



4th International Mines Rescue Conference

Hosted by OKD, HBZS, a. s. Ostrava, Czech Republic, in collaboration with the publishing house, Montanex a.s.,

21 – 26 September 2009



Dear Colleagues,

Please find enclosed the registration form for the Conference. Please send the completed form by e-mail to smicka@hbzs-ov.cz or by fax to 00 420 59 623 2719 before **20th March 2009** and specify the planned duration of your participation in the Conference (4 days or 6 days) so that we can reserve your accommodation well in advance. This is necessary because the Pope's visit to Prague will be during this period. The registration fee should reach us no later than **15th May 2009**.

This Conference is an open forum for an international exchange of experiences among professionals in mine rescue services and is intended for mine rescuers, staff of institutions who deal with safety in mines, employees of universities, research institutes and mining companies extracting hard and brown coal, copper and other raw materials. The main topic is "**Efficient Rescue Actions in Mines**".

Preliminary program:

Sunday, 20 September

Arrival of delegates to the airport Ostrava-Mošnov or in Hradec na Moravici. Transfer from the airport will be organized. Accommodation will be in the hotels Belária and Sonáta.

Monday, 21 September

In the morning, visitors can visit a coal mine of OKD, a.s. or visit the Central Mines Rescue Station. In the afternoon, a visit to the Mine Museum of OKD in Ostrava-Petřkovice is planned. In the evening, there will be a welcoming cocktail party in the Compressor Room of the Mine Museum.

Tuesday, 22 September

08:30 a.m. The session of the IMRB board. 10:30 a.m. The opening of the Conference in the hotel Červený zámek in Hradec nad Moravici.

Wednesday, 23 September

Second day of the Conference, with a visit to the theatre in Opava in the evening.

Thursday, 24 September

Third day of the Conference, closing at 14:00. Departure of 4-day delegates. 6-day delegates transfer by coach to Prague. Accommodation in Prague will be in the Hilton hotel, situated in the Old Town. Rest of the day, at leisure.

Friday, 25 September 25

A guided sightseeing tour of Prague in the morning. In the evening, a boat trip on the river Vltava, which will include the closing dinner.

Saturday, 26 September

Departure of delegates from Prague.

A detailed programme will be sent well in advance and information will be available on www.minerescue.org and www.hbzs-ov.cz. A programme for those who accompany delegates will also be ensured.

The official language of the Conference is English, with simultaneous interpreting being provided. Please note that the closing date for abstracts of presentations for this Conference, with a maximum of 600 words, written on Microsoft Word is 28th February 2009. These should be sent by e-mail to smicka@hbzs-ov.cz

The received presentations should be sent by e-mail to smicka@hbzs-ov.cz in Microsoft PowerPoint format by 1st July 2009, together with a brief curriculum vitae of the author(s), written in Microsoft Word and a recent photo in jpeg format.

Information on transport and climate:

Visas

The Czech Republic is a member of the European Union. Visas are required for citizens of countries that have no visa agreement with the Czech Republic. Please contact the nearest Czech Embassy or Consulate with your visa application. For more information, see www.mzv.cz

Travelling

Ostrava is a city situated in the North East of the Czech Republic. The best way to get there is by plane to Ostrava-Mošnov Airport. Transport from the airport to the Conference venue will be provided. Four-day delegates will depart from Ostrava; six-day delegates will depart from Prague.

Climate

The Conference will be held at the turn of summer and autumn. Mild weather can be expected with temperatures during the day between 15 and 22 °C; nights are a little colder.

I look forward to meeting you.

With best regards,

Václav Pošta

Director

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