

**Scientific Program (1 or 2 abstracts can be submitted in four sessions):**

**Session 1: Mineralogical research and museums.**

Systematic and regional mineralogy; nomenclature and classification; new minerals; symmetry and crystallography; crystal morphology; gem minerals and aggregates; meteorites; cave minerals; analytical techniques and methods.

**Session 2: Archaeomineralogy and cultural heritage.**

Archaeological mineralogy and archaeogemmology; archaeometry.

**Session 3: Collection management and development.**

Trends in mineralogical or complex geological and natural history museums; acquisition; conservation; unique samples; databases; computer and video applications.

**Session 4: Museums, environment and society.**

History of mineralogical collections and museums; education; specific exhibits (archaeomineralogy; ecomineralogy; ethnomineralogy; medical mineralogy; biominerals; technical mineralogy); minerals and the arts; public relations; geoheritage and geotourism.

**Business meetings**

**Cultural program**

**Exhibitions and company promotion**

For details please visit our website:

<http://www.bgmingsoc.bg/>

**International Partners**

- International Mineralogical Association (IMA); Commission on Museums

**National Partners**

- Geological Institute “Strashimir Dimitrov”, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia
- Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia
- University of Mining and Geology “St. Ivan Rilski”, Sofia
- Institute of Mineralogy and Crystallography “Acad. Ivan Kostov”, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia
- National Natural History Museum, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia
- Regional Natural History Museum, Plovdiv
- Intergeoresource Ltd., Sofia

**Venue:** National Museum “Earth and Man”; Blvd. “Cherni Vrah” 4; Sofia 1421; Bulgaria E-mail: [earth.and.man@gmail.com](mailto:earth.and.man@gmail.com)  
[office@earthandman.org](mailto:office@earthandman.org); Phone +359 2865 6639  
[www.earthandman.org/?page\\_id=4349&lang=en](http://www.earthandman.org/?page_id=4349&lang=en)



**Website:** <https://www.bgmingsoc.bg/>

**E-mail:** [MM9@bgmingsoc.bg](mailto:MM9@bgmingsoc.bg)



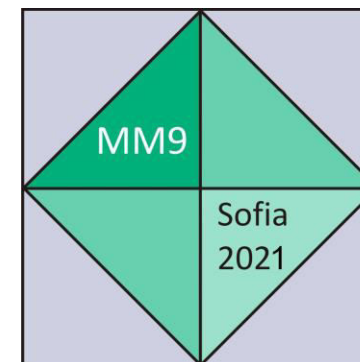
**Bulgarian Mineralogical Society**



**National Museum “Earth and Man”**

# 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference Mineralogy and Museums

Call for Abstracts



**August 24-26, 2021  
Sofia, Bulgaria**

Dear colleagues,

With great pleasure and honor the Organizing Committee should like to invite you at the

## **9<sup>th</sup> International Conference Mineralogy and Museums (MM9): August 24-26, 2021, Sofia, Bulgaria.**

MM9 will deal with mineralogy, museums and related fields of science, with a special focus on archaeological mineralogy and minerals in cultural heritage. The conference intends to bring together both professionally oriented scientists and museum curators, providing them with an opportunity to share ideas and strengthen international links.

**Deadline for abstract submission: May 10, 2021.**

- Regular registration: 300 EUR
- Later registration: 350 EUR
- Student participant: 100 EUR
- Accompanying person: 150 EUR
- Fee for second abstract: 20 EUR
- Online participant 1 or 2 abstracts 50/100 EUR; later fee 70/140 EUR
- Conference dinner: 50 EUR
- Exhibit (1 m<sup>2</sup>/day) site: 15 EUR

Submission guidelines and instruction for the abstracts are available at the conference website: <https://www.bgminsoc.bg>

### **National Organizing Committee**

- Ruslan I. Kostov (University of Mining and Geology “St. Ivan Rilski”, Sofia); Chair
- Kamen Bogdanov (Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia); Chair of the Scientific Committee
- Alexander Dikov (Intergeoresource, Sofia)
- Larisa Nesheva (National Museum “Earth and Man”, Sofia)
- Ognyan Todorov (Regional Natural History Museum, Plovdiv)
- Pavel Stoev (National Museum of Natural History, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia)
- Radostina Atanassova (Geological Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia)
- Rositsa Nikolova (Institute of Mineralogy and Crystallography “Acad. Ivan Kostov”, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia)
- Rossitsa Vassileva (Geological Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia)
- Svetlana Encheva (National Museum “Earth and Man”, Sofia)

E-mail: [MM9@bgminsoc.bg](mailto:MM9@bgminsoc.bg)

### **International Advisory Committee (IMA-CM)**

- Mike Rumsey (Natural History Museum, London, United Kingdom); Chair
- Stuart Mills (Victoria Museum, Melbourne, Australia)
- Kim Tait (Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada)

The official conference language will be English.

### **Field Trips**

**A. Post-conference trip (27 August 2021) – one day (Stara Planina Mountain):** Sofia – Elatsite porphyry copper-gold deposit – Sofia

**B. Pre-conference trip (22-23 August 2021) – two days:** Sofia – Plovdiv (Regional Natural History Museum) – Haskovo (Museum Center “Thracian Art of Eastern Rhodopes”) – Kardzhali (zeolite geosite; Regional Historical Museum with mineralogical exhibition; “Perperekon” geoarchaeological site) – Sofia

**C. Post-conference trip (27-29 August 2021) – three days:** Sofia – Veliki Preslav (Archaeological Museum with Medieval gem treasures) – Madara (rock-cut “Madara Horseman” UNESCO site) Varna (Archaeological Museum – “Oldest Gold of Mankind” and faceted carnelian beads from the Varna Chalcolithic necropolis; Aladzha Rock Monastery) – Stara Zagora (Museum “Neolithic Dwellings”; Regional Historical Museum) – Sofia

**For details please visit our website.**

### **Important deadlines**

**March 15, 2021** Open online conference and field trip registration; Submission of abstracts  
**May 10, 2021** Deadline for abstract submission and regular registration

**August 22-23, 2021** Pre-conference field trip  
**August 24-26, 2021** Opening of conference; Conference sessions

**August 27-29, 2021** Post-conference field trips A and C