

**Report**  
**of activity of the Pseudokarst Commission of UIS between 2005 and 2009**

**Functionaries of the Commission in the period of May 2006- May 2009:**

Jiří Kopecký (honorary president), István Eszterhás (president), Rudolf Pavuza (vice-president), Ludovít Gaál (secretary).

**Members:**

Maurizio Tavagnutti, Jan Urban, Marcos Vaqueiro.

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**Members:** Ahmad Afrasibian, Soraya Ayub, Hartmut Simmert, Maurizio Tavagnutti, Marcos Vaqueiro and Marina Vdovets.

**The assemblies of Pseudokarst Commission:**

- 25<sup>th</sup> September 2005, during the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress of UIS in Kalamos (Greece),
- 25<sup>th</sup> May 2006, during the 9<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Pseudokarst in Bartkowa (Poland),
- 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008, during the 10<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Pseudokarst in Gorizia (Italy).

**Events (meetings):**

- The 9<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Pseudokarst in Bartkowa (Poland), 24-26<sup>th</sup> May 2006, organized by Jan Urban. In the symposium 60 participants from 12 countries took part, 30 lectures were delivered and several posters were presented. During the field trips the caves in the Beskid Sądecki Mts. and Beskidy Foothills were visited.
- The International Conference on Granite Caves in La Coruña (Spain), 17-22<sup>th</sup> September 2007 organized by Marcos Vaqueiro and Juan Ramón Vidal Romani. 39 authors had 21 lectures and 5 posters in conference. Excursions: O Pindo granite massif (with 905 m long granite cave O Folón), granite caves of the Sierra do Galiñeiro.
- The International Working Meeting on Root Structures in Pseudokarst Caves in Teplice nad Metují (Czech Republic), 21-23<sup>th</sup> September 2007, organized by Jiří Kopecký.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Pseudokarst in Gorizia (Italy), 29<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>th</sup> May 2008, organized by Maurizio Tavagnutti. In the symposium 63 participants from 11 countries took part and 20 papers were presented. During the field trip the Grotta di Villanova cave and Campo di Bonis were visited.

**Publications:**

- The proceedings of the symposium in Poland were published in the “Nature Conservation” vol. 63 (6) 2007, periodic of the Institute of Nature Conservation, Polish Academy of Sciences as well as in the “Zacisk”, special number of bulletin of the Speleoclub Bielsko-Biala. Editor: Jan Urban.
- The proceedings of the International Conference on Granite Caves were published in Cadernos Nr 33, journal of La Coruña University. Editors: Juan Ramón Vidal Romani and Marcos Vaqueiro.
- The proceedings of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Pseudokarst. Gorizia.

- Internal issue of Pseudokarst Commission Newsletter is issued twice a year. Editor: Istvan Eszterhás.

**Future events:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Pseudokarst will be held in Saxony Switzerland near Dresden (Germany) in 2010.

*Ludovít Gaál*  
Secretary

*Jan Urban*  
President