

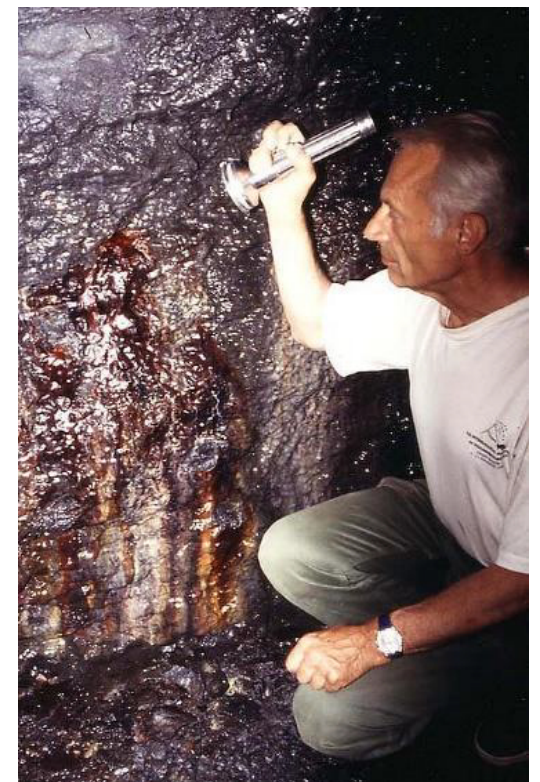
István Eszterhás (1941 – 2020)

István Eszterhás the Honorary President of the UIS Pseudokarst Commission died on 2nd August 2020. István was born in January 1941 in the historical Hungarian town Eger. In 1964 he took a teacher degree on biology, geography and drawing in the University of Eger. He was married for 56 years and has one daughter Emőke.

His caving activity began in the 1960s mainly on limestone caves. He explored and surveyed several caves in the Aggtelek Mountains and the Transdanubian karst regions. In the field of speleobiology he collected and described 252 species among them some new in the Alba Regia Cave in the Bakony Mountains.

From 1983 he turned his attention to the non-karst caves and pseudokarst in Hungary. He established the Vulkanospeleological Collective of the Hungarian Speleological Society. The group led by him listed and studied more than one thousand non-karst caves in Hungary. His yearly exploration camps were important place of retraining for the younger caver generation.

He had significant activity in the international field of the pseudokarst. He was the President of the UIS Pseudokarst Commission between 1997 and 2008, after he was elected as Honorary President of the Commission. Several books, lectures and articles represent his international activity in German, English and Spanish languages.

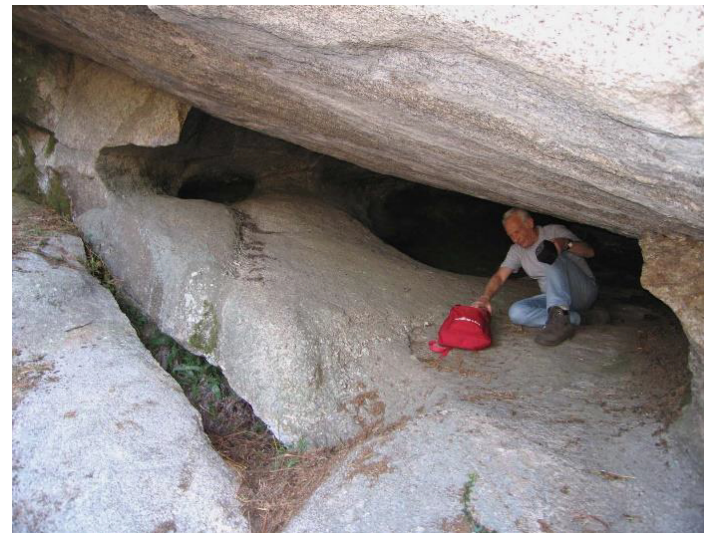


Istvan is studying speleothems in Hungarian non-karst cave

George Szentes



Istvan is giving a lecture during the ALCADI Symposium



István in a granite cave in Galicia, Spain

