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*The 8<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL  
GEOGRAPHICAL CONFERENCE  
CONGEO '09*

**NEW SPACES, IDENTITIES AND  
GEOGRAPHIES IN INTEGRATING  
EUROPE**

*(1<sup>st</sup> Circular – March 2009)*

**Arigone Hotel  
Olomouc, Czech Republic  
*August 24 - 28, 2009***

**Dear colleagues,**

We have the honour of inviting you to CONGEO '09 international conference on "New spaces, identities and geographies in integrating Europe". It is the 8<sup>th</sup> continuation of geographical conferences organized by our Institution, which goes on in the [tradition](#) of biennial international meetings of geographers and other scientists dealing with regional problems. The conference is aimed at accelerating the international collaboration in regional research and in improving the acquaintance of the scientific public with research achievements of prominent geographical workplaces. The tradition of the CONGEO conferences binds the organizers to create a familiar milieu for 30 - 40 scientists not only to present their papers but also to discuss informally and to establish personal contacts. It is opened to all professionals dealing with regional problems - both geographers and non-geographers. After 16 years, the venue of the event comes to Olomouc to introduce a historically rich and modern developing regional metropolis. Program of the CONGEO '09 conference will consist of a block of paper (poster) presentations, bilateral discussions, an excursion and social activities. Conference results will be published in the Proceedings of the Extended Abstracts. The full text papers will be recommended to publish in peer-reviewed [Moravian Geographical Reports](#) journal.

We ask you kindly to send your registrations (via web application listed bellow) including themes of papers by the **May 31, 2009** at the latest. All correspondence should be forwarded to the following address:

CONGEO '09

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Conference committee email: [congeo@seznam.cz](mailto:congeo@seznam.cz)

Web registration: <http://www.geonika.cz/EN/research/ENCongeo09.html>

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## CONFERENCE TOPIC

The topic of CONGEO '09 includes wide issues of regional geography:

- *Transforming urban and rural environment*
- *Regional and cross-border cooperation*
- *New economies and policies in global crisis*
- *Sustainable development, renewable energy and spatial planning*
- *Threats and prospects of post-industrial landscapes*

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Presupposed time for the oral presentation is limited to 15 minutes. Notebook, LCD projector and overhead projector will be available. We offer following mode of publication. The printed book of proceedings of extended abstracts (including references and graphical supplements) with ISBN will be published and will be available by registration. Presentations, posters and abstracts should be in English (after linguistic proof-reading). Texts are to be supplied by e-mail in Microsoft Word \*Doc format. The delivery of extended abstracts for the Book of Proceedings before **June 30, 2009**.

## REGISTRATION FEE

The following registration fee includes all CONGEO '09 printed abstracts proceedings, refreshments (coffee breaks) during the technical programme, whole-day bus excursion, organizational costs, and a farewell dinner. The conference fee includes 19 % VAT:

**CZK 5 950** paid in local currency in cash by registration (or discounting price CZK 4400 for student (ISIC) or the one-day participants).

**CZK 5 550** for participants (or discounting price CZK 4 000 for student (ISIC) or the one-day participants) who will pay by bank transfer before **June 30, 2009**.

### Method of payment

**Bank transfer:** via Swift to Czech National Bank (ČNB) Ostrava, account number 10427761/0710, variable symbol 994070, (BIC-SWIFT: CNBACZPP, IBAN CZ1707100000000010427761). The bank charges are to be borne by the payer! The participants will obtain a tax confirmation by registration or by mail.

**Cash:** *payed in CZK at registration.*

## Currency

Czech currency units are crowns. A combination of coins and notes is used. The rate of exchange (Czech National Bank) to the date of March 20, 2009 was 1 EUR = 27 CZK. The hotel Arigone accepts the credit cards (see the internet pages for detail - <http://www.arigone.cz/>).

## ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

The conference fee does not include accomodation costs and meals (with the exception of the dinner party on Wednesday and lunch at the excursion). The participants can reserve rooms themselves directly at the Hotel Arigone\*\*\* (<http://www.arigone.cz/>), in the historic centre of Olomouc, where the conference is proceeded. The reservations made by internet booking system ([booking website page](#)) are to be provided with discount for the conference participants if indicating the reservation by password "Congeo 09" in the note. Accommodation at the Arigone Hotel costs 1 990 CZK per night (single room) or 2 290 CZK double room including breakfast. There is a possibility to reserve a different kind of accomodation self-containedly (see <http://www.hotel.cz/olomouc/accommodation/>).

