference sessions). Accommodation for participants will be possible right in the conference venue – *Hotel Continental* – which is located close to the city centre and offers a wide spectrum of rooms. Other accommodation options will be provided upon registration and the conference organizers are happy to assist with travel advice. Brno city has excellent road, train and bus connection and an international airport with regular connections to major cities in Europe.

VENUE



The capital of historic Moravia and the second largest city in the Czech Republic - **Brno** - is located in the southeastern part of the country and has a population of 405,000. The city is the political and cultural centre of the South Moravian Region. It is situated at the crossroads of ancient trade routes which have joined northern and southern European civilizations for centuries. It has always been an important trade, administrative, transport and cultural centre, and under the Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy it became one of the first centers of industrialization on the European mainland. Heavy industry has all but disappeared now and the beautiful historic city centre of Brno has a vibrancy which bears witness of the transition into a knowledge economy: the city hosts 74.000 university students, 6 public universities, 13 institutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences and the Czech Technological Park. The commercial tradition is represented by Brno Trade Fairs providing more than 20 different types of events per year. Brno is known as a venue of various scientific, cultural and sport events. One of the races of the Motorcycle World Championship takes place on the Brno Racing Track every year. The architecture from the first half of the last century is represented by famous Tugendhat Villa (a UNESCO World Heritage site). The City of Brno is superbly equipped for participants of international events, with suitable accommodations, transport, cultural and other facilities at a high European level.

HOTEL CONTINENTAL



The conference program will be held in the convention halls of the **Hotel Continental**. This four-star renovated hotel is located in a quiet part of the city; however, at the same time it is very close to the historic city centre (approx. 10 minutes by walk to the main square). The hotel offers together 230 rooms (standard, superior and business rooms), all well-equipped, with an unlimited internet connection free of charge and other hotel and food services. For more information you can check the hotel website: <http://www.continentalbrno.cz/ENG/1>



FIELD TRIP

The organizers will prepare a whole-day trip to explore the landscapes of the South Moravian Region, including the traditional wine-growing region of Znojensko, emerging landscapes of different new renewable energy developments (wind farms, photovoltaic power plants), and the historical town of Znojmo and its surroundings. Participation in the field trip will be free of charge (excluding meals during excursion).



IMPORTANT CONFERENCE DATES

30 March 2011: Deadline for preliminary registration and submission of themes / papers or posters

30 March 2011: Notification to all authors of the acceptance of their conference papers

15 May 2011: Deadline for delivery of extended abstracts to be published in the Proceedings

30 May 2011: Publication of the preliminary full conference program and list of papers

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REGISTRATION FORM
CONFERENCE CONGEO 2011

Surname: _____

First name(s): _____ Title(s): _____

Institution: _____

Mailing address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

I wish to present: **Oral presentation** **Poster**

Title of intended paper/poster: _____

I wish to participate on excursion: **Yes** **No**

Accompanying person name(s): _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____