

2nd circular



8th Regional Scientific Meeting on Quaternary Geology: Early Quaternary Archives

November 4-6, 2026

Čatež ob Savi, Slovenia



About the Meeting

The meeting is dedicated to researchers working on Quaternary geology, geomorphology, stratigraphy, and related subjects. It aims to bring together scientists from the Adriatic, Alpine, Dinaric, and Pannonian regions and foster collaboration among National INQUA Committees from neighbouring countries.

The theme of the meeting, **“Early Quaternary Archives,”** will be the focus of keynote lectures and the field excursion. Contributions aligned with this theme are encouraged, but presentations on other aspects of Quaternary geology are also welcome.

Meeting Chairs

Eva Mencin Gale (Chair), Geological Survey of Slovenia

Manja Žebre (Vice-Chair), Geological Survey of Slovenia

Petra Gostinčar (Vice-Chair), Geological Survey of Slovenia

Call for abstracts

Call for abstracts for oral presentations and posters is now open. Abstract submission deadline is extended to **July 1st, 2026**

Organisers

- Slovenian National INQUA Committee
- Croatian National INQUA Committee
- Hungarian National INQUA Committee
- Italian National INQUA Committee
- Geological Survey of Slovenia
- Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering, University of Ljubljana
- Institute of Archaeology & Karst Research Institute, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts
- Department of Natural Sciences, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts
- Institute of Geosciences and Earth Resources, National Research Council of Italy
- BOKU University
- University of Bern
- Institute for Geological and Geochemical Research, HUN-REN Research Centre for Astronomy and Earth Sciences
- Slovenian Geological Society
- Geomorphological Society of Slovenia

Scientific Committee

Eva Mencin Gale, Manja Žebre, Petra Gostinčar, Petra Jamšek Rupnik, Astrid Švara, Andrej Šmuc, Gábor Újvári, Zsófia Ruszkiczay-Rüdiger, Naki Akçar, Ilaria Mazzini, Giovanni Monegato, Mladen Juračić, Stephanie Neuhuber



Venue

The event will take place in Čatež ob Savi, Eastern Slovenia, known for its thermal waters and nature tourism. The venue is located in the conference hall of **Hotel Terme**.

Program Outline

- November 4, 2026 – Opening ceremony, keynote lectures, participant lectures, poster session, social dinner
- November 5, 2026 – Keynote lectures, participant lectures, poster session, closing ceremony
- November 6, 2026 – Field excursion

Keynote lectures

- **Eva Mencin Gale (Geological Survey of Slovenia):** Pliocene-Pleistocene fluvial sedimentary dynamics and chronology in Southeastern Alpine Foreland (Eastern Slovenia)
- **Zsófia Ruzsáczay-Rüdiger (Institute for Geological and Geochemical Research, HUN-REN Research Centre for Astronomy and Earth Sciences, Hungary):** Uplift rates of the Western Pannonian Basin and its surroundings quantified using cosmogenic nuclide geochronology
- **Stephanie Neuhuber (BOKU University, Austria):** Pliocene and Pleistocene sediment deposition and vertical movement in a transect from the Eastern Alpine Foreland into the Vienna Basin
- **Naki Akçar (University of Bern, Switzerland):** Deckenschotter Saga: Beyond the Myth of Layer-Cake Stratigraphy
- **Giovanni Monegato (Institute of Geosciences and Earth Resources, National Research Council, Italy):** Pleistocene evolution of the south-eastern Alps: tectonics vs. glaciations

Field Excursion

A one-day field excursion will be held on November 6, 2026, and will be guided by Eva Mencin Gale, Petra Jamšek Rupnik, Jure Atanackov, Miloš Bavec, and Rok Brajkovič (all GeoZS), and Josipa Maslač Soldo (HGI). We will visit key **Quaternary sites in the Krško Basin (SE Slovenia)** where the Pliocene to Quaternary evolution of the Krško Basin will be presented through a combination of surface and subsurface geomorphological, sedimentological, geophysical, drilling, geochronological, structural, and archaeological data. At **Globoko** pit we will visit typical succession of Early Pleistocene fluvial sediments. At **Dečno selo** the results of subsurface and paleoseismological studies will be presented. At the viewpoint near **Prilipe** we will observe geomorphological features of the Krško Basin and succession of fluvial and colluvial sediments. Results of the cross-border geomorphological investigations of the Sava Basin in Croatia will also be presented. Lastly, we will visit **Drnovo** site where subsurface data on basin infill and structural evolution, surface data of Holocene floodplain, and Roman municipium Nevioudunum will be presented, illustrating the interaction between Quaternary landscape evolution and human settlement.

Field excursion cost is 50€ and includes excursion guidebook, transport and a meal.

Registration Fees

| Category | Up to 31 July 2026 | From 1 August to 30 September 2026 |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Regular Participant | €100 | €130 |
| Students & Recent Graduates* | €50 | €70 |

*Undergraduate and graduate students, and unemployed former students within 2 years of last degree.

Registration fee includes meetings materials, coffee breaks and social dinner.

Important Deadlines

- **Abstract submission deadline:** 1 July 2026
- **Early bird registration & field excursion booking:** 31 July 2026
- **Payment deadline for early bird registration (by 31 July 2026):** 1 September 2026
- **Payment deadline for late registration (by 30 September 2026):** 15 October 2026
- **3rd circular (meeting programme):** October 2026.

Registration and abstract submission

Registration and abstract submission are open. Please register [here](#) and submit your abstract [here](#).

Abstracts are limited to 300 words. One figure may be included. The abstract template is available on the website.

Accommodation

We encourage participants to stay at the meeting hotel (Hotel Terme), for networking opportunities. After registration, the participants will receive a link to book the hotel at a discounted rate. Other accommodation options in Čatež ob Savi can be arranged independently.

More info & Contact

Please visit the meeting website (<https://www.geo-zs.si/en/8-srecanje-rmqg-2026/>) or contact us by email (8thRMQG@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Čatež ob Savi!