Dear all,

Welcome to the Summer School about Karst to be held in Trebinje in June 2014. Please find below some useful information about logistical information.

1. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPANTS

We are glad to inform you that we are successfully signed the contract with UNESCO and we shall get financial support for organizing the course *Characterization and Engineering of Karst Aquifers* (Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 3-10 June, 2014).

According to such a development the course will be **free of charge** for all participants, and even a small financial support will be provided for covering part of accommodation cost in Trebinje: 50 USD to the European participants (unemployed and students, only) and 150 USD to the overseas participants. Participants will be awarded the above-mentioned financial assistance in cash upon arrival at the course.

2. ACCOMMODATION

Please bear in mind that the time till the conference is running out and you should book a hotel room in due time because of beginning of the summer and touristic season in Trebinje. For information and reservation please contact directly hotel VIV at **hotelviv@gmail.com** or use telephone +387.59.273500 (please use reference "seminar before conference"). Accommodation includes overnight stays during the course with breakfast and dinner but doesn't include the lunches. Those planning to stay longer for the conference (11-15 June, 2014) should prolong room reservation until planned departure. We are not limiting accommodation to be in that hotel, it is only a suggestion due to reduced prices for the participants, proximity to lecture hall, and recently renovated rooms. However, the participants are free to choose and contact any other hotel in Trebinje.

3. TRANSPORTATION

Trebinje is close to the Adriatic Sea, near borders with other two countries Montenegro and Croatia, but transportation is not always simple. In Trebinje you can arrive only by car or bus from different locations. For those planning trip by plane the nearest airports are in Dubrovnik (Croatia), Podgorica and Tivat (Montenegro) and national airport in Sarajevo (Bosna and Herzegovina). After, you need to use a bus service. For those who need and will obtain only Bosnian visa, the single option to come is the capital Sarajevo.

More information about bus transportation can be found at the web address http://trebinjelive.info/red-voznje-autobusa/

Dubrovnik-Trebinje - 1 departure per day – the trip takes 45 minutes

Sarajevo-Trebinje - 3 departures per day - the trip takes 5 hours

Podgorica-Trebinje - 3 departures per day - the trip takes 3 hours

Belgrade-Trebinje – 2 departures per day – the trip takes 10 hours

We advise you to inform us about your trip details once you decide and book your ticket. If there will be more participants who intend to arrive by plane in Dubrovnik on June 3, we shall organize and provide transportation by mini shuttle bus from the Dubrovnik airport to Trebinje once or maximum twice on the day (probably one in the noon time, and one in late afternoon/evening).

4. EXCURSIONS

All excursions will be held as scheduled; please visit <u>www.karst.edu.rs</u> for more information. No fee will be charged, and lunch packet and refresh drinks will be served.

5. SOCIAL EVENTS

We are preparing for you two social events on June 3 in the evening (welcome reception) and on June 10 in the evening (farewell party).

See you all in Trebinje!