NERJA
(Malaga, Spain)
VI Spanish Congress on Tourist Caves
“The karst and man: the caves as World Heritage”
Nerja, from September 29th to October 1st 2016

2nd Newsletter

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Throughout its previous five editions, the Congress on Spanish Tourist Caves has consolidated itself as one of the landmarks of the underground world of tourism. CUEVATUR is the meeting point in which the latest works, studies and investigations carried out in the Spanish caves stand out, but also in the international arena, especially in Latin America and other European countries.

Since its first edition in 2005, CUEVATUR has called upon a large number of researchers from the world of geology, archeology, biology, engineering and tourism, as well as tourist caves’ managers, among others. The nearly 200 works presented, which gathered in the Minutes of the different editions of the Congress, form an essential collection for the scholars of the underworld.

In this edition, the theme of the Congress “The karst and man: the caves as World Heritage” aims to highlight the importance and uniqueness of the Cultural and Natural Heritage that the caves lodge, as well as the opportunity, as far as conservation measures are concerned, which is the long way to achieve this recognition.

VENUE AND CELEBRATION DATES

The Congress will take place in Nerja (Malaga), on September 29th, September 30th and October 1st 2016. The sessions will be held at the Villa de Nerja Cultural Center, located at 45 Granada St. and in the Museum of Nerja, 4 Plaza de España.

THE CONGRESS VENUE: NERJA

Nerja is the easternmost town in the Spanish Costa del Sol that precisely began its tourism development in 1959, with the discovery of the Nerja Cave. This cave is one of the most visited natural monuments in Spain, and has come to exceed over half a million tourists a year.

In 1980, Nerja was the setting for the recording of the TV series Verano Azul (Blue Summer), one of the most watched in the history of TVE and that even today continues to break audience records. Thousands of tourists visit the town each year to enjoy the scenery where the series was shot.

The most unknown feature of Nerja is its rich environment, since almost 80% of its territory is a natural protected area: to the North of the town center, the Sierras de Tejeda, Almijara y Alhama Natural Park; to the East, the Natural Area of the Maro-Cerro Gordo Cliffs, with virgin beaches on which to practice scuba diving activities. Their numerous marked trails and recreation areas offer magnificent views and recreation areas among mountains, hills, canyons, gorges and ridges of great beauty.
Places of interest

Beaches and cliffs
On the coast of Nerja, more than 14 Km long, are beaches and cliffs with outstanding environmental values. It also has beaches that are accessible to wheelchair users.

Nerja Cave
The Nerja Cave, located near the village of Maro, has two very different areas: the Tourist Galleries, enabled to the public, and the Upper and New Galleries, of restricted access. Its galleries, with nearly 5 km of practically horizontal development, occupy a volume greater than 350,000m³. Due to its extraordinary Cultural and Natural Heritage, it was declared a Historic-Artistic Monument in 1961, Asset of Cultural Interest in 1985, Asset of Cultural Interest with a category of Archaeological Area in 2005 and Place of Geological Interest of International Importance in 2008.

Since its discovery in 1959, the Cueva de Nerja Foundation has sponsored the development of more than 70 research projects, with countless technical and scientific publications arising under them. The various symposia and congresses carried out in their facilities with their sponsorship are also noteworthy. The Research Institute Cueva de Nerja (HCN), founded in 1999, is responsible for meeting the aims set out in their Bylaws, referring to the research, preservation and dissemination of the cave and its environment.
ACCOMMODATIONS

The following hotels will have special prices for the participants in the congress:

**BALCÓN DE EUROPA HOTEL**
1 Balcón de Europa Dr.
Tel: 952520800 Fax: 952524490
E-mail: reservas@hotelbalconeuropea.com Web: [www.hotelbalconeuropea.com](http://www.hotelbalconeuropea.com)

**TURISMO DE NERJA INN**
8 Almuñécar St.
Tel: 952520050 Fax: 952521997
E-mail: nerja@parador.es Web: [www.parador.es](http://www.parador.es)

**PLAZA CAVANA HOTEL**
10 Plaza Cavana
Tel: 952524000 Fax: 952524008
E-mail: info@hotelplazacavana.com Web: [www.hotelplazacavana.com](http://www.hotelplazacavana.com)

HOW TO GET TO NERJA

The Nerja Cave is located at about 50 km from Malaga. Access to the same by car from Malaga is very easy and it is done through the Mediterranean Highway (A-7), towards Almería. Exit Nº 295, signposted as ‘Nerja Cave’, leads directly to the cave.

