



CHARACTERIZATION AND ENGINEERING OF KARST AQUIFERS

TREBINJE, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

19 – 24 May 2025

Dear esteemed colleagues, professors, and students,

In light of the current socio-political situation in the country, as well as the ongoing academic strike at the University of Belgrade, which has been in effect since December 2024, the organizers of the international **CEKA2025 - CHARACTERIZATION AND ENGINEERING OF KARST AQUIFERS** course, after carefully considering all relevant factors and organizational possibilities at this time, have made the difficult decision to **CANCEL** this year's course, which was scheduled to take place from May 19-24, 2025 in Trebinje, Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Following extensive consultations with the University administration and our key sponsors, it is with great regret that we must announce the postponement of **CEKA2025**, originally planned for Trebinje, Bosnia & Herzegovina, in May 2025, to 2026. This decision has been made due to the fact that students from the University of Belgrade are currently unable to participate in academic activities in the foreseeable future. Given that the CEKA course is primarily accredited as an elective course for the Master's academic program at the Department of Hydrogeology, Faculty of Mining and Geology, University of Belgrade (FMG UB), and in light of the ongoing student blockades, it is impossible to proceed with holding the course without the participation of students from FMG UB. Moreover, considering the limited time remaining before the course should start and the challenges in providing the necessary logistical support to international participants, we believe that postponing the course until next year is the most responsible course of action.

We deeply regret that we will not have the pleasure of welcoming you this May to Trebinje. However, these are extraordinary times, and we must prioritize social responsibility, awareness, and support our students. In these circumstances, organizing a scientific course and conducting educational activities in another country while we solve impediments in our own are neither feasible nor advisable.

We will provide further details regarding the new dates for CEKA2026 later this year. To stay informed about developments, please visit our website at www.karst.edu.rs.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and greatly appreciate your understanding!

With our warmest regards,

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