

7th International Conference on the Genus *Marmota*

The **7th International Conference on the Genus *Marmota*** will be held in Liptovský Mikuláš, Slovakia, from August 30 to September 2, 2011.

Official language will be English. No translation will be provided.

The excursion to the National Park Low Tatras will be held within the Conference program. A optional excursion to the Tatra National Park will be on September 3, 2011.

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Reference site for the conference: <http://www.tuzvo.sk/marmota/> (better with Internet explorer)

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Registration Fee (in Euros)

Early birds, payment before April 30, 2011:	150 Euro (students 80 Euro *)
Payment after April 30, 2011:	200 Euro (students 80 Euro**)

Registration fee covers participation in the Conference, local transport, refreshments, proceedings and the in-conference tour.

Accompanying persons 100 Euro

* Students need to provide evidence of their status when they register for the conference. A current student identification card showing their student status or a certified letter from the student's Head of School confirming their student status will be required.

** To receive the early registration discount, the registration form and payment must be post/date-marked and faxed, airmailed, or emailed on or before April 30, 2011.

Conference dinner

The conference dinner is not included in the registration fee.
A bank account will be notified as soon as possible.

Conference Awards

Marmot Conference Awards are intended to enable researchers from foreign countries, especially East Europe and Asia, to attend and present their research at the **7th International Conference on the Genus *Marmota***, through meeting the fee and contributing to the costs of travel and subsistence, and according to the local funding opportunities.

Applicants should tick the award box on the application form if they wish to be considered for a Marmot Conference Award.

They should also indicate: the amount of funding that they are seeking, their status: student/unwaged/waged and their nationality and current address, including email.

Requests will be evaluated by the scientific committee.

Call for contributions:

Conference Themes:

- Phylogeny&Taxonomy
- Marmot behavior
- Marmot physiology
- Population dynamic and vitality of population
- Marmot ecology
- Marmot biodiversity, conservation management & education
- Marmot in captivity

- Marmot taxonomy
- Paleoecology
- Marmots and Health
- Marmots in folklore and popular traditions

Contributions for presentations, posters and workshop should be sent within April 30, 2011.

Participants are invited to submit a 250 word abstract.

1. **Oral presentations.** For oral presentations 20 minutes will be allocated (15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions and discussion).
2. **Posters.** Posters will be allocated one or two time slots (depending on the numbers).
3. Workshop Marmot in a changing world: Presentations are allowed at most 25 minutes, (although variations will be considered), including demonstrations of didactic materials, like films, PDF presentations, experience reports, as well as theoretical contribution etc. The aim is to build a common knowledge, and possibly exchange of didactic material.

Abstract Submission

A Registration Form form must accompany each abstract submission and include the full contact details of the first author (i.e. full name, affiliation, postal address for correspondence, email address, phone number, fax number). Authors should also indicate on the submission form a general theme under which the paper might be included. This can be taken from the list of conference themes above, or a new theme may be proposed. Please return complete filled Registration Form as an attachment by April 30, 2011 to: krajmer@vsld.tuzvo.sk . Receiving a **preliminary** registration form earlier would be very much appreciated. In this case you could be personally notified by email about the progress in organisation of the conference. Authors will be notified of acceptance of their paper by mid June 30, 2011.

How to reach Liptovský Mikuláš:

Air connections:

Airport connections to Vienna or to Bratislava (limited number of flights). From the Vienna airport take a bus shuttle to Bratislava bus station and from Bratislava bus station, take a bus to Liptovský Mikuláš (drive about 6 hours and costs about 10 Euro) or take a train from the Bratislava main railway station to Liptovský Mikuláš (drive about 3 hours 18 min and costs about 14 Euro for ICE train or for normal express train 4 hours and costs about 9 Euro).

Direct train connection is also from Prague (about 8 hours).

Another option is also to fly to Kraków (Poland) or Budapest (Hungary) and to rent a car. Distance from Krakow is about 160 km and if you will drive a car during the day you may see picturesque High Tatra Mountains also from the

northern side and you may visit Zakopane. Distance from Budapest is about 260 km. Bus or train connection from Kraków or Budapest would be, however, more complicated and it is thus not advised.

Information on Tatra National Park and the High Tatras mountains:

<http://www.tanap.org/english/>

<http://www.vysoketatry.com/>

Information on National Park Low Tatras and the Low Tatras mountains:

<http://www.napant.sk/>

<http://www.nizketatry.com/>

Information on the city of Liptovsky Mikuláš

<http://www.mikulas.sk/en/visitor.php>

Information on Hotel Jánošík, Liptovský Mikuláš

<http://www.hoteljanosik.sk/index.php?link=hotel&lang=en>

Travel (train and bus) time table, how to get to Liptovský Mikuláš

<http://cp.atlas.sk/vlakbus/spojenie/>