**AIRPLANE.** Malaga-Costa del Sol International Airport, some 60 km from Nerja.

**TRAIN.** María Zambrano Station (Malaga).

**BUS.** Malaga bus station. The ALSA Company makes the Malaga-Nerja route (every hour from 07:00hs to 23:00hs). [www.alsa.es](http://www.alsa.es).

**BY HIGHWAY.**

FROM MALAGA:
- A-7 for 49.2 km
- Nerja at 3 km

FROM GRANADA:
- A-44 for 54.6 km
- A-7 for 32.9 km
- Nerja at 3 km
FROM MADRID:

- A-4 for 282 km
- A-44 for 183 km
- A-7 for 32,9 Km
- Nerja at 3 km

HONOR COMMITTEE (Pending confirmation)

- H.M. Queen Sofía
- President of the Andalusian Government
- Mayor of the Hon. Nerja Town Hall
- Minister of Education, Culture and Sports
- Minister of Industry, Energy and Tourism
- Minister of Agriculture, Food and Environment
- Secretary of State for International Cooperation and for Latin America
- Secretary of State for Tourism
- Minister of Culture of the Andalusian Government
- Minister of Environment and Spatial Planning of the Andalusian Government
- Minister of Tourism and Sport of the Andalusian Government
- President of the Hon. Malaga Provincial Council
- Director of the Geological and Mining Institute of Spain (IGME)
- President of the International Show Caves Association (ISCA)
- President of the Latin American Association of Tourist Caves (ACTIBA)
- President of the Spanish Speleology Federation
- Rector of the University of Malaga
- Rector of the University of Seville
- Rector of the University of Huelva
- Rector of the University of Almería
- Rector of the University of Jaén
- Rector of the University of Granada
- Rector of the University of Córdoba
- Rector of the University of Cádiz

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Coordinator:

- Manuel Durán Hidalgo, President of the Association of Spanish Tourist Caves (ACTE)

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- Yolanda del Rosal Padial. Technician biologist, Cueva de Nerja Foundation
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• Emilio Ferre Bueno. University of Malaga
• Joaquín Ginés Gracia. University of the Balearic Islands
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• Alberto Tinaut Ranera. University of Granada
• Iñaki Vadillo Pérez. University of Malaga
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CONGRESS

It will consist of technical sessions spread over a 3-day celebration, with a presentation of communications of a scientific and technical nature, poster session, invited lectures, intra-congress and post-congress and other official and social events.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The official language of the Congress will be Spanish. Oral communications or posters in Portuguese or English may be admitted exceptionally, depending on the origin of the authors.
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 28th 2016

18:00 - 20:00 Accreditation and collection of documentation. Villa de Nerja Cultural Center

Thursday, September 29th 2016

09:00 - 10:00 Accreditation and collection of documentation. Villa de Nerja Cultural Center
10:00 - 10:30 Opening ceremony
10:30 - 11:00 Opening conference
11:00 - 11:30 Coffee
11:30 - 14:00 1st Communications session
14:00 - 16:00 Lunch
16:00 - 18:30 2nd Communications session

Friday, September 30th 2016

09:00 - 11:00 3rd Communications session
11:00 - 11:30 Coffee and Poster Session
11:30 - 12:30 Audiovisual presentations
12:30 - 14:00 4th Communications session
14:00 - 16:00 Lunch
16:00 - 20:00 Intra-congress excursions
22:00 Congressional official dinner. Awards and distinctions

Saturday, October 1st 2016

09:00 - 09:45 Conference
09:45 - 11:15 5th Communications session
11:15 - 11:45 Coffee
11:45 - 12:30 Conference
12:30 - 13:00 Closing ceremony. Award ceremony for best communication
13:00 - 14:00 ACTE Assembly

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAM
Thursday, September 29th

Morning: Nerja Historic Center
Afternoon: Nerja Cave. Tourist visit

Friday, September 30th

Morning: Nerja Cave Trail
Afternoon: Intra-congress excursions

Saturday, October 1st

Morning: Verano Azul (Blue Summer) Route

All the excursions will have Miguel Joven, actor of the series Verano Azul, as a guide.
EXHIBITIONS

Several exhibitions will take place during the Congress; these will be held at the two venues of the Congress, on the topics:

- “The Caves as World Heritage”
- “The Spanish Tourist Caves”
- “Exhibition at the Spanish Museum of Speleology”
- “Historical File Cueva de Nerja Foundation”

POSSIBLE INVITED LECTURES (To be confirmed)

- NATURAL HERITAGE. Joao Brilha, Williams
- CULTURAL HERITAGE. Jean Clotes
- SPANISH TOURIST CAVES. Manuel Durán
- TOURIST CAVES IN LATIN AMERICA. Juan José Durán
- PROTECTION OF THE CAVES WITH ROCK ART AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. Roberto Ontañón
- NEW TOURIST PRODUCTS OF THE UNDERGROUND WORLD: SPELEOTOURISM.
- TRANSFORMATION OF THE GUEST MANAGEMENT MODEL OF THE NERJA CAVE. Ángel Ruiz

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SESSIONS

- Scientific and technical meeting about underground tourism in Latin America
- EFIP Meeting

EXCURSIONS

- INTRA-CONGRESS
  
  Route 1. Nerja Cave, in the Torca and Mina Rooms.
  Route 2. Nerja Cave, Tourist Galleries.
  Route 3. del Tesoro Cave, in the town of Rincón de la Victoria.

- POST-CONGRESS
**Ardales and Caminito del Rey Caves**, between the towns of Ardales and Álora (Malaga). One day long.

**AUDIOVISUAL PRESENTATIONS**

- Audiovisual Screening of the Nerja Cave Foundation
- Underground music session

A call is made to the presentation of new audiovisuals on the underground world, conducted between 2015 and 2016.

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

- **BEST COMMUNICATION**
  Two separate awards, consisting of an accrediting diploma, will be given for best oral communication and best poster, during the Closing Ceremony.

- **ALFONSO XII AWARD**
  The 3rd Edition of the Alfonso XII Award to excellence in the underground world will be given during the Official Dinner.

- **ACTE AWARD 2016**
  The ACTE Award to the most outstanding Spanish Tourist Cave 2016 will be presented during the Official Dinner.

**REGISTRATIONS**

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In addition to the right to participate in CUEVATUR 2016, the fee will include daily work lunches, social events, official dinner, organized excursions and visits, participation certificate and Minute Book of the Congress.
The registration fee for the Congress must be made through a transfer to the Nerja Cave Foundation, with reference to CUEVATUR 2016, to the account number:

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PUBLICATION OF THE WORKS OF THE CONGRESS

The works presented at the Congress that are accepted by the Scientific Committee after the corresponding revision, will be published in a book that will be handed to the attendees during the CUEVATUR 2016.

SUBMISSION OF COMMUNICATIONS

REGULATIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF COMMUNICATIONS

The works submitted, versed in the subject of the Congress must be unpublished and original. The regulations to be respected are the following:

- The complete work, including text, graphs, figures and bibliographic references, will have a maximum length of 12 pages written on only one side.
- The text will be presented in writing on a space, in A4 format white paper, on one column and Times New Roman font, body 12 in Word format, with 2.5 cm margins left and right, 3.5 cm top and 2.8 cm bottom.
- The title will be written in lower case, bold and centered. After a blank line, both surnames and name of the author or authors will be listed, indicating the Institution to which they belong, their mailing address and E-mail.
- Next, after a new blank line, the word Summary, centered, followed on the second line thereof, with an approximate extension of 300 words in Spanish. Then, a line with the Keywords (5 maximum, in alphabetical order). Next will be the Abstract, in the same format as the summary but in English, same as the key words. Finally, after 2 blank lines, the text of the communication, with the paragraphs in lowercase and unnumbered. The bibliographic references must follow the regulations of the Geological and Mining Bulletin (see www.igme.es).
- The tables as well as the figures and photos (in jpg format or similar) with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi, must be inserted in the text, with explanatory feet numbered and centered, in italics in a 10 body.
- The works will be sent on paper and on CD or by E-mail.
DEADLINES

Summary submission. Until April 1\textsuperscript{st} 2016.

Complete work (after the acceptance of the summary). Until June 1\textsuperscript{st} 2016.

Final work (after the revision process). Until August 1\textsuperscript{st} 2016.

The summaries and works must be submitted to the Secretariat.

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The registration gives the right to the:

1. Participation in the Congress.
2. Congress documentation.
3. Receptions and official meals of the Congress.
4. Certificate of attendance and / or presentation of the communication.
5. Guided tours and other activities of the Congress.

To make the registration effective:

1. Fill in the registration form.
2. Enter the fee by bank transfer to the following account:
3. Submit the registration form and the transfer document to the E-mail address: cuevatur2016@cuevadenerja.es

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