## PREPARATION OF THE EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

The extended abstract should be arranged as follows: title, first name and surname, abstract, key words, references, author's address. The text should be written without using bold types, underline, italics etc. The maximum length of the paper is 2 pages A4 (max. 1 000 words) including tables and figures. The Proceedings of the extended abstracts will be printed black-and-white. References must be listed by author's names in alphabetical order according to Harvard system.

The participants of the conference are invited to submit their articles for the priority publication in [Moravian Geographical Reports](#) journal. However, the papers have to follow official instructions for authors (please see [for detail information](#)) and must pass a standard review process. There is no deadline, however generally the sooner is article submitted, the sooner it is published.

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## VENUE

Olomouc (102 thousand inhabitants) is one of the most important cities in the Czech Republic. Due to its rich history (with the historical centre monuments listed in the UNESCO heritage), time-honoured university, culture and crafts traditions, but above all its central location in Moravia, Olomouc has always been an attractive location for tourists, merchants, and businesspeople. From the economic perspective, Olomouc could be characterised as industrial, with a developing service industry. Thanks to its fine location, economic traditions and skilled workforce, the city has strong growth potential. The city of Olomouc, and the entire region as well, is open to all who would like to take advantage of the comparative assets of this spot in the centre of Europe. For more informations visit <http://www.olomouc-tourism.cz/>.



## HOW TO REACH OLOMOUC

### By air:

Brno –Tuřany Airport (70 km) [www.airport-brno.cz](http://www.airport-brno.cz)

Ostrava –Mošnov Airport (Ostrava Airport)(80 km) [www.airport-ostrava.cz](http://www.airport-ostrava.cz)

Bratislava –M.R. Štefánik Airport ( 210 km) [www.airportbratislava.sk](http://www.airportbratislava.sk)

Vienna – Vienna International Airport (260 km) [www.viennaairport.com](http://www.viennaairport.com)

Prague – Ruzyně Airport (280 km) <http://www.prg.aero>

From these airports you can easily reach Olomouc by train, bus or car.

**By car:**

Prague Olomouc motorway connection – via Brno – D1 (277 km)

Vienna Olomouc motorway connection – in CZ - D2, then the R 46 expressway (198 km)

Ostrava Olomouc motorway connection – D 47 (D1), then the R 35 expressway (100 km)

**By train:**

The railway station is positioned centrally, with simple access to the city centre, either by city public transport, taxi or on foot (2 km). As to other cities and larger towns (Prague, Pardubice, Ostrava, Brno and Břeclav) passengers can choose from several connections running daily. A comfortable ride is offered by EX, IC, EC and Pendolino express train, which is operated on the Prague – Olomouc – Ostrava route six times a day. It will take you to Olomouc in 2 hours and 20 minutes. Current information about railway services can be found at the IDOS server – [www.idos.cz](http://www.idos.cz)

**By coach:**

Travelling by bus is in most cases less financially demanding compared with a train, sometimes also faster. Information about national and international bus AND COACH services can be found at [www.idos.cz](http://www.idos.cz)

**Hotel Arigone in Olomouc** is located close to city centre (approximately 2 minutes walk from central Upper Square – Horní náměstí). For detail you can see [http://www.arigone.cz/docs/To\\_the\\_hotel.pdf](http://www.arigone.cz/docs/To_the_hotel.pdf).

Participants are requested to kindly inform the organizers of their e-mail addresses or fax numbers so that possible changes, details of the technical programme and transport conditions can be communicated to them at their greatest convenience before the Conference. The addresses will be used to confirm the receipt of papers or registration forms.

The deadline for binding registrations is **May 31, 2009**. The date will be conclusive for setting up the technical programme, accommodation and excursion bookings. The organization committee will make efforts to accept applications delivered later as well. However, in these cases it reserves the right of putting the participant on the programme and excursion at their own consideration, possibly to make accommodation bookings according to the available hotel capacity or elsewhere independently.

Just before the event, see updated information on:

<http://www.geonika.cz/EN/research/ENCongeo09.